

## Newsletter for December 2018

Dear Church Family,

Christina Rose, our wonderful Minister of Music and church moderator, gave me a copy of the December 2018 edition of *The Atlantic*. In it is a lengthy article by Mike Mariani titled “Why Are Exorcisms on the Rise?” Now you understand that *The Atlantic* is hardly a Christian magazine; far from it. Katie and I will be printing up a number of copies of the article this afternoon to give to those who would like to read it. One reason for the growing need for people experienced in casting out demons is the radical decline of Christianity in America, many are then turning to the “supernatural” and mainly to the occult and other spirit infested spiritistic religions, of which there is an abundance.

The result is many are becoming filled with demons and when they are impacted by it, they look for relief to the only folks really known to do such things, the exorcists in the Catholic Church. Mariani then reports that the Catholic Church is going full speed ahead to train exorcists. He gives the details of one such exorcism.

I worked with the exorcist on the San Francisco Archdiocese in the 1970s, a retired priest. He had read one of my books on the issue. Over a period of time, he learned to do the work the way I did it. From then on, he called me in only on difficult cases. We saw some really wild things. Long story.

During the 1970s, at the church I pastored in San Rafael, we had so many hundreds of people coming for “deliverance” that I trained 13 teams, Mark Buckley and I were alone doing this for years, and then we had fourteen two-person teams. People came from all over the world, yes, the world, to have demons cast out.

It is time to prepare for this ourselves. Few there be now who do such, but we will be ready. Recently I have been doing the casting out of demons with Catholic people. Yes, this is the first you have heard of it. If I would let it, this would grow to the point I would be paralyzed under the burden of such a ministry. And I tell you, it is real work. Much more so than the normal stuff that pastors do.

The deal is that beginning this Sunday, right after lunch, for one hour only, and only for about 4 to 6 weeks, I will teach how to do this vital work. Each will get a copy of the article and a copy of my book, *Deliver us From Evil: How Jesus Casts Out Demons Today*. Please consider being a part of this study group: it is equipping for the work and it is something, according to Jesus, I am required to teach.

If you want to get a head start, read the ninth and tenth chapters of Luke’s Gospel. Read it twice, many three or more times. Think about what you are reading and notice how Jesus responds to those who are amazed that evil spirits are subject to them.

One last word: after you engage in this ministry, and see the power of the name of Jesus, you will never be the same. There is a reason Jesus taught His disciples to do this work. It is rarely done these days. I know because people have searched high and low in this county to find someone who would even be willing to talk about it. We need, especially those who want to reach others for Jesus, to be equipped for this “normative” work. The content of this email will also be the heart of the monthly newsletter.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and now getting ready for Christmas. This is a busy time, nothing slows down, many things speed up. For those of us who are sentimental, nostalgic, like me, this time of year can be difficult. But we keep moving forward, doing those things that need to be done and all the while thankful we have life and a measure of health, and work to do.

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