

### **3/4/2009 Meeting Minutes**

Another outstanding evening of Prayer, Discussion, and Fellowship.

**Attendees** - Ed Willekens, Mark Savarese, Jim Hodson, Harry Abby, Gene Pongratz, Hal Pawlowski, John Ingram Jr. and Ken Pritchett

**Table Leader** - Ken Pritchett

**Prayer Leader** - James Hodson

Jim used the ACTS (adoration, contrition, thanks, & supplication) format and focused the prayer session on God the Father's love and forgiveness. He opened and closed the session with the songs "How Deep a Father's Love For Us" and "Are You Washed In the Blood." We prayed about the many blessings in our lives and thanked God for His unconditional love and forgiveness. We asked God for His help to move away from whatever is keeping us from being closer to Him.

**Witness Theme and Presenter** - New Life in Christ by Hal Pawlowski

Hal gave an excellent talk that challenged of us to think about our old life in Christ. He pointed out that in order to have a new life in Christ one must have an old life in Christ. He used his own background to illustrate his journey through life and talked about the various groups that helped him accept a New Life in Christ. He talked about how the new life in Christ' was one that was much more rewarding and meaningful.

Hal challenged us with these questions:

1. Did you experience a leaving of an old life in Christ? When?
2. Is your current life with Christ everything you want it to be? What could make it Better? Are you willing to make the changes needed?
3. What is keeping your current life with Christ from being all it should be? Environment? Companions?

Scripture for March 8th Review and Discussion

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34, Mark 9:2-10

After completing the readings, the group discussed how all 3 readings dealt with Father and son relationships.

**Novel Discussion** - What Paul Meant by Garry Wills

Chapter 8 - Paul and Jerusalem

Chapter 9 - Paul and Rome

The author, Garry Wills, does an excellent job of letting the reader know just who Saint Paul

really was. It was agreed that Wills does not hold the writings of Luke in very high regard. He

points out many contradictions between what Luke wrote about Paul and the actual writings of

Paul. We will conclude the discussion of this book at our next meeting by discussing Afterword: Misreading Paul and The Appendix: Translating Paul.