

Nancy Bentz / Shammah Ministries Letter to Readers – June 2023



Dear reader-friends,

Welcome to my “time for the yearly” Letter to Readers!

For those who have been longtime readers, and those of you more recently subscribed (*thank you*), it has been **quite.a.year**. One that *only the Lord* truly, surely, blessedly knew ahead of time, for Joy and Sorrow are God-joined at the hip.

Yet, through it all, He proves that *His Name* and *Who He Is* are One: Faithful & True.

He is my Courageous One, committed to my committal to Him. So, on we traverse ~

Website Housekeeping

In last year's [June 2022 Letter to Readers](#), I spoke to the retiring of the former Wordpress Classic Editor and the Gutenberg 'new kid on the' Block Editor. I'm still learning how to play with the blocks, for the love. MailChimp remains my 'monkey'): At some point, I have another self-assignment of knocking over the blocks and recreating a fresh, new MailChimp template. I need a new bunch of bananas...

For this phase, I beg your continued patience with dinky font on headlines and scripture verses for the blind until I get that assignment attended to.

The other point I made in last year's letter **was the plan to incorporate this:**

"As a result, I discovered that MailChimp, my blog post/article email delivery system, doesn't play nice with blocks. What is beautifully formatted, linked, sized, and placed on my actual website, somewhat stinks in presentation when the full post is emailed to you – a long-held practice I had incorporated to make it easy for you the reader.

Well, that's changed. And those of you who opened my latest Wellspring post about [hands trained for battle](#), saw the new format that will be used going forward. It is called a summary post with the first 200 words, then a link to click to continue reading the rest of the post. One click, that's all and you will be at the full post."

I know. I did not stick with the summary posts but reverted to sending out the full post. Why? Because it's a lot of soul and time investment to not be clicked and read.

For all the grey matter under my hair, some things are simply not black and white. I've toggled back and forth on this issue, so I pray a new template resolves my angst and your reading comfort between *up close and personal* or playing *extend-o-arm*.

Two out of Three Streams

In the past year, I returned from Sabbatical writing hiatus. A quick assessment of last year's 'threefold flow' confirmed the re-engagement of two out of the three streams:

- **Wellspring of Life** – [Vineyard Days](#): the Shulamite of the Song and John 15
- **Redemptive Gifts of Romans 12** – the teaching and tools website at nancybentz.com. This site also houses archived coaching posts, which turned out to be the Lord's precursor to the redemptive (grace) gifts writings
- **Persuaded Heart**, *newest category at Wellspring of Life*. This is where many of the "to be released" writings are now contained. [The first post](#) was published in January 2021, when the door was left open for "if or when". The transition of 2022 opened the door for Holy Spirit's "now". I stepped into it.

Vineyard Days, **Persuaded Heart**, **Easter** and **Anniversary/Birthday** posts were added to, while supporting family members on difficult health journeys. Two (*my oldest sister & brother-in-law*) are now with Jesus. A third rejoices this side of the Veil, while Sorrow waited as Joy escorted the two right into His Presence ♥

The Third of the Three Streams

Even as [Wellspring of Life](#) was primed to start flowing again, nancybentz.com and the *Redemptive Gifts* have remained mid-pause on the **Teacher** portion of the seven grace gifts. However, the year of Sabbatical soaking in Holy Spirit's presence, coupled with the still-paused writing, has yielded a harvest. Fresh bread is baking even now.

To that end, my request is that - like the Apostle Paul's - you would, "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel {**Christ in you**}, for which I am an ambassador in chains {*a slave to righteousness*}. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." [Ephesians 6:19-20 NIV; with Colossians 1:27]

Though Paul was in a literal prison and I am not, one whom the Spirit of Truth has and does set free may become a slave to righteousness. It is the polar opposite of the victim spirit and slave mentality. I remain grateful for Paul, who spoke *and* wrote.

Till next we meet -

May I never tire of expressing my gratitude to you who have stayed long with me and the Lord as we write. To new readers, you are welcome here. May we each find grace, embrace truth, and encounter time and again Christ's love flowing to us and in us.

Through-flow follows as we embrace our *God-given design as a wellspring of life*.



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