

Supporting Christian Unity in the Alfred Community



Directory Assistance

If you have ever stumbled through the phone book trying to find someone who can help you to fill a need you have in your home (like a plumber) or with your car (like a mechanic) you know that it can sometimes be very frustrating trying to find a reputable service provider. In these times of convenience and technology we can even call a friend for a referral so we can call upon a service provider and ask for someone by name.

Christ offers us both in the Bible when we experience needs beyond our capabilities. In the hours before He was arrested Jesus shared with His disciples that he was going away and that He had to leave in order for God's will to be fulfilled. As a father I can certainly appreciate how important it is that my children are able to reach me at all times. Much in the same way we might leave a babysitter to watch over our children in our absence ~ we issue instructions for care and leave contact information behind so we can be reached after we've left ~ Jesus did the same for us when He told the disciples how to pray after He leaves and that He would send a counselor on their behalf when he was gone (John 16:5-16).

Better yet, like the friend above who gave us a referral and invited us to, "call so and so and tell them I sent you" so we could get preferred treatment ~ Jesus told His disciples to ask in His name and it would be given because they had a relationship with Him and believed in Him. (John 16:23-28)

Isn't it awesome that even today because we have a relationship with Christ we know how to reach Him and get preferred status when we seek God to meet our needs? I wouldn't dare to assume to know what you're experiencing as you read this but if it seems as though it is beyond your capabilities ~ I encourage you to call upon God's services and while you have Him on the line, tell Him Jesus and the Holy Spirit referred you.

May you seek God and rest in Him!