

IN THE NAME OF  
THE FATHER, THE  
SON, AND THE  
HOLY GHOST

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**Does this look like your  
typical Church?**

Every Sunday morning from ten AM to twelve noon, Rainbow Project Ministries, headed by Pastor Noel Sestac and his wife Rosemarie, have services under the pavilion in Centennial Park or Lions Park in Fort Myers. All types of people come to hear the Word Of God as they worship in unity!

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Young and old alike worship God as it was when Jesus Christ walked this earth teaching people God's Way.



**It is so nice to  
see people of all  
walks of life  
worshiping in  
love and com-  
passion, caring  
for each other  
and helping one  
another.**



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*Shellie Lowe*  
**Serving God in the  
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**WOMEN OF DESTINY**

Woman of destiny, you may be facing a storm right now but know that Jesus is right there with you. You may not feel Him

or see Him but He is there. Jesus is greater than any storm you are facing. Yes, ANY storm! Death, divorce, finances, depression, or loss of a job. In times of storms, we tend to focus on the storm or what's in the storm.

Let's take a look at Matthew 14:22-31. Jesus sent His disciples to get in the boat and go to the other side of the land before Him. The boat was in the middle of the sea being tossed by a storm. The disciples were so focused on the storm that when Jesus came walking on the water, to them, they did not recognize Him. They thought He was a ghost! Jesus spoke to them in their fearful state and said, "it's me, do not be afraid".

Peter called out to Jesus and said, "Lord if this is your command me to walk on water". Jesus said, "COME". This is where it gets a little tricky. Peter, with his eyes fixed on Jesus, was able to walk on water while the storm raged on, wind blowing and waves tossing. Peter took his eyes off Jesus for a moment and he began to sink. He cried out to Jesus, "Lord save me". Jesus reached out and caught him, saying to Peter, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" What is it that you are focused on in your storm? Focus on God!

Matthew 6:30-34 If God clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, what shall we eat? Or what shall we drink? Or what shall we wear? For after all these things the gentiles seek. For your heavenly father knows that you need all these things. (Now here it is) seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.

In other words, focus on God. Seek him above all things and He'll take care of EVERYTHING. The enemy would love to distract you with the weight and problems of the world **BUT GOD** says this is our promise, if we diligently obey His voice and observe ALL His commandments,

Blessed shall you be in the city, blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground, and the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out. The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face, they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. Hallelujah!

Read on to verse 14, it will bless you. So I in the midst of this raging storm begin to speak out and use this scripture. Seek God, obey his voice, and observe his commandments and you will be blessed. Throw that back in to the enemy's face and quote scripture 24/7 out loud. The enemy is not moved or afraid of you but he is afraid of the God in you and the weapons the Lord has given you, but you need to know how to use them. First put on the WHOLE armor of God. Ephesians 6:10-18, you must have the WHOLE armor on to fight the enemy through your storm.

2Corinthians 10:3-5 For we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God, for the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God; bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Thank God for the word that is **LIVING AND POWERFUL AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD**. We must remember in our storms not to lose faith. Hebrews 11:6

With out faith, it is impossible to please God, for who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those **who diligently seek Him**. Now He doesn't say our faith has to be huge. Matthew 17:20 - if you have faith as a mustard seed you will say to this mountain (storm) "move from here to there" and it will move and nothing will be impossible for you (read Matthew 21:21-22)

Keep your eyes focused on the Lord and He will speak to your storm. See, the enemy would love to knock us down and make us think the fight is over but he is **WRONG**.

2Corinthians 4:8 We are hard pressed on every side yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

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persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed. This scripture tells me that we will face some things that will put pressure on us but this can be a time of refining for us - to show the enemy that pressure doesn't mean we will give in, and if we are knocked down we won't be destroyed. BUT GOD will help you up and strengthen you. If you are down, GET UP! GET UP! GET UP! GET UP! In Jesus name you are a child of the MOST HIGH GOD, YOU WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!

With God nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37) Draw on the Lord's strength and find other women who will believe with you, for your miracle. Jesus never said we would not have storms but He did make us a promise that we would come through, and He would be right by our side.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Remember that storms, test, and trials are used to grow us in God. But the enemy will try to use those times to get us down. Do not focus on your storm, focus on the PEACE SPEAKER.

DEAR FATHER IN HEAVEN, YOU ARE ALL POWERFUL AND ALL KNOWING. YOU KNOW EVERY ONE OF OUR STORMS BEFORE WE EVEN FACE THEM. YOU HAVE ALREADY WALKED BEFORE US AND BEEN THROUGH IT AND SEEN THE END. HELP US, FATHER, TO RECOGNIZE YOU IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM. HELP US TO KEEP FOCUSED ON YOU SO WE DO NOT DROWN. LORD, I ASK YOU TO SPEAK PEACE TO THE SPIRITS OF THOSE WOMEN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING THE STORM RIGHT NOW. FATHER, MAY THEY TRUST IN YOU WITH ALL THEIR HEART, MIND, BODY AND SOUL. YOU ARE JEHOVAH JIREH, OUR PROVIDER. YOU ARE JEHOVAH ROPHE, OUR HEALER. YOU ARE JEHOVAH SHAMMAH, ALWAYS WITH US. YOU ARE JEHOVAH, SABAOTH STRONG DELIVERER. JEHOVAH SHALOM, OUR PRINCE OF PEACE. LORD WE TRUST YOU AND YOUR WORD. WE GIVE YOU GLORY, HONOR, AND PRAISE IN THIS STORM. IN JESUS NAME, AMEN

### **PASTORS' WIVES**

Before I close, I have a word specifically for Pastors' wives. In the middle of writing this, God gave me a

word for you. You may be feeling alone, down and discouraged but God says "know that I have not left you or forsaken you, you are not alone. I am sending a new rain, a fresh rain, just for you. As you receive this fresh out-pouring, you will see lives around you changing because of the over flow that is created by this rain. Rain comes to cleanse and refresh the earth and so shall this rain cleanse and refresh your spirit, mind, soul, and body. This is your time. RECEIVE! RECEIVE! RECEIVE! This rain will bring a new season of your life GET READY! GET READY! GET READY! This says the Lord, amen.

Joel 2:23 For he has given you the former rain, faithfully, and he will cause rain to come down for you. The former and the latter rain! These rains have a season to come and THEY ARE COMING

Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary, walk and not faint.

THANK YOU FATHER FOR OUR PASTORS' WIVES. THEY GIVE UP SO MUCH AND ARE RARELY RECOGNIZED. BLESS THEM LORD TODAY, BLESS THEM. BRING THEM THE FRESH RAIN YOU HAVE PROMISED FOR STRENGTH AND REFRESHING. IN JESUS NAME

If you have not told your pastor's wife how much she's appreciated, please tell her and most of all, pray for her. She needs that up lifting and encouragement. Our pastors' wives go through things we will never know about or ever see but they still desperately need our prayers. Thank you and God bless you.

[Come see Shellie Lowe in person and hear her teach,](#)

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**Pastor Noel Sestac**  
Born Again Jew from  
the tribe of Levi

Rainbow Projects Ministries was started with God's instructions to preach to the young and old, singles, families, tourists, and street people! Even though the ministry has come under pressure from the local government, Pastor Noel does not speak of it in front of the congregation.

Most of the people that attend the Church in the Park, would never think of walking through the doors of a formal Church. For various reasons, they do not go to the traditional Church. People do not have to worry about how they look or talk, what they wear, or how they live, because they all know that the people at this Church will be ready to give them a smile and a hug. They know that people care about them, love and pray for them!



Many people know the saving grace of our Lord and Savior because of this ministry. This ministry teaches them that no matter how bad things can get there is hope in Jesus Christ. Jesus is real and wants the very best for us! He loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins. Come to the park one Sunday and see how God is working through this ministry!



**Vicki's  
Story**

**Recently**, I met a friend I hadn't seen in quite a while for lunch. As we were walking down the sidewalk, two men, obviously homeless by their appearance, were passing by. The men and I greeted each other warmly, talked for a few minutes, and then continued on our separate ways.

My friend asked incredulously, "You KNOW them?" "Yes, they go to my church," I responded. Then I realized how "odd" this must seem to her, as these were not the sort of people you normally see gracing the pews of our American church buildings. And so I explained to her that we worship in Centennial Park with homeless folks - folks who do not feel welcome in most churches with everyone all dressed up in "Sunday-go-to-meeting" finery. She asked me WHY we do that.

Over six years ago, when GOD convicted us to join Pastor Noel and Rosemarie Sestac in worshipping with the homeless in Centennial Park, we resisted. We had been quite comfortable in our traditional church for over fourteen years and had many good friends there. But He persisted, and after some months, we obeyed and joined Pastor Noel in their ten a.m. services with the homeless.

What a blessing it has been FOR US! At first, it seemed so foreign and "wrong" to go to worship in jeans and sneakers. But, Pastor Noel asked us to dress casually so our homeless friends wouldn't feel uncomfortable.

We joined in, as we celebrated the day with the Holy Spirit! We start the morning off in a circle of prayer, praying for any who have special needs or requests. Then any who would like to, can lead us in songs. We fellowship in song and in spirit. Afterwards, we have excellent teachings from a lay member of the congregation. The morning is never complete until we've

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had more singing, often with flags and tambourines, a message from Pastor Noel, and different ones give testimonies as to what God has done in their lives the past week. I especially love to hear the testimonies of our homeless members.



**Vicki has two daughters who come to the park also. They love worshipping and serving the Lord there!**

Sometimes, we who have so much, do not appreciate the simple blessings God provides every day. My homeless friends do appreciate the simplest things the rest of us take for granted. You see, they are just like the rest of us - men and women who laugh, who love, who cry, who hurt, who want someone to care about them.

The only difference between them and me is that I have a lot of material blessings that they lack. Yes, many have made wrong choices or become addicted to substances that have brought them to less than desirable situations. Others simply fell on hard times - they were laid off from work at a time when they had debts and no savings. The bills piled up before they could find more work and they ended up losing everything. Then, with no car, no address to put down on an application form, and no bathroom to freshen up in before going for a job interview, it becomes very difficult to get a job and it's a downward spiral from there.

But many, with God's help, have come a long way in getting their lives back on track. We rejoice with them at the number of weeks or months they have gone without using alcohol, that before held them in bondage. We rejoice with the one that found work and could now afford a place to live. We are excited for the one who was able to reunite with an estranged child or parent.

I remember the well-known books "In His Steps" and "What Would Jesus Do?"



These books ask us to shed off our preconceived ideas, our "religiosity", our man-made traditions, and just live our lives daily as Jesus would if He walked the earth today.

What was on Jesus' mind most of the time? Getting rich? Buying a big house? Retiring in the sun and playing games? No, His mind was mostly on people and their needs. Where did Jesus spend the majority of His time? In the temple? In meetings and conferences? At parties and ball games? No, the greater part of His time was spent outside with the common people, the poor people. He taught, ministered and healed daily in the streets as the lame, blind, seriously ill and demon possessed people were brought to Him. He used every situation as a "teaching moment". He sat on hillsides and beside rivers, teaching and encouraging all who would listen.

Yes, He did also teach in the temple at times, when He was allowed. He did commune with the religious leaders. But what He had to say to them usually wasn't very pleasant because they were so steeped in ritual, tradition and gaining wealth that they had no heart for the needs of the people outside. Jesus had a heart for the poor, the simple, the ones in bondage, the hurting, the common man, woman and child. He was not impressed by fine houses, name-brand clothing nor expensive jewelry. Jesus looked at the hearts of the people, felt their hurts, felt their needs - and responded to them. We are told to do likewise. I must always remember, but for the grace of God, there I would be also.



**Rejoice and sing praises to our Lord!**

## Ministry at Centennial Park by: Tonya



My husband and I came to the park about seven years ago. The people there had been meeting for a couple of years. We were welcomed and right away noticed an acceptance and love.

When we first started coming it was chilly and my heart went out to the men and women waiting there. They seemed truly thankful to see us and said so. We had prayer many times during the course of the morning and the people there responded by joining the circle. No one was ever pushed to join in, but responded to the love of Jesus seen in His people.

We were totally amazed that no one ever took up an offering or asked us to help in any way. We had to approach them and ask what we could do. The answer was, "whatever the Lord wants you to do". We jumped right in helping set things up and becoming involved. Since then we have seen many people come to Jesus in the middle of the pavilion floor.

Once we had a prostitute come, who had been beaten up. She gave her life back to the Lord. She continued to come for months, got married, and we still hear from her. Pastor Noel calls for anyone who is not sure they are going to heaven to raise their hand or come into the circle; many times there will be four or five come in. We pray with them and give them a Bible and encourage them to read it.

Usually we see these people come back again and again. Some people only come to get what

they can. We love them and treat them the same as the rest and pray that the Lord will draw them in.

One lady had been coming for five or six years. She would never come close, but stayed at a distance with her belongings. We would go over and greet her and talk to her. Finally, she came in for prayer one day and we all prayed with her. After that she still kept her distance for another year or so. Glory to God! She now helps set up and worships the Lord openly. God is Amazing and he does not give up on any of us.

Several men have been delivered from their alcoholism and drugs by the grace and mercy of God, and some have gone on to get long term help.

Some of the people at the park are homeless, but only about half. The rest are from diverse backgrounds and cultures, but all have a desire to be free in the spiritual sense. Free in Christ! By this, I'm not saying free from responsibility. On the contrary, but free to do our real responsibility of preaching the gospel and helping those in need.

We are not tied down by debt or expenses, but free to use our resources however the Lord leads.



## At the River

*Imagine.. a church without walls, on the river in a beautiful, tropical setting—palm trees, doves, sea gulls, all joining in worship. This is our setting at Centennial Park each Sunday morning from 10:00 till 12:00. We've been a 'ministry team' for almost eight years now (having spent two & a half years there, previously, on Monday nights).*

*The freedom is wonderful—we have been prepared and are actually 'doing' the work of the ministry, as Jesus told us to. Didn't he say, "GO into the whole world & preach the gospel to EVERYONE, teaching them to OBSERVE ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE TAUGHT YOU."? Well, we've 'gone' to Centennial Park (as have several other groups that we are thankful for) & let me tell you—there's enough ministry for all of Lee County Christendom down there.*

*Do you yearn to 'DO' the work of the ministry—to help 'heal the brokenhearted, lay hands on the sick, set captives free, & to break every yoke?'*

*Well then, come & see—you may never leave!  
Love & blessings,  
Sandy*

### **Rainbow Project Ministries is doing their part.**

Homelessness is an issue of national importance. An issue with economic, social, philosophical, and spiritual implications. Homelessness is a concern that unpleasantly reminds us that, in the wealthiest nation in the history of the world, many peoples' most basic needs are not being met. While most Americans are able to return home each night to a place protected from the elements, there are a significant number of people in our country who have no such place to go.

While many homeless individuals and families go largely unseen by the general population, there are others who are very visible, sleeping on streets and suffering from sicknesses and mental illness.

They often make us uncomfortable with our seemingly inability to solve this problem. Nationally, the issue is blown out of proportion when we hear about the prob-

lems they cause on the nightly news. Locally, the issue is real, embodied in people we see and meet every day. Instead of trying to hide the problem or moving them to another city or county, I believe we need to embrace them as a gift from God. They become a great opportunity of someone to witness to, get them saved and help them with their needs.

We need to recognize our chronic homelessness and work together to end it. But to do this, we need a game plan! We need to develop strategies to increase coordination of services provided by faith-based organizations and with those of other existing service providers.

We need to be working with these organizations to find more effective ways of providing housing.

We need to be developing an educational campaign to help churches and other faith-based organizations maximize their impact on the homeless problem (providing a "hand up" instead of a "hand out"). Homelessness is a challenge to the entire community. There are no simple solutions, but we must start somewhere.

Please pray that the Lord will provide a praise and worship team that can play gospel blues, along with contemporary and traditional music. The Lord has put on Pastor Noel's heart to start a ranch / Church that is self sufficient. This is a start in the right direction to not only get the homeless off the streets but a project where all of us come together in unity in the days ahead.

### **Rainbow Project Ministries is doing their part.**

**What are you willing to do?**

**What can your Church do?**

**Let's all work together to reach all the people of this area for the Lord!**

If you have any comments or if you wish to give a love offering to this great ministry, please make your checks out to:

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It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!