

# TT – Travelling Together (149)

The Lord Jesus Christ says: “Whoever comes to me, I will never turn away.” John 6:37

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**“In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.” Eph. 4:26** – Anger and sin – two powerful concepts! In certain situations, anger is simply a **reality**. Sin is a **barrier**, a chasm, a dividing rift. We sin when we consciously or unknowingly turn against God, when we tear down the bridges to the source of life and shut ourselves off from God’s love for us. In this verse, we are challenged to maintain the connection with God even **in the midst of an-**

**ger**. The Psalms are full of complaints and reproaches directed at God. We can lay down the **broken pieces of our lives**, our annoyance and frustration before God. **God can handle that!** Even when I am directly emotionally involved, God is not far away. Perhaps HE is even encountering me through **the person who is challenging me** so strongly, stretching me to the limits and making me angry. Paul advises us not to allow ourselves a night’s rest in the midst of a smouldering conflict. Seen in the light of day the cause of the disagreement is easier to recognise. After the sun has set, you are left with a dark mountain of rage and anger which will ruin the peace of the night. Even if the other party in the conflict is refusing to speak to me, I wish – for my part – to **forgive him**. And never forget that I, too, always depend on being forgiven! May God help us to have the **courage to take the first step...**



**We still love being together with lots of different people in different places, and being involved in different kinds of ministry! That’s why we were looking forward so much to our weekend in Upper Austria...**

It was an extraordinary visit, with gales reaching up to 120 kph (75mph)! We trust our LORD that HIS Spirit was also moving – whether as a storm or as a gentle breeze, that’s up to HIM... The main thing is that it will make a difference! From our hearts, we wish to **THANK YOU** for praying for us! We really enjoyed our time there, and we were so encouraged! During weekends like this, we often make new con-

tacts and there are **many good conversations**, because we are coming in from outside and people find it easier to pour out their hearts to us. Sometimes we are able to share something from the much-valued experiences in our own family. There have been many times when we were the ones who needed to be comforted in particular situations. It is only for this reason that we are able to comfort others and **encourage them**. The **time of discussion and sharing** after Hans-Georg’s sermon was very interesting - after a hesitant start a few then started to respond more eagerly. It was exciting to see the effect of God’s Word and how people reacted differently to it. A very special old gentleman – **‘Grandpa R.’** – has become dear to us during our previous visits. We’ve grown very fond of him. He has heard the Gospel a number of times, but he has yet to accept God’s love and forgiveness for himself. He always says it is enough to live a good life and not to hurt anyone... On the bench in his kitchen, there is a large-print Bible. How lovely it would be if he could immerse himself in it, **get caught up with Jesus** and find his life transformed, before it’s too late. Please can we also ask you to remember us in prayer when we have our next engagement: a **long-planned visit to Goerlitz** (in Eastern Germany near the border with Poland) from **10<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> March**, which will include a **missionary presentation and preaching**.



**In our home...** – We have invited a number of people to come to us for brunch in the coming days to get to know them better or to even to meet them for the first time... These include a **young doctor** who is a single mother. Her current situation of need has reminded her of her student days when she came in contact with Christians during a mission to students. A doctor who knows her and us has put her in touch with us. We are looking forward to having breakfast together. There is also **P., an acquaintance of many years** who is separated from her husband and is longing to be listened to and understood. In the near future, we’re meeting her and some other people in very different circumstances in life – God willing. Often we don’t know how to be a real

help to these dear people – and so we bring their needs before the Lord Jesus, together with our own helplessness. **S. is a new neighbour** – she came round for coffee quite spontaneously and we were able to get to know her. The most important things that we can give are **our time**; a **sympathetic ear and letting them feel valued**.

**Worldwide** – At the start of February our co-worker John from **South Asia** invited Hans-Georg to lead two **Bible studies** on “The Prayers of the Apostle Paul” **via Zoom**. Those taking part were completely unknown to us and they were from a culture that we know little about. We are trusting that God’s dynamic and powerful Word will speak into the lives of our new friends. Our co-workers from **Madagascar** and **Mauritius** have reported severe difficulties after two cyclones swept over their islands. We have a time of sharing with them regularly and also with their colleagues in other parts of the world.

**THANK YOU so much for your partnership and for your faithful dedication. May God bless you all!**

Yours in HIS service, *Hans-Georg & Margret*

## Prayercorner

**Praise God for...**

- God can handle our anger!
- Encour. encounters: Upper Austria
- Zoom Bible studies: S. Asia
- You: Our Mission Team

**Please pray for...**

- Courage: Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> step
- Grandpa R. to encounter Jesus
- Our visitors & conversations
- Help: Rebuilding after cyclones

**What are you occupied with?  
What would you like us to pray for?**

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