Cafe Reach / this Friday, October 14 - 7:00 p.m. More than just talk!
"Thank God It's Friday"

*In New York City, never have these words had greater meaning.*

In a few days it will be Friday night all across America. People from LA, Texas, Louisiana, North Dakota, and even Alaska will relish the end of the work week.

In New York City, where rushing is a way of life, Friday night and turning off the office lights will be a real joy.

As most of us know, when people say "Thank God it's Friday" this little phrase is shorthand for "Enough already!" Enough of getting up before dawn, and gulping down a hot cup of coffee and conning yourself into believing you've had a healthy breakfast. Enough of driving (speeding) and commuting to work, pushing papers once you get there, filing invoices, paying bills, short deadlines, fast-food lunches, checking your Facebook page, picking up the laundry, walking the dog (or is he walking you), or looking at your boss every day and wondering "Why is he my boss?"
Anyway, it's Friday. Thank God, indeed.

A few thousand years ago, God created the earth and even He took a break from all the things that He had created. I can almost hear God saying, "Enough Already. Everything is looking great." The Bible puts it this way:

31And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good (suitable, pleasant) and He approved it completely. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

1Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

3And God blessed (spoke good of) the seventh day, set it apart as His own, and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all His work which He had created and done.

--Genesis 1:31; 2:13 [Amplified Bible]

This is why we created Cafe Reach. This is a place to reflect. It's a simple, relaxing place where interesting people can come together and share ideas, and perhaps a personal story or a poem, listen to some music, share a Bible story or a song they have written, and rest their minds and think good thoughts--perhaps even pray for a special need they have. Come, rest awhile.

I invite you to join us this Friday, October 14, at Cafe Reach, which is located in a room just off the main entrance of the Manhattan Church, in the heart of one of the nicest neighborhoods in New York City, the West Village, at 232 West 11th Street. It's only a block and a half west of Seventh Avenue. Even the street here is quiet and relaxed. Is this really New York City?

Here you will find a quiet space, with flickering candlelight and some tables--a place to lay down your burdens and just relax. Enjoy some simple food and perhaps a hot drink.

I hope to see you there.

Indeed, "Thank God, it's Friday."

Best regards,

Tony Romeo, Pastor
REACH-NYC

P.S.: If you would enjoy a more formal worship experience, we also invite you to the sanctuary of the historic Manhattan Church on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m., where we enjoy good music and what we call "A Conversation with the Word." This is a New York City landmark where generations of New Yorkers have found a warm and inviting
place to worship God.

Surrounded by the stained-glass windows depicting important Bible themes, you will instantly feel at home. Members of all faith traditions are welcome here. Please join us.

Soon we will be sharing more about the power of "small groups" as a venue in which we can learn more about the love of God and how to love each other better. Think about starting a small group for prayer and fellowship in your apartment, community, local coffee-shop, or place of business.

*Individual and group Bible study sessions are always available. "Cafe Reach" will be reopening soon. For more information, write to: reachnyc.contact@gmail.com.*

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