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YOU ARE A SPEAKING SPIRIT

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You are a spirit. You possess a soul and you live in a body, but YOU are a spirit. This is an important foundational truth to understand in your Christian walk so that you have a right image of who you are in Christ, and so that you can properly identify that your spirit has charge over your soul and charge over your body. You **live in** a body and you **possess** a soul, but you **are** a spirit. When your body is speaking pain, or your soul is speaking unforgiveness, it's utterly important to know that YOU, the spirit you, has power and authority through Jesus Christ to silence those voices by speaking God's Word. Your body and soul are not the boss of you...unless you decide to let them be.

YOU, the spirit you, is joined together as one with Christ, and you have the resurrection Himself – the Great I Am – living in you. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit speaks to us, Spirit to spirit (**Romans 8:16**).

As the Holy Spirit speaks the life-giving words of God into our heart and reveals His promises to us, our job is to simply rely on what God has said as truth and to speak that truth over our soul and body and demand that it reflects what God's Word says. It's not our job to try to make something happen, and it's not a matter of "praying hard" or having to get loud (though sometimes for your own sake you might). Instead, speaking God's Word over our soul and our body is meant to be light and easy and to bring us into rest. The Word of God does the real work of bringing things into order in our body and soul. When we speak God's Word, miracle power is released to work on our behalf. God's Word also reminds us of who we are and Whose we are, and we are then able to simply rest in knowing God's Word never returns to us void, but accomplishes the purpose for which it has been sent (**Isaiah 55:11**). Jesus (God's Word manifested in the flesh) tells us in **John 10:10** that He came to give us LIFE and life to the FULL. God is faithful to do that which He promises to do! (**1 Thessalonians 5:24**)

You, the spirit you, must SPEAK and silence other voices when they try to rise up and influence you contrary to the Word of God. In contrast to popular belief, it's not the voice of the enemy that most often hinders us; it's instead, the voice coming from the body we are living in and the very soul we possess that often gets the most entrance into our daily life conversation. God speaks His promises to your spirit, but YOU must speak to your body and soul.

Romans 10:6-11 (NKJV) - "But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

When you understand the true nature of who you are - that you are a spirit - this also helps you to understand who you are not! For instance, as a born-again spirit, I know I am perfect, holy and blameless in God's sight:

Colossians 1:21-22 (NLT) - "This includes you who were once far away from God. You were His enemies, separated from Him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before Him without a single fault."

I am NOT my past mistakes, I am NOT the evil thoughts and actions that have gone through my mind, and I am NOT any longer far away from God. Because of Christ Jesus, I am NOW reconciled to God Himself. The victory that belongs to Christ over death and sin is NOW my victory as well, because I am a co-heir with Christ (**Romans 8:17**).

I am NOT a victim to circumstances and defeat; I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus:

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV) - "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

I am a born-again spirit, and I am dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus:

Romans 6:10-12 (NIV) - "The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires."

When junk in my soul surfaces from a wrong belief and wrong thinking and tries to speak and influence me unto action, I don't get bent out of shape, feel guilty or think I'm a bad person, because I know who I am in Christ. I also don't waste time trying to get into my own works thinking, "Oh, I need to think better, I need to do better..." Instead, I simply turn to

Jesus and praise God that I have a Savior who saved me. I turn to God's Word, and I begin to think on what He says and speak what He says. I find it important to also meditate specifically on verses that tell us about our identity in Christ. The more truth we have operating in our heart in the area of identity, the harder it is for the enemy to deceive us. So, load up your soul with all the good stuff God says about you in His Word! Then, before you know it, your soul will contain more of God's Word than anything else, and your life will reflect it too!

3 John 2 (NKJV) - "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

As your soul is prospering, you will experience yourself prospering in ALL THINGS and being in health as well.

We can see the power of speaking to our soul through David in the Psalms. His own family rejected him, he had people trying to kill him, he slept with another man's wife and then murdered him to cover it up...he had just a few things going on in his life...some of it from injustice and some from his own mistakes. He certainly wasn't perfect, but one thing he did well was to redirect his soul when it got off course:

Psalm 43:4-5 (NIV) - "Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God. Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God."

When you are experiencing hurt, pain, sadness, rejection, loneliness, resentment, jealousy, bitterness, hopelessness, or anything other than joy and peace in your soul, you can confidently go before God as David did and receive His provisions of grace. God will faithfully speak unto your heart His words of love, encouragement and truth, and then YOU can speak those very words unto your soul and experience it transform.

God loves you...not because of how good you are, but because of how good He is. You are His forevermore. YOU are a spirit, and God is speaking His life-giving words into your heart...so take those life-giving words He has given you, and speak them unto your body and soul like the powerful spirit you are!

Here are some wonderful truths about YOU in the form of personalized scriptures from God's Word about your identity in Christ:

- God made Him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for me, so that in Him I might be made the righteousness of God. Through Christ, I have been MADE the righteousness of God. I am the righteousness of God. **2 Corinthians 5:21**
- I have received God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness and I reign in life through the one Man, Jesus Christ! **Romans 5:17**
- I am the righteousness of God and my prayers availeth much. My prayers are powerful and effective because I am the righteousness of God. **James 5:16**
- For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" (so be it) is spoken by me to the glory of God. **2 Corinthians 1:20**
- I pursue righteousness and love and I find life, prosperity and honor. **Proverbs 21:21**
- I seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things (my needs and Godly desires within me) are given to me as well. **Matthew 6:33**
- Blessed am I who hungers and thirsts for righteousness, for I am filled. **Matthew 5:6**
- I am a righteous person and the Lord delivers me (saves me) from all my troubles. **Psalm 34:19**
- I commit my way to the Lord; I trust in Him and He makes my righteous reward shine like the dawn, my vindication like the noonday sun. **Psalm 37:5-6**
- I cast my cares on the Lord and He sustains me; He will never let me the righteous be shaken. **Psalm 55:22**
- I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. **Isaiah 61:10**
- Blessings crown the head of the righteous; therefore blessings crown my head for I am the righteousness of God. **Proverbs 10:6**

THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD: THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US - WHATEVER WE ASK - WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE ASKED OF HIM. 1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NIV)

Prayer Requests

I would like to add a prayer request in your newsletter. I want to pray for my kids, Ashley and Vince. I want them to know that daddy loves them and misses them so much it hurts being away from them. I hope they stay safe and healthy. I pray to God my prayers come true. God bless everyone ... **C.T.**

May I ask for you to pray for my mother and family? Please!! I love you guys and our Lord Jesus Christ ... Amen!!! May God bless you ... **J.H.**

I just moved to another yard, not for anything bad. Keep me in prayer, I go to my parole board hearing in August 2019. After 21 1/2 years for a third strike of having a 22 revolver in my home. I did violate the law and I accept that, but now I see so much light at the end of my tunnel. I'm also prepared and ready for what can be a hearing which can last between two to six hours. Of course, I'm taking my lawyer, Jesus Christ, in there with me. I'll have two lawyers because they appoint you a state appointed one as well ... **R.E.**

Can you pray for me and my kids and my family? That we will be okay. I am learning about God in my life. I will be praying for you, too. I am reading my Bible and praying, too ... I can do that all the time. God is good all the time. He is my life ... God is in my life and I am doing my best to keep doing good for God, so that I can be that man God sent me to be. So keep praying for me, as I do for you. It brings joy to me ... **G.F.**

I have about 2 years and 3 months remaining before my release date. Of course, there are many things up in the air as to what will transpire when I leave here. The devil tries to bring me down regarding these things, but I have turned it over to the Lord as He is the only one who can handle it all. I know, I certainly cannot. Please pray for me as I fight this constant mind battle attack from satan. I know the Lord will see me through ... **L.M.**

I'd like to submit this prayer request. First, would you all please pray for my kids. My oldest, well, she's living with her grandmother and is giving her some trouble. She's gotten 4 F's this quarter at school, she's not helping with her younger brothers and sisters as she used to. She just turned 13 years old today AND she's 'boy crazy' which is not good and way out of character for her. Her mother and I both understand our incarceration and the 10 months they spent with CPS is a contributor to this current situation. This is why we're asking all of you to please join us in prayer concerning this situation ... **E.G.**

Thank all of you there at the *Overcomers for Christ* and please say a special prayer for us here. The devil is really attacking the yard here because our Christian brothers are growing so rapidly in numbers and he's scared because he knows we're growing stronger. We also will keep all of you in our prayers ... **M.D.**

Praise Reports

I'd like to praise God because my wife is coming around. It's been three years since I've seen her, and she confessed that she can't wait for me to get out. She's also relayed to me that she doesn't suffer from anxiety as badly anymore. That is major. Thank God for His healing power and the power of prayer ... **B.M.**

I pray that when this letter gets to you that you're in good health and in the hands of our Lord along with your family. I know it's been a while since I last reached out to you, but I don't want you to think I forgot about you, cause that's one thing I can't and won't ever do. You have always been a big part of my life since we first got a chance to meet. Since our last meeting, I have had so much going on, both bad and real good, but it's all been for me to grow from. I think it's best said like this "God would rather allow you to go through a season of trials, than to allow you to build your house on a weak foundation, Amen." I have taken on all that the devil has sent my way and it has only made me stronger because I have built my trust in God. So it comes down to the end brother; I have 86 days left and I'll be home, and am so hungry to come and be part of *Overcomers for Christ*. My mind is going with praise for my Lord and soon I'll be able to put it to words and just talk about it. I'll share this scripture, **Philemon 1:8-11, "There is something that you should do, and because of the authority, I have in Christ, I feel free to command you to do it. But I am not commanding you; I am asking you to do it out of love. I, Paul, am an old man now, and I am a prisoner for Christ Jesus. I am asking you for my son Onesimus, he became my son while I was in prison in the past he was useless to you. But now he has become useful for both you and me."** It's time brother and I am ready. Hope to see you soon and as always brother, keep your faith and trust in God ... **B.P.**

Greetings Brother 'Duck' and the *Overcomers for Christ* family. I really appreciated this latest newsletter you brought me down here at the 4th Ave jail and how your readers inside respond to other's articles from previous newsletters. It's well put together. All in all it's a good read and very encouraging. You know that I've been fighting my case for over eight years now so I wanted to share this praise report with everyone. The jury came back with a verdict on two counts only, which I will have time served on. The rest was a hung jury! God and the jury know I'm innocent on these other charges that's why it was a hung jury! I go here shortly to find out what's in store for me. Praise God ... **A.W.**

Several months ago I sent in a prayer request and now I'm sending you all this praise report to affirm that God still hears and answers prayer. My youngest son and his girl had a healthy baby boy, making me a grandpa of two now! Praise God! They will continue to need our prayers though ... **B.M.**


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From the Inside

Curtain Call By P.O.

Please read the enclosed *Curtain Call*, I wrote it in hopes of reaching people to wake up! Since October 12, 2017 to October 12, 2018, I've been life-flighted three times; code blue, lights and all. By ambulance two times over my heart and body shutting down. Medical records show I've legally died now eight times. My heart is giving out rapidly. My ejection fracture is 15% now and this last time life-flighted from the West Valley to North Central Valley Heart Institute. They've discovered two types of very aggressive carcinoma cancer, pancreas and gastro-intestinal. Biopsies on skin places came back positive for melanoma.

So, three types of cancer, and bad heart valves, aortic and mitral. This is my cross to bear ... I'm at peace with it! I'm not angry nor am I feeling as if it shouldn't be happening. God keeps me alive to finish book number 3 and get it out to publishers. Book 1 - *Regrets*, Book 2 - *Hold Fast* and Book 3 - *Final Call* are all interconnected to hopefully be able to reach out to people all over this world. I won't be here to see it, but others will. I've sent *Curtain Call* to many newspapers and still have many to send it to. I only hope to live to see at least one or two printed and published in their papers.

May God bless you and the  family for what you do. I'm almost done with *Final Call*, once I mail it out, then I'm sure my work is done and my *Curtain Call* will be soon. The doctors all said there is nothing they can do! If I'm lucky 13-15 months, all truth maybe 7-9 months left. I'm not accepting any meds, body is rejecting everything. They said, "We can only make you comfortable." I refused narcotics and basically all other meds, it's useless. Please do not mourn or feel sorry for me.

Life's over when you've searched to fill the vacancy in your chest, where your heart should be, love! The one and only thing that can fill that vacancy, true unbiased love. Some people get the rare chance to find it and live happily ever after. Me? I've not. Mine was lost so many years ago when I chose to keep the protective wall up around the void in my chest, where love should have taken up residence.

Life is but a fleeting glance, here one day and gone the next. People of all races have their failures, anger, tragedy and hurts, followed by pain, frustration and ultimately hate. To hate another human being, because of skin color, religion, or ethnic background is merely causing your own lives to be imposed upon by unrelenting stress and ignorance. No matter where you come from in the world, you are made up of the same genetic structures as everyone else.

Brain, heart, lungs, bones, organs and blood, no-one's blood is a different color than yours. We all bleed the same, regardless of creed, color of skin or ethnic backgrounds. We all have to die in some form or fashion, violence, war, drugs, alcohol or disease. For us as humans to hate someone because they're different or have different religious beliefs, ethnic backgrounds, popularity, possession, money or are poor and mentally or physically challenged is to show just how truly ignorant we are.

Our lives are but a whisper in the wind, they come and they go, here today and gone tomorrow. When we waste time with hate towards others, we waste valuable time that should be devoted to love, family, friends and our lives with the ones we love and truly care about.

Everybody on earth has a choice to choose their lives path, I encourage the youth of today to bring about change to this world, before it's too late for yourselves and the ones you love. For hate, vengeance and anger are the destruction of not only your lives and others, but the lives of every human being around the world, and it's causing destruction of this world by wars, terrorism, violence and senseless killings.

Wake up society! Wake up people of the world, in all cultures, religions, ethnic backgrounds, wake up I say! For who knows, tomorrow may never come, because of all the hate, anger, violence and countries war torn by these destructive powers of egotistical leaders and political structures. One day people, you'll not wake up to breath, love, hug, kiss or smile and laugh. For in the blink of an eye, we could all be gone like a momentary gust of wind.

For me, it's taken 51 years to wake up, and now it's *Curtain Call* for me. I waited too late in life to wake up! Please people of all ages, race, color, ethnic origins, religions around this world, in every country, WAKE UP! For tomorrow may never come for you or anyone. Put away your hate, anger, religious differences, opinions, political views, your racial indiffer-

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ences, wake up, we all bleed the same. Change this world, before it's too late to do it and it's gone forever, and so is love, laughter and life.

It's not too late for change. Rise up, and begin to set about change. Be a voice to this generation and the next. Whether you're white, black, Mexican, Jewish, or Christian. It does not matter; we all bleed the same and can bring about true change. It takes the voice of every human being to set about the course to change and save this world from total destruction.

True love can move mountains, I've seen it, but sad to say it's taken too many years for me to open my own eyes to realize it. Final note to all in this world; don't be stupid like me, wake up, rise up, before it's too late. Be a voice, be loud and be heard.

God Rules in Your Circumstances

By M.D.

Sending all my love and respect to each of you, praying for the ministry as a whole, and asking the Lord to bless each of you with your share of all that brings joy to your hearts.

I find myself thinking about you all, curious as to what the next newsletter might say, how it will touch my heart? Asking the Lord what can I do to be more of a part of the O+C ministry? He then put something on my heart to write and share, and once again I've enclosed a little something to consider for the newsletter, something all of us incarcerated need to read. At least in my opinion.

If you could change your circumstances, would you? Most of us would respond, "Yes, definitely!" Even if we're experiencing peaceful and comfortable conditions. We can always imagine a better life, and for those of us incarcerated, enduring difficult, painful or trying times or situations, we long to see the burden lifted.

In reality, there are some circumstances over which we have no control. We can't maneuver our way out, so our only option is to go through them.

However, if we are redeemed children of God, we are exactly where He wants us, because His sovereignty rules over all our situations at all times.

This was true for Paul despite being imprisoned, chained, and watched by the Roman guard. After a fruitful ministry of proclaiming the gospel and founding churches throughout the Roman empire, he found himself under house arrest. But even during these difficult circumstances, God remained in control, and His work in and through Paul hadn't stopped.

What seemed like a hopeless aspect of the Apostle's life - being chained and watched - turned out to be the means God used to deliver the Gospel to the entire praetorian guard. Paul's imprisonment also prompted other believers to boldly proclaim Christ. Some did it out of love, while others acted in envy, but in both cases, the goal of spreading the Gospel was accomplished.

The same sovereign God who used Paul's circumstances for His purposes can do so with yours. But like the apostle, you'll have to trust that the Lord will comfort and strengthen you to endure, and yes even to rejoice!

Philippians 1:12-18 - "And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear. It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice."

Isaiah 8:1-11:16

Each of us needs to accept the responsibility to pass on God's Word to our children and grandchildren, encouraging them to love the Bible, read it, and learn from it. Then they will faithfully pass it on to their children and grandchildren. **(8:16)**

Too often we take pride in our accomplishments, forgetting that it is God who has given us our resources and abilities. We may even become proud of our unique status as Christians. God is not pleased with any pride or trust in ourselves because it cuts off our contact with Him. **(9:8-10)**

The Assyrians were haughty. Proud of the victories God permitted, they thought they had accomplished everything in their own power. Our perspective can also become distorted by pride in our accomplishments. If we do not acknowledge God to be in control of our life, working out His purposes, we are bound to fail. **(10:12)**

God will judge with fairness and truth. How we long for fair treatment from others, but do we give it? We hate those who base their judgments on appearance, false evidence, or hearsay, but are we quick to judge others using those standards? Only Christ can be the perfectly fair judge. Only as He governs our hearts can we learn to be fair in our treatment of others as we expect others to be towards us. **(11:3-5)**

2 Corinthians 12:1-21

The fact that God's power is displayed in our weaknesses should give us courage and hope. As we recognize limitations, we will depend more on God for our effectiveness rather than on our own energy, effort, or talent. Our limitations not only help develop Christian character but also deepen our worship, because in admitting them, we affirm God's strength. **(12:9)**

After reading this list of sins, it is hard to believe that these are the people that Paul said possessed great gifts and excelled as leaders. **(8:7)** Paul feared that the practices of wicked Corinth had invaded the congregation. He wrote sternly, hoping that they would straighten out their lives before he arrived. We must live differently from unbelievers, not letting secular society dictate how we are to treat others. Don't let culture influence your behavior. **(12:20-21)**

Psalms 56:1-13

David stated, "What can mere mortals do to me?" How much harm can people do to us? They can inflict pain, suffering, and death. But no person can rob us of our souls or our future beyond this life. How much harm can we do to ourselves? The worst thing we can do is reject God and lose our eternal life. Jesus said, *"Don't be afraid of those who want to kill you. They can only kill your body, they cannot touch your soul."* **(Matthew 10:28)** Instead, we should fear God, who controls this life and the next. **(56:3-4)**

Proverbs 23:6-8

In graphic language, the writer warns us not to envy the lifestyles of those who have become rich by being stingy and miserly, and not to gain their favor by fawning over them. Their 'friendship' is phony, they will just use you for their own gain. **(23:6-8)**

“Foot” Notes

Hey Ya'll. So we know that we are vessels (containers) and when we begin our walk our vessel is full of worldly garbage. So, for us to grow or fill ourselves with the things of God some things got to go.

Ya' know, our actions need to reflect our faith. We gotta exert some effort to bring our Salvation to fruition so that transformation can take place in us.

Love to you all short and tall. Vaya con Dios ... P.S. Don't ride faster than your angels can fly!

Cory's Corner

'The Storm of the Locust/There's Hope'

There's a story of the locust invading farmlands of Kansas in 1874, where they ate everything including crops, new seed and even the laundry hanging on the cloths lines. It was so bad that families began to flee and move away from their hard earned establishments and all that they had built. It is even refered to as "the year of the locust."

When the other people throughout the United States heard of this event they began to send seed to the farmers. In fact they sent so much that that locust invaded land was restored even more so than before. See, God had restored to these families MORE than what the locust had eaten!

What I'm attempting to encourage us all with is: We need to stay faithful to God when the enemy comes and steals from us. God WILL restore to us what was taken as long as we remain faithful. It's not that the 'locust' won't come; but rather WHEN.

Some of us have already been attacked by the 'locust' and years of your lives have been lost. Many of us have lost jobs, kids and families through divorce. Addictions totaling up years of jail and prison time is also a form of the 'locust'. But God says He will restore even ALL those years.

To this I can honestly say that I am a living testimony of the many years stolen, my God has restored. He has even given back to me years I wasn't even aware I had lost. Let me explain.

When I was a little boy I had two sisters that my mom had had with a different dad than my dad that I'd never met. Now fast forward to today. I have since met one of these sisters 40 years later. I was also able to minister to the other sister just one week prior to her committing suicide! Even though this saddens me today, on the other hand I am grateful for restoration of relationship for even that brief moment with her. The other sister and I are now in touch on a regular basis and I'm comforted that she is a great woman of Christ.

Many of you already know my story of me remarrying my wife after 10 years of divorce and having my daughter back into my life. You know that I too had a daughter out of wedlock that I wasn't even aware of until I got out of prison in 2014. She has also been restored back into my life and is as well now in my life on a regular basis and I'm in her life.

Today is a very special day, it's my 49th birthday and it started out with a box of donuts from one of those precious daughters that is now 16 years old and AMAZING! As I mentioned earlier, God has restored them all back to me after I left them in 2004 and then went to prison in 2007 for 7 years.

Anyways, today my heart is so overwhelmed as I can't help but reflect back on so many years of my life locked up on my birthdays, wishing, hoping and praying for the day of freedom on my birthday. And here it is 5 years from the gate and I'm living in and loving God's grace.

On yet another level. I just started the paperwork to have ALL my civil rights restored. Let me tell you brothers and sisters it IS possible! Many of my friends, these days, have had 100% of their rights restored. That's not only voting but as well they can now posses home protection, hunting rights and ALL that life 'outside' the fence has as 'normal'. I remember telling myself and others, 'I'll never be able to vote. I'll never be able to posses or own a gun for the rest of my life.' But let me tell you folks, 'THAT'S A LIE FROM satan!' In that respect, I'm just a few steps away from being like every other person in society. I'll keep you all updated on the progress.

While I was locked up I prayed, believing that God would help me land a job where I could provide help to my ex wife (now wife again) for all the years that she struggled to raise our daughter by herself. And God has even restored that part of my life! Today, I have a great career in HVAC where I can provide for my 'whole' family like I'd NEVER done ever before. This job opportunity that God has given me allows me to enter multimillion dollar homes offering HVAC solutions to my clients. Today, I'm taking care of customers, make a great living doing it AND my customers trust and bless me all the time. And for those of you who have followed my story you know that it has now been 1 year since my wife and I bought our own home!

ALL the years I was locked up I stayed in faith praying and believing that God would restore to me my family. Today, 5 years from the gate, I know and experience God honoring and restoring to me in EVERY area of my life simply because I've put ALL my trust in Him! Being born of His Spirit we've been declared RESTORED simply because He has said so. Beginning to know who Jesus and the Father are is the beginning of your restoration too.

HELLO! Do you hear what I'm saying here? IT IS POSSIBLE TO SUCCEED this side of the fence! How? FAITHFULNESS! Stay the course, stay faithful to the One who will never leave you nor forsake you! Keep God first at all cost. I look back and remember not knowing how, but believing SOMEHOW God would cause it to come to pass. I continue to stay

focused and don't let my Bible get too dusty, well, maybe a little but I'm still in the Word and focused on God like I was when I was in prison.

I know that EVERYTHING that God has allowed back into my life can just as easily be lost IF I just hit one hiccup - and I'm not saying that I'm perfect because I too encounter trials just like everyone else, daily. But as I just stated, my God NEVER leaves me to face them alone. God is my strength, my refuge and my fortress. I stay humble, that's teachable, NEVER yielding to the enemy while to the best of my ability, always submitting to the Holy Spirit.

Remember brothers and sisters, Jesus came to seek and restore ALL who are lost. I think that it is safe to say, if we attempt to be the hands and feet of Jesus and trust in our Daddy God, we can expect to receive double for our troubles. **Zechariah 9:12** confirms everything that I have just shared with all of you. Listen, **"Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you."** So what have the 'locust' stolen from you?

Jesus is seeking to restore your life 100%. He wants to bless you. One of the reasons we don't seem to receive the restoration is because we are sitting at the wrong table. We NEED to know and should be eating at our King's table ALL the time. It's when we wander off, set and eat at another table that 'we' walk away from the blessings. It's SO important that we remain at our 'King', Jesus', table. Amen?! Much love and respect, your brother in Christ, Cory!

What Others Are Saying...

"Prior to my incarceration, I was always a believer of miracles and divine intervention. God stepped in and saved my life. Since being sentenced in 2009, I've come across your periodical, *Overcomers for Christ*. It's given me strength to go on and do my time while being content with where I am, and what I'm doing. This time has taken so many good friends and family to be with our Father in heaven. Thank you for the uplifting Scriptures and reality of people doing time. God bless you all" - **L.C.**

"I had went to one of your services here at Red Rock and had a blast. Your church rocks." - **H.C.**

"Hi folks, how's my wonderful family in Christ? I pray all of you are safe and healthy! I'm doing pretty good and am very grateful for your continued prayers and outreach! I'm always thinking of how nice it would be to come visit with you all. I wanted to say thank you for remembering me and sending such uplifting cards, making me feel accepted and loved. I've become so institutionalized and such an introvert, but feel so connected with you guys in a way that I can't really describe. God has assured me that I can trust ya'll, and I really do feel treated as a family member! Love always, in Christ" - **R.E.D.**

"I am an inmate at a prison in Yuma and I was talking to a friend of mine about worship, and he told me of your monthly newsletter that you send him. I would very much ask you if you would please start sending me a newsletter. I would like to learn more about your church, and what you stand for. I find the stories of faith and life today that you print to be very helpful in getting me through this tough time in my life. Please send anything you think will help and I will be eternally grateful." - **D.F.**

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please accept my tithe. I thank you for all that you do for us here at Red Rock Corrections Center. I am the Chaplain's Aide and I see all of the donations of books and Bibles that you provide for us. What a blessing this is to us brothers in Christ. Please tell your church members how much we appreciate you all, with much thanks" - **R.K.**

"I am interested to know more about your ministry. I am sure you all are kept quite busy as there are many people who are hurting and have many needs. I pray that God will bless each of you and your families as you strive to serve Him. Thank you for your newsletter, I enjoy reading it. Please know your time serving Him in *OC4C* is very much appreciated by me and as your newsletter reveals by many others. God sees your work and rewards will be heaped upon you by Him. I guess when it comes right down to it, He is the reward! What greater reward could there be?" - **J.M.**

"I want you to know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I want to thank you all for your time and dedication with the newsletters and cards. Thank you so much for showing us so much love. Believe me, your time and dedication will be rewarded. With much love and respect you're all appreciated. May God above continue to shine on you and shower you with His blessings. I pray that you ALL continue to grow in His love while always preaching the Gospel." - **U.S.**

"Dear *Overcomers for Christ* ... Hello. I wanted to write and thank you for being by my side all these years, it's been a blessing. Your newsletter was like gold to me. I knew if nothing else, I could count on your newsletter. I'm finally going home after nine years." - **T.M.**

Bible Trivia

1. Which is the only book of the Bible that begins with a blessing on all who read, hear and keep the words written in the book?
a) Jude b) Isaiah
c) Daniel d) Revelation
2. Where in scripture are these words found? "... and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:..."
a) Genesis b) 1 Kings
c) Isaiah d) Revelation
3. In which book of the Bible are these words found? "*Vanity of vanities, ... all is vanity*"
a) Proverbs b) Song of Solomon
c) Revelation d) Ecclesiastes
4. In which Old Testament book does satan specifically ask permission to attack an individual?
a) 1 Samuel b) Isaiah
c) Hosea d) Job

Laugh Out Loud ...



Quote Worthy

"The road to freedom is via the Cross."

- **Albert Luthuli (1898-1967)** - also known by his Zulu name **Mvumbi**, was a **South African teacher, activist, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and politician**. Luthuli was elected **president of the African National Congress in 1952**, at the time an umbrella organization that led **opposition to the white minority government in South Africa**, and served until his **accidental death**. He was awarded the **1960 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the non-violent struggle against apartheid**. He was the **first person of African heritage, to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize**. Luthuli was a lay preacher of the **United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA)**

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Out of Doubt and Darkness

By G.B.B.

**Lost in a timeless void
Where misery and monotony become inseparably intertwined .**

**And all my hopes and dreams are drained off
Like an abscess by the punishment of my present condition.**

**All memory of light and beauty becomes tainted
By the atmosphere of this accursed place
But then like a shaft of sunlight in the deepest dark.**

**God's love finds me,
And lifts me out of despair, out of sadness, out of solitude
And reminds me that He cares about me
And that all things are possible through faith in Him.**

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