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do not fear, for I am with you;

Isaiah 41:10

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“FEAR, Is What's Going on in the World Today!” - Part 2

By Wade Anderson

You all know I share my own life's experiences here with prayerful expectation that, as a testimony, it will help set others free. I know that God's Word is true, and He is faithful to His Word. The particular Scripture that I'm standing on, for this portion of this message is, **“And they overcame him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, ...” (Revelation 12:11)**

Early on in this message I told you I would go back to the Virus message I spoke about in the September issue of the newsletter. And this is where the above Scripture in Revelation comes into effect, as a brief testimony.

Early in August I flew to Colorado to attend a *Healing is Here Conference*. Please remember, we don't have to go to a healing conference in order to be healed. I go to these conferences with a spirit of expectation, to soak up the wisdom that has gathered there. It's at these events that the Holy Spirit brings revelation to me, and I begin to tweak the words that I speak and gain a deeper understanding of the authority I have in Christ Jesus. In other words, I'm continually building on the foundation that was first built in me by my Living Word “spiritual grandparents”, Dr.'s Tom and Maureen Anderson. Anyways, I was there at the conference from August 9th – 13th. I normally stay a couple extra days after the conferences to just kick it with the brothers there, but I knew Michelle and I were flying out to Ohio for five days on the 18th of August. We were excited to watch Dylan play football. I had some things that needed to get done at home before we left so I didn't hang out there in the beautiful pines of Colorado.

Dylan is our 2nd oldest grandson. He plays football for the same high school that I attended. Even before high school, Dylan loved football. Even in the 6th and 7th grade the head coach seen Dylan's heart and passion and took him under his wing. He plays center and defensive linebacker. Dylan lettered all four years of high school, and this is his senior year. This means these games were going to be his last year and this was the first game of the season. Most of the line had been working and training together since the 6th and 7th grade and they were a force to be reckoned with! They trained hard and they played together like a well-oiled machine. By the way, they smoked the other school 48 - 12!

After our time there in Ohio, Michelle and I flew home on the 23rd of August. I was home one day and on the 25th I jumped in the truck, with my longtime brother Blake, and we headed for Moses Lake, Washington. A Veteran friend and his wife live there, and they had a couple of out buildings that needed the roofing taken off, some plywood replaced and a new metal roof installed. Tom is in his 80's and just had some heart work done so we decided to run up there and keep him off of the roof of these buildings. Tom and his wife, Callie, own and have completely built two acres of lawn, fruit trees, grapes and a huge garden together, and all from a dirt field. Anyways, they put us up there at their place and fed us WAY TOO MUCH while we fixed their buildings. Let's stop right there for a minute as I shift gears for a second.

I won't use all of it, but these next few paragraphs are from President Roosevelt's inaugural speech.

In 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt was campaigning against Herbert Hoover in the presidential election. His first inaugural address took on an unusually solemn, religious quality. And for good reason, by 1933 the depression had reached its depth. In Roosevelt's first inaugural address, he outlined in broad terms how he hoped to govern and reminded Americans that the nation's “common difficulties” concerned “only material things.” He went on to say...

In such a spirit on my part and on yours we face our common difficulties. They concern, thank God, only material things. Values have shrunken to fantastic levels; taxes have risen; our ability to pay has fallen; government of all kinds is faced by serious curtailment of income; the means of exchange are frozen in the currents of trade; the withered leaves of industrial enterprise lie on every side; farmers find no markets for their produce; the savings of many years in thousands of families are gone.

More important, a host of unemployed citizens face the grim problem of existence, and an equally great number toil with little return. Only a foolish optimist can deny the dark realities of the moment. Yet our distress comes from no failure of substance. We are stricken by no plague of locusts. Compared with the perils which our forefathers conquered because they believed and were not afraid, we have still much to be thankful for. Nature still offers her bounty and human efforts have multiplied it. Plenty is at our doorstep, but a generous use of it languishes in the very sight of the supply.

The measure of the restoration lies in the extent to which we apply social values more noble than mere monetary profit. Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort. The joy and moral stimulation of work no longer must be forgotten in the mad chase of evanescent profits. These dark days will be worth all they cost us if they teach us that our true destiny is not to be ministered unto but to minister to ourselves and to our fellow men.

Recognition of the falsity of material wealth as the standard of success goes hand in hand with the abandonment of the false belief that public office and high political position are to be valued only by the standards of pride of place and

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personal profit; and there must be an end to a conduct in banking and in business which too often has given to a sacred trust the likeness of callous and selfish wrongdoing. Small wonder that confidence languishes, for it thrives only on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection, on unselfish performance; without them it cannot live. Restoration calls, however, not for changes in ethics alone. This Nation asks for action, and action now.

In the field of world policy, I would dedicate this Nation to the policy of the good neighbor—the neighbor who resolutely respects himself and, because he does so, respects the rights of others—the neighbor who respects his obligations and respects the sanctity of his agreements in and with a world of neighbors.

If I read the temper of our people correctly, we now realize as we have never realized before our interdependence on each other; that we cannot merely take but we must give as well; that if we are to go forward, we must move as a trained and loyal army willing to sacrifice for the good of a common discipline, because without such discipline no progress is made, no leadership becomes effective.

We do not distrust the future of essential democracy. The people of the United States have not failed. In their need they have registered a mandate that they want direct, vigorous action. They have asked for discipline and direction under leadership. In this dedication of a Nation we humbly ask the blessing of God. May He protect each and every one of us. May He guide me in the days to come.

He said "The only thing we have to **fear is fear itself**" meaning we don't need to be **afraid** of anything other than being **afraid** — if everyone will remain calm, the troubles can be sorted out and addressed, but if people panic and stampede, things will only get worse. So, I ask you to meditate on these few paragraphs and see if you don't find a little peace in knowing; yes, there is a real virus, but we don't approach it with fear. Instead face everything with the confidence that God's Word is the only complete truth! Fear has the tendency to magnify the issues in our lives, where faith in God always minimizes them and magnifies our God. Let's continue with our road trip to Washington and Oregon.

A couple of days into our stay there and Blake started feeling pretty sickly. We shrugged it off and kept moving forward as we had already booked three different fishing trips in Oregon. Let me say right here, all the time we were gone I was reading the Bible along with a healing book I'd picked up there at the Healing Is Here Conference while I was in Colorado a couple of weeks before this. As we left Washington, the further we drove the more evident it became that Blake was truly not well. All the way to the coast of Oregon, I was confessing God's promises over both of us. We checked into our room and turned in to get some sleep because we were headed out on the ocean on a charter boat for cod and rockfish at 4:15 am. The swells that day were somewhere between 4'– 6'. We fished hard, filled our limits and limits for a couple other people. When we got back to the motel, we both were pretty worn out. We took LONG HOT showers and settled in to allow our bodies to rest before we had to get back up, for the second day at 4:15 am.

As I woke that morning, I took another hot shower and then realized that Blake was still not moving about. This would be another day on the ocean, so together we decided it would be best if he stayed in the room to rest as our next, and final fishing day was to be a chartered river trip for salmon. All the way to the dock, I kept confessing God's promises over both of us. By the time the charter hit the fishing area, the winds had picked up and the swells were between 10' and 12'. With that much motion I hugged the rail and fished to catch my limit, plus. But boy howdy, when I got back to the room, I was EXHAUSTED and beat up.

Again, after another LONG HOT shower I wrapped up in all the blankets available, and with the lights out, Blake, kind of under his breath said, "I'm only going to say this once, and even at that, softly, do you think we might have COVID?" I instantly responded, "ABSOLUTELY NOT!" That next morning on the Coos River, fishing for salmon, I just couldn't shake the cold off. It wasn't that cold out, but I was chilled clear to the bone. So much so that the captain gave me his personal Carhart jacket AND kept turning the boat in order to have the sunshine directly on me. Again, we fished for six hours, and caught two salmon. I usually don't tap out when it comes to fishing, but I seriously had to that day. I've fished with that captain before, so when I tapped out, he knew I was in a serious way. Once again, we headed back to the room to take hot showers and get packed so we could leave, as my brother Monty says, at 0'dark 30.

The next morning, we finished loading the truck, mustered all the energy we had, got in and headed to Arizona. We drove from 5:30 am to 9:00 pm, and somewhere in the high desert of California we got a room and passed out. Of course, after a LONG HOT shower. We woke up early and rolled out. On the road I called Michelle and told her to lock down the house, I was homeward bound, and I was not feeling well at all! We drove the wheels off the truck, and we were home by 4pm on Saturday. You may be wondering why I'm telling you all of this? Because I'm going somewhere, just hold on.

Throughout this whole trip I read and confessed God's promises over the things that were trying to manifest in each of us. I was reading the Bible and as I said earlier, I was also reading a book on healing. My flesh was weak, but my spirit never bowed. Reaching home, I slept for two days and on Monday I called the doctor and had him send some antibiotics to the

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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 ask that y'all pray with me on our visitation issue here. I am hearing that we are the only complex that still does not get complex visits. It is up to the complex admin and I pray that the Lord touch the heart of the power that is in control of us and our families ability to get a real visit. God bless y'all ...

B.A.

I have two decisions coming my way, the first of the year on my release from prison. Please pray the people making decisions on my behalf shall have a heart of compassion and mercy towards me and brother, J.T. God Bless *Overcomers for Christ*, you're such a blessing to so many of us and I thank you for it ... **G.M.L.**

Dear *Overcomers for Christ* family, brothers and sisters, there is a beautiful child named Twila who is diagnosed with brain cancer. Her mother and father are Katelyn and Matthew. I am requesting a corporate/family prayer for Twila and all the other children at St. Judes Children's Hospital. I am inviting you all to please send a note of encouragement and love to Twila and her mother and father. This request I am making is prompted by the Holy Spirit of our Father, so I am doing it with no regards to doubtful thoughts. You can send your words to them at Twila, Katelyn and Matthew, c/o St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Please let's send our petitions up to our Father with our love and encouragement for these children. The Holy Spirit in me says to you all and the Holy Spirit in you all ... Thank you ... **J.S.**

May you all continue to prosper in all that our Lord sets your hands to do in your marriages, families, lives, especially in ministry. Amen!! We pray for all of you daily, please keep me in prayer next month, I see the board ... **R.V.**

It's been a while since I wrote to you, but I do think about you. Thank you so much for sending me your newsletter for over ten years. I read an article each day to make it stretch through the whole month. I don't think I have written to let you know that I have prostate cancer and some heart trouble. I am trusting in our wonderful Savior, the Great Physician to heal me. If He wants DOC doctors to be used to do this, then pray that they move me to Tucson to receive radiation treatments. God is so good to me. He moved me to a pod with a number of believers in it. Our prayer circle runs about 12-15 guys and our Bible study each day is 4-6. Thank you for all you folks do ... **R.A.**

Praise Reports

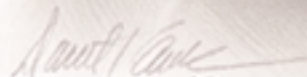
This letter is to inform you that my DOC ID number has changed. Please make these changes so I can continue to receive your newsletters. They have become very important to me, and I look forward to it every month. I'm doing a life sentence without letters. The first two years of this bit I lost my last surviving sibling and a month later my mom. So, I struggled with faith and fell into all of the negative things that prison has to offer. At that point a friend from Arizona, M.R., introduced me to *DOC*, and it slowly changed me. I'm happy to say that I haven't been in the RHU for 2 years and my faith is returning thanks to the *Overcomers*. I look forward to reading the newsletter every month. I haven't had a lot of good things come my way in 59 years on this planet but since I began reading the *Overcomers for Christ*, things have begun to change for me. The most noticeable change is that my faith is returning, and I stay away from as much negativity as I can. I don't know if these things would have happened if not for M.R. and the *Overcomers for Christ* ... **D.P.**

Just thought I would drop a line, with my tithe, to let you all know that my mom has finished her radiation and is waiting for her next visit to find out that the cancer is gone. Praise God, we KNOW it is gone ... **B.A.**

I have been doing the jail and prison thing for a very long time, 38 years. I am now 52 years old. All of my life I've thought I was invincible. In April, the Lord gave me a new beginning in life, literally. I am now devoted to the Lord and His glorious Word. The reason why I am writing to you is to ask if I can be put in your mailing list for your newsletters. I'd like to ask if I could correspond with you and talk. I'd like a good stable plan for a newcomer to read the Bible. I really liked the December issue and the holy writings in it. God bless you all ... **C.F.**

I want to tell all of you of the blessings I've received. My charge in Maricopa, the warrant hold, I filed on which could have given me another three years was rescinded because they could not get me in court in 90 days after I asked to be seen upon those charges. By due process by 8.3b rules of criminal procedure. God forgave me and has shown me mercy. I have one year left to go, glory to God the most high for His mercy and love ... **D.H.**

God bless all of you at *Overcomers for Christ*. I sure do love all the work you do. God is simply amazing! The fruit is ripe for the harvest. Still on my way to heaven with the bumper guards up. Everyone wants out of prison. I'm staying wherever God sends me. People are so receptive to accepting Christ. Jesus might have put all of us right where He wants us, we understand that God is in control. We will always be plugged into His blessings ... **C.P.**



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From the Inside

A Candle Does Not Lose Anything When It Lights Another Candle

By C.P.

Here is a little sermon I wrote for all of you at Overcomers for Christ. We would love to be perfect every day. A good Christian will feel bad.

1 John 2:1 – *“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”* Jesus is our advocate. Don't persecute yourself, it keeps us trapped in sin. When we don't look for a way to sin and get by with it, God sees our heart.

1 John 1:9 – *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* When we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us. Freedom makes us take responsibility. If it's handed to us, we don't appreciate it. That's why Christians work for it.

1 Peter 2:16 – *“As free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.”* Jesus sets us free, that does not mean we can mistreat others.

Hebrews 4:3 – *“For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: ‘So I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest,’ although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.”* When you try to do something without asking God, it becomes a struggle instead of a challenge. Never run on self-will, it's never what you want. It's God's will not ours. You can enjoy your life, don't ever let the devil rob you of your love for another person. You never pick your neighbor.

Hebrews 4:10-11 – *“For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.”* When you struggle, you're not resting in God. Believe!

Romans 12:3 – *“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”* Always believe the best about other people. It'll keep you happy. Don't do it yourself because you'll get stuck in “I”. There is no “I” in team. Stop judging people. How can you love someone you don't like? Always hate the sin! Love the sinner. God gives you favor wherever you go. Believe!

Trust in God, not self. Live your life in freedom, satan wants to bind your thoughts. What would Jesus do? Always ask yourself when you feel like you're in a trial. You can't argue with God. Listen to God's voice. The people you make your friends with are Jesus' first priority. We all qualify for God's friendship.

1 Corinthians 15:33 – *“Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’”* Choose your friends carefully. What's true friendship? When it's convenient and when it is not. A true friend is honest and authentic, watch out for people who are spiritual phonies.

Christians are not religious, we are relationship people, united in the blood of Christ. Don't hide behind scripture, stand on the scripture. True friends keep it real, they show up when you need them most. Choose friends who have a relationship with Jesus and stay in the Word.

Proverbs 18:24 – *“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”* A friend will stick closer than a brother. Talk about life with your friends, when a true friend tells you something it doesn't offend you.

John 15:13 – *“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”* Are you willing to lay down your life for your friend?

Luke 11:5-13 – We have a friend in Jesus. If you have a friend and you have to beg him, he's not your friend.

Luke 11:11-13 – When you ask God you never have to beg. Always choose a friend who helps you grow in Christ. It helps you keep Jesus as your priority.

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Ephesians 4:9 – “Now this, ‘He ascended’, what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?” Two are always better than one.

Proverbs 27:17 – “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.” Iron sharpens iron, one person sharpens another. Choose to be blessed.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 – Constantly know there is only one God. People need to watch your conduct and know who you believe in and what you believe in. God is always the source so stay in the Word.

Deuteronomy 6:21 – “Then you shall say to your son, ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.’” Whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

Psalms 119:105 – “Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.”

Habakkuk 2:4 – “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.”

Romans 10:17 – “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Romans 12:2 – “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

John 14:6 – “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

Confidence comes by living in faith. Living for God. His truth endures from generation to generation.

Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” People struggle with yielding. Willingly get in the right place.

James 4:7 – “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” Submit to God, resist the devil.

Isaiah 30:21 – “Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.” Stop! Walk in God’s way.

1 John 1:9 – When you decide to stop sinning, it’s a lot easier said than done.

Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” When you stay in God’s presence, you’re gonna know God is for you.

Proverbs 14:12 – “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” Never do it your way, it ends up in death. The only way is through God’s Word. God’s grace is always sufficient.

James 4:8 – “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

The Power of Forgiveness

By C.T.

“To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” (Acts 26:18)

There is a historical point in our earthly lives at which the forgiveness of Christ was granted, even though He was “**slain from the foundation of the world**” (**Revelation 13:8**). And in the eternal sense, well, let’s listen to what Paul had to say about being predestined, in **Romans 8:29**, “**For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.**”

Christ has subdued, cleansed, and forgotten our sins. Our human minds will never comprehend what it cost the Triune Godhead to ‘subdue our iniquities’ and metaphorically throw our sins into the depths of the sea.

Jeremiah 48:1-49:22

God cannot tolerate pride because pride is taking personal credit for what God has done or looking down on others. God does not condemn our taking satisfaction in what we do. (**Ecclesiastes 3:22**) but he stands against our estimates of our own importance. **Romans 12:3** teaches us to have an honest estimate of ourselves. (**48:29**)

Edom was located in a rock fortress that today is known as Petra in Southern Jordan. Edom thought it was invincible because of its location. Edom was destroyed because of its pride. Pride destroys nations as well as individuals. It deludes us into thinking that we can take care of ourselves without God's help. Even serving God and others can lead us to pride. Take inventory of your life and service for God, ask God to point out and remove any pride you may be harboring. (**49:16**)

2 Timothy 4:1-22

We should always be ready to serve God in any situation whether or not it is convenient. Be sensitive to the opportunities God gives you. (**4:2**)

Psalms 95:1-96:13

When people become so stubbornly set in their ways that their heart is hardened, they find it impossible to turn to God. This does not happen all at once it is the result of a series of choices to disregard God's will. If you resist long enough, God may toss you aside like hardened bread, useless and worthless. (**95:8**)

Proverbs 26:9-12

Normally, the first prick of a thorn alerts us, so we remove the thorn before it damages us. A drunk person, however, may not feel the thorn, and so it will work its way into his flesh. Similarly, a fool may not feel the sting of a proverb because he does not see how it applies to his life. Instead of taking its point to heart, a fool will apply it to his church, his employer, his spouse, or whomever he is rebelling against. The next time you find yourself saying, "So and so should really pay attention to that." Stop and ask yourself, "Is there a message in it for me?" (**26:9**)

"Foot" Notes

Brothers and sisters, don't let anyone tell you that God is not staging a revival in our prisons. Those of you men in Eloy have truly witnessed this under Chaplain Thibedoux's watch.

Just today, July 7, 2019, we had 39 men turn their lives over to God at this yard. Let me put that in context, that's 10% of this population. I'd personally like to recognize and thank our volunteers, Robert and Janice Prudler for their hard work and love shown to the men here. I truly believe this kind couple are truly anointed in the Spirit.

I myself received a greater spark in my step from witnessing God's work up here today.

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

Note from Editor: *It takes time for us to utilize all the Foot Notes that we receive, and when I saw this one that was submitted in July of 2019, I thought how appropriate to run this now. The yard that Foot is talking about in this Foot Note is still on fire for the Lord. Now there are 200-300 men who attend services there. On December 18-19 2021, I went to this yard and baptized over 80 men. God is working through Chaplain Thibedoux and the men on this yard to bring men to Christ and disciple them. Praise Jesus! The church is alive and thriving at Red Rock Academy!*

pharmacy for me. My energy level was at minus 10. Tuesday was my 4th day home, and because Michelle was fine, we decided that we should wear masks every time I came out of the spare room, I was holed up in. The doctor suggested we both get tested for COVID so on Wednesday we took the test. The next day we found out that I tested positive, but Michelle was negative. By the weekend, I was starting to feel semi better but now Michelle was feeling puny. This time when she was tested it came back that she was now positive. The whole month of September we were locked in, away from the world together. Being mindful of other people, we didn't go to church or even see our kids or grandkids the whole time. All the time this was going on neither of us took our eyes off of Jesus. Neither of us went to the hospital and we never went on a ventilator. This is the part that I know God wanted me to share with all of you. In the first paragraph and the prayer in last month's newsletter, I spoke about the words I was going to speak, under the Blood of Jesus. And now the stage is set.

As I was sort of getting my feet back under me, and continuing to read the Bible, it was harder than it had ever been to comprehend what I was reading. Reading two verses at a time was really confusing. So much so that I HAD to read them out loud. Even reading them out loud was a challenge. Somewhere out of left field I began to be angry, judgmental and very critical. I'd never experienced these kinds of feelings and emotions, to this level since I was deep in the world. Like I mentioned, whatever was going on inside of me, at that point, reading the Bible was bringing me no peace, that I could consciously tell. But I kept reading because I knew it wasn't God's Word that was the issue. It had to be the enemy doing his best to beat me up while I was in the state I was in. My strength was slowly returning but my mental and spiritual state were a wreck!

You all know that I love to ride my motorcycle, right?! The weather was amazing at this time in September, so I pulled my bike out and decided I was going for a ride. When I hit the freeway, I decided 'I' was going to go to Black Canyon City and get a piece of pie. As I was riding North, I looked up and saw one of those overhead electronic billboards. It read, "65% of Arizona has been vaccinated. Do your part and get the shot." When I read that sign, something inside of me rose up, and what I said and did OUT LOUD, I'm grateful only God and myself heard. Instantly anger rose up from somewhere inside of me and I told myself I was just going to ride long and hard until I felt peace again. My new intentions were to now run up to Flagstaff, like I thought I could outrun the ugliness inside of me. But first I got off at Rock Springs to get that piece of pie. As I entered the restaurant, I was so confused that I couldn't even agree with myself on a piece of pie. I turned right around and walked out. As I reached my motorcycle, I realized I was completely out of breath with no strength, and questioned if I could even hold her up to ride home. I knew that if I could hold her up and maneuver through the parking lot to the road, all I had to do was twist the throttle and hold on because she knew her way home. I reached the house, opened the gate, and put my motorcycle away. It was a real chore to get to the house. When I opened the door and went into the kitchen, I was panting so hard that Michelle asked me, "Are you okay?" Without an answer I went in, changed my clothes, and went to bed. The anger was right at the tip of my tongue, and I wasn't going to allow that 'other guy' to have a conversation with her. I thought that if I went to bed, when I woke up, I wouldn't feel the same way. WELL, THAT DIDN'T WORK! When I got up it was as though those issues had intensified! Right out of left field I began to have an attitude with one of my pastors. Why?! We hadn't even spoken in over a month. Why was I so angry and negative of him? The more I tried to get past it all, the more I saw my foundation was being attacked. That was when I truly began to realize that I was being blindsided by the enemy.

The next afternoon Michelle and I went to our kid's house to pick up the flash drive to print the first read of the newsletter. For some reason, by the time Michelle got back in the car and we started for home, she could feel the presence of the enemy so heavy that she said to me, "Wade, it's almost like you were in the world again. With everything as good as it is at this point in our lives, it feels like you have no peace or joy?" That did it, I yelled at the top of my labored voice, "I DON'T HAVE ANY PEACE! AND I DON'T HAVE ANY JOY! I LOVE JESUS AND I KNOW HE LOVES ME BUT I HAVE NO PEACE OR JOY! I'M JUST GOING TO GET ON MY MOTORCYCLE AND RIDE UNTIL I LOSE THESE FEELINGS!" Remember, the day before this I didn't have enough energy to ride past Rock Springs. Why was I lashing out like this when I already knew I didn't have the strength to ride even that far? Needless to say, that brought her to a place I'd not seen her in a long time, to tears. It was her wisdom and her tears that opened my eyes and my heart. Seeing her in that condition, because of the way I was acting, brought me to my senses and to tears. My position as her husband is to build her up and lift her up, not tear her up on the inside. At that point, I closed my mouth and opened my heart to listen to her. When I did begin to speak, the first place I went to was to apologize for my actions and make her feel the way that I had.

I'd never felt the way that I was in a long time. I soon realized that whatever it was that crawled up on me was satan himself. The liar thought, in my new weakness, this would be his opportunity to sucker punch me. He knew his little minions wouldn't be enough, so he came personally.

From that point, I became even more persistent to read the Bible, with understanding. As I was praying for guidance and the Holy Spirit's help, I felt prompted in my spirit to start reading in the Book of Romans. Even though I've read Romans

many times I knew that my obedience to His voice would definitely be one of the keys that would stop the enemy. At first it was still a real challenge to understand what I was reading. I continued to pray during this process and very quickly, the Holy Spirit prompted me to pick up a commentary on Romans that I had on the shelf next to me. Although God's Word is the first authority in my life, the Holy Spirit knew I needed help to dissect, word by word, verse by verse, what I was reading. You all know what happens when you kick a big bully in the side of his knee? He falls to the ground and just slithers away. Well, by the time I was halfway through the first chapter, some of the fog was lifting as I felt some understanding, again. Like a new plant first begins to develop leaves, then the buds of the flower, slowly, understanding was being revealed.

With the more revelation and understanding that I was gaining I began to share these experiences with a few other people. On several different occasions, there were some of them that had experienced, if not the same, very similar anger and emotions. That's when I felt in my spirit it was important for me to share this testimony with all of you. Maybe you too have experienced some or all of these symptoms, with or without having the Virus. I truly DO NOT believe for me, that it was something in the Virus itself. It was more like, when you're in a battle and end up down on the ground fighting to get back up, but just kept getting kicked in the face. When all you can seem to do is cover your face and curl up in a ball. At that point the bully/satan believes he's got you right where he wants you.

While in reality, like a cage fighter, covering our faces and balling up gives us the opportunity to catch our breath and gain our strength. Slowly we gain a different perspective. In very little time we are able to counteract, get back up and fight for a much different finish! It's the one that continues to fight to the finish and not throw in the towel, the one that preserves and trusts that God's Word is truth, that He will never leave you nor forsake you, that has a testimony to share with others!

I'm asking you all to stop for a second and try to think back to where God has ever let you down. I'm not talking about things that you may have 'wanted' that weren't in His will, which is in His Word. I'm talking about ANYTHING that is in His will and for your best interest. You can't, can you?! And neither can I! Our God knows exactly what we all need, even individually, and promises, ***"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."*** (Philippians 4:19)

What Others Are Saying...

"Brothers and sisters in the ~~OC4C~~ family. Just a short note of encouragement to each and every one of you. Even though some battles might seem stronger than others, remember that battle is not ours to fight. The battle belongs to God! Be still and know that He is God and pray always for one another and love each other just as our Lord Jesus Christ loves us. Keep your heads up and your eyes fixed on Jesus, He will never fail you." - **S.C.**

"I really want to thank you for the newsletters and responding to my most recent mail. It really has made me smile whenever I receive your letters. I thank you for everything that you all do for us on the inside and for taking the time to read my letters and write me Back. Getting the newsletters and your responses back from my mail truly does help me stay closer to the Lord. I want you to know I did write to Andrew Wommack Ministries for their studies, and I have already finished one! Amen!" - **M.C.**

"Hello ~~Overcomers for Christ~~ family! My dear treasured brothers and sisters in Christ, even though it has been a while since I last wrote to you, I want you to know that I have never stopped praying for all of you. A lot has gone on this last year. I did catch the COVID-19 but God saw me through it without much discomfort. Due to all of the different quarantines, I've moved around a lot. I don't want to miss any newsletters so I'm sending my new mailing address." - **J.C.**

"I'm doing great! Still sober with another day under my belt. I can barely wait to get my next newsletter. I look forward to them every month. Thank you all for staying in touch with me, you have no idea how much of a difference it makes in sobriety and my walk Jesus. Just knowing that someone cares about us means a lot to me and many others. You and the ~~Overcomers for Christ~~ family are special to all of us." - **I.V.**

~~Overcomers for Christ~~, I am being released from prison around January 2022. I am informing you so I can be taken off your newsletter subscription. I really enjoyed your December 2021 issue. Thank you so very much for all the years you so faithfully reached out to me. You helped me stay grounded in our Lord Jesus Christ and have been a guiding light to me in this dark place. I will connect with you out there soon. God bless you all." - **A.B.**

"This is another letter of sincere gratitude. I can't even begin to thank you all enough for the many cards and Holy Spirit anointed newsletters. All of you will forever be in my prayers and dear to my heart." - **H.A.M.**

This Month in History

February 2nd - In 1790, the Supreme Court of the United States convened for the first time.

February 2nd - In 1848, the Treaty of Hidalgo was signed, ending the war between the United States and Mexico.

February 2nd - In 1887, the first official Groundhog Day celebration was held at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

February 2nd - In 1913, the current Grand Central Terminal opened in New York City.

February 2nd - In 1943, the Russian victory at Stalingrad was concluded when German forces surrendered to the Soviets.

February 6th - In 1958, the Boston Red Sox signed Ted Williams for \$135,000, which was then the highest salary in baseball.

February 9th - In 1825, the U.S. House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams as president, a decision that became necessary after no candidate took the majority of the electoral votes in the election of 1824.

February 9th - In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected president of the Confederate States of America.

February 9th - In 1950, during a speech in West Virginia, U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin claimed to have a list of more than 200 'known communists' serving in the State Department.

February 9th - In 1964, the Beatles made their first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

Christian Comedy

I didn't want to believe that he was stealing from his job as a road worker. But when I got home, all the signs were there.

Quote Worthy

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 – 1968) - an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. King advanced civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience, inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi. He was the son of early civil rights activist and minister Martin Luther King Sr.

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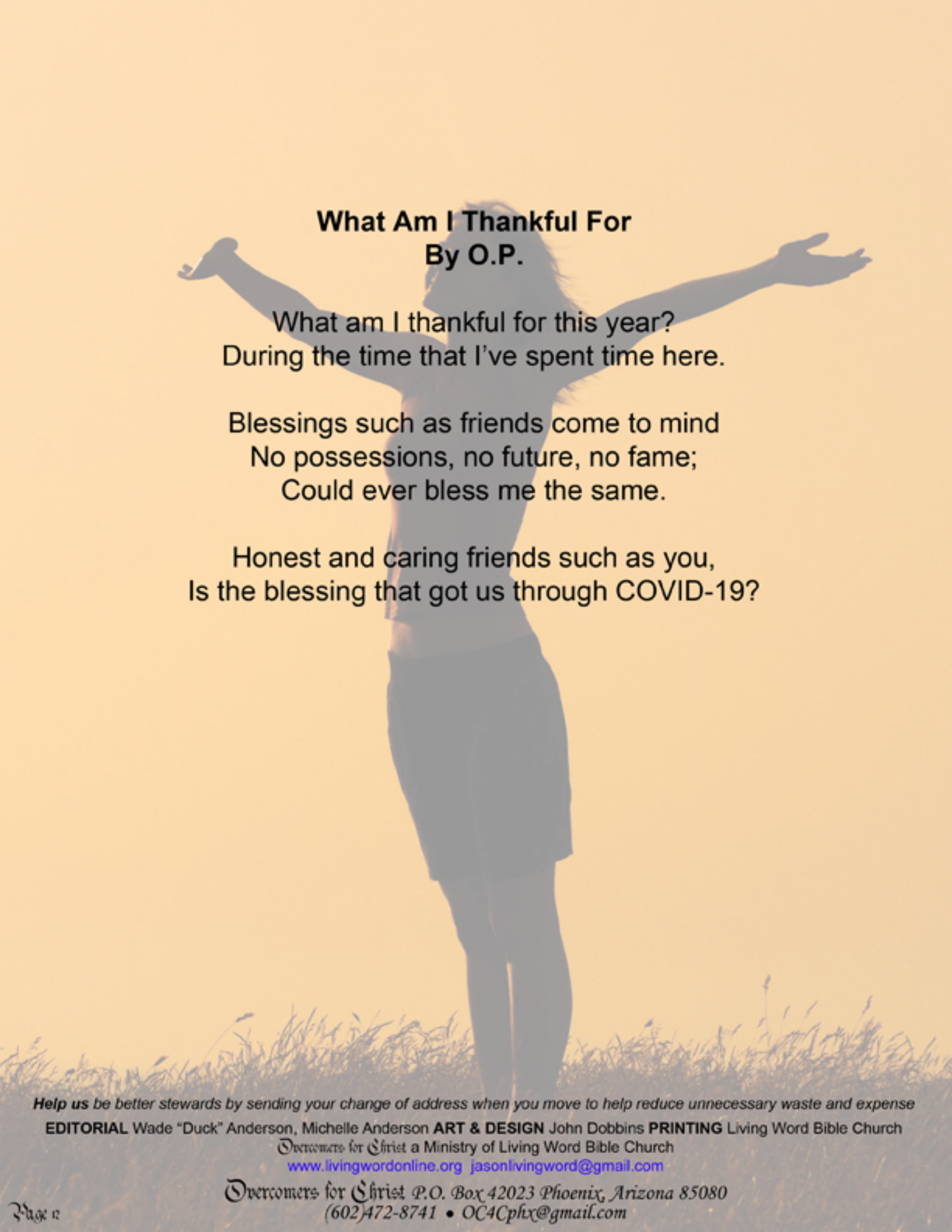
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**What Am I Thankful For
By O.P.**

What am I thankful for this year?
During the time that I've spent time here.

Blessings such as friends come to mind
No possessions, no future, no fame;
Could ever bless me the same.

Honest and caring friends such as you,
Is the blessing that got us through COVID-19?

Help us be better stewards by sending your change of address when you move to help reduce unnecessary waste and expense

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