

Overcomers for Christ

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God's Greatness

By P.G.

Greetings to all my brothers and sisters behind the walls and to all my new **Overcomers for Christ** family. And a shout out to our brother and Pastor Wade Anderson who by the grace of God has been placed in my life.

My season is almost over here in our training ground, prison. I had been wanting to write to several other churches that I had in mind to attend, but something was holding me back. Why? I did not know, in fact I thought I was procrastinating. But little did I know my plans were not our Father's plans. One day my aunt sends me the best gift she could have ever given me, an **Overcomers for Christ** newsletter, with a business card with brother Wades contact information. My aunt and uncle attend the Living Word East Mesa Church. That's where my aunt ran into brother Wade doing his work for our Father. My aunt told me, "Something nudged me to go back." That was when brother Wade began telling her about the prison ministry. That was when my aunt signed herself up to receive the newsletter. She also signed me up and I've now received my first newsletter!

The story does not end there. Come to find out we both have a brother and OG with the OC4C and a longtime contributor, Foot. 'Foot' happens to be my friend here. As you all know our brother had had some heart issues, and the day it happened and all glory to God, I saw it and ran straight over there. There were two other brothers around us, and we instantly started to pray the name and the blood of Jesus over him.

So, when I received the letter from my aunt and my first newsletter, I went to brother Foot and told him, and he too was excited. I told him the story of how my aunt ran into a brother doing a prison ministry with the last name Anderson. My aunt wasn't sure but said, "He must be a cousin or uncle of the Anderson pastors at our church because his last name is Anderson also." That's when Foot tells me that his pastor and friend has the last name Anderson also. I brought the newsletter and card back to Foot, and lo and behold it was one in the same, brother Wade, his pastor and friend. Foot does the Father's work 'inside' and had already mentioned my name to brother Wade in an email. Next thing I know, brother Wade signed up for emails on my tablet and now I am writing in the newsletter. The reason I share this with everyone is because sometimes we want to do certain things, but it may not be our Father's plan for us. My encouragement to everyone is to stay in prayer and be patient, it will come to you, just like it did for me. My plan was to start writing several different churches that I 'thought' I wanted to attend but our Father had other plans. That's when God placed brother Wade in my life. I don't know exactly what all for yet but we both agree that Gods hands is in it.

Here is a message the Holy Spirit gave me a couple of months ago to share on our yard service. Something to chew on.

Here is the definition of greatness; larger, in a greater degree, exceedingly great, large, loud, mighty, bigger, greater than.

First of all, greatness has come at a price for all the great people in life. They just did not wake up one morning and say, "Today I am going to be great." For example, Michael Jordan, Tom Brady, and Serena Williams did not wake up one day and 'poof', they were the greatest players in their sports. No! It was their passion, they made it their lives. They woke up every morning and gave it their all to be the greatest in their sports. They sacrificed everything outside of sports to be great.

Likewise, we have One who sacrificed His life for all mankind, to come make His dwelling place inside of all those who will call upon the name of Jesus Christ. The Word of God says that He is greater than the enemy of our souls, if we will allow Him to be. In **1 John 4:4**, we read, "**You dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one in the world.**" So, who is it that dwells inside of us as children of God? Well, **Galatians 2:20** tells us, "**I have been crucified with Christ I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.**" And according to Jesus, in **John 14:15-17**, "**If you love Me, you will obey My commandments. Then I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, because He resides with you and will be in you.**" According to Jesus and Paul, God's Holy Spirit comes to live in us as believers. Though we must die to ourselves first our main focus is to live for Christ.

So how do we allow all that dwells inside of us to be greater in our lives? I heard an analogy a long time ago about two wolves living inside of us, one good and one evil. Both of them are fighting for your soul, but which one is going to win? **Galatians 5:17** (Passion Translation) explains what's going on inside of us, "**For your self-life craves the things that offend the Holy Spirit and hinder Him from living free within you! And the Holy Spirits intense cravings hinder your old self-life from dominating you! So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit.**" From these Scriptures, how do we allow this greatness to be greater in our lives? The simple answer is, by feeding the New Spirit inside of us.

You may be asking, brother Paul, I thought the Spirit feeds us? Yes, indeed He does, however, we have to make a daily and conscious effort to immerse ourselves in the Word of God TO GET FED. As I was meditating on this message this

morning, I received some revelation: "I gave you eyes- honor Me with your eyes." Now I'll ask all of us, is what we are using our eyes for edifying us, helping us grow, and making Him greater? The revelation continued, "I gave you ears- honor Me with your ears." Again, I ask, is what we are listening to building us up." We have to be careful of who and what we are allowing to speak into our lives. What are we listening to? And yes, family, even the music we listen to has a direct effect on our inner man. Right here, let me recommend you all go find and listen to a song by Bryann T., called 'God's Eyes on Me'. Brothers and sisters, some music is a stumbling block. The next thing I received while meditating on this message was this, "I gave you a mouth- honor Me with your mouth." Again, is what we are speaking edifying others? OR are we confusing others with our mouths.

Listen closely to the commandment our Father 'spoke' to Ezekiel, in *Ezekiel 37:1-12, 14*, "***The hand of the Lord was on me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Sovereign Lord, you alone know.' Then He said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then He said to me: 'Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"***

The last revelation I heard in my spirit was, "I've given you life, honor Me with your life." Think about this for a second. Someone did not wake up today, but we did. And each day that we do wake up it's for the purpose of inviting people to the Kings table! We have to feed the one thing we value most for it to become greater in our lives. Which one, brothers and sisters, do you wish to be greater in your life? This is how easy it is, feed the one you want to be ruler in and over your life. Jesus IS already the greater One, but 'we' have to allow Him to be great in and through our lives. This change doesn't just happen without our asking Him too. And secondly, allowing Him to be the Lord of our lives. Paul assures us of this, in *Galatians 5:18*, (passion Translation), "***But when you are brought into the full freedom of the Spirit of grace, you will no longer be living under the domination of the law, but soaring above it!***" When we feed and walk in step with the Holy Spirit it is easier to resist the devil and he has to flee. Amen?!

Quote Worthy

"Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears."
– Barbara Johnson (1947 – 2009) an American literary critic and translator.

Christian Comedy

What do you call a bear with no ear? - - - - B

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

Please add me to the prayer list of the **Overcomers for Christ** family. Agree with me that my neck, arm, and back STOP giving me so many problems. Even writing letters is difficult. Also pray for my niece Nicole. She had skin cancer awhile back, and they recently found a spot on one of her kidneys. - **W.R.**

Good news! As of yesterday, medical advised me that I should be cleared to go to another yard! Then the counselor here recently advised me that they are trying to send me to Safford, which has been my goal. So please have everyone pray with me that I can get up there to join our brother 'FOOT' in the kingdom business to be done there. - **M.D.**

Brothers and sisters of the **Overcomers for Christ** family. I'm writing to ask all of you prayer warriors to please come into agreement with me and pray over this request. I was sentenced to 32 years and have already been down 11 of those years. I go to court soon and I'm asking for all of you to pray that the Lord softens the judge's heart to remove the enhancements, and that God's favor be upon me. Pray that Holy Spirit will have His way, and His will be done. Also, pray for my family's Salvation, protection, provision, strengthening and restoration, in Jesus's name. Pray that the Lord will continue to use me to share the Gospel here to the lost, for His Kingdom and His glory. Thank you all so much for standing in the gap with me on these matters. - **R.P.**

Calling all **Overcomers for Christ** prayer warriors! Please join me in prayer for my family, especially for my youngest son who's truly being afflicted by evil, my sister who has mental disabilities while still using and getting into legal problems. Also, pray for my youngest daughter who is dealing with depression. Thank you all for your prayers. I know God hears and answers the fervent prayers of His righteous children. - **J.R.**

PRaise REPORTS

Thank you for taking my call the other day. At the time I was seeking an anointed voice to council with, in Christ's Spirit. Having just turned 65, I feel I'm strong and vibrant, most of the time. However, I do recognize my body's fragile state where some restrictions apply in order for safe endurance. As a member of and part of the son of Man, I know the God of Israel has better harmonies for me to dwell with, minus the trappings of sin and darkness. We are either entertaining angels or demons with the essence of life and the activities we are performing. Shifting shadowing crosses our pathways that can easily turn glory into obsessions. All of this is what I'm carefully discerning the crossroads that lay shortly before me ... **T.C.**

Wade and **OC+S** family, I have a praise report! I went to my board hearing recently and ooh we they had three hours of questions for me when I got there. Anyways, the first two commissioners were nice at first and then there I was faced with a roaring lion trying to chew me up. That was when I said to myself, 'I'm done in now.' Then I lifted this simple prayer to Jesus, 'Lord, it's all in Your hands now.' I answered every question with respect, and I remained humble. That's when they told me, 'We can see that you've really been working on yourself. We find you suitable for parole.' I came here when I was 32 years old, and I'm 65 years old now. Now all I have to do is wait for the Governor to sign my release, or something. Thank you all for all of your prayers in this matter over the years. Thank you also for all of the cards, letters, and newsletters over the years. I'm just an ole sinner saved by faith in His grace ... **B.T.**

Quick update, Praise reports: My neck is doing much better, and I've finally got it strong enough so I can tilt it back to where it's supposed to be! After they replaced all those vertebrates, they put a rod in to fuse it all together, and it is tilted 6 degrees forward causing me to look downward. It all kind of bugged the crap out of me, but I suppose it would have worked great for walking and seeing road obstacles like screws and nails 😊. But truly, I'm more comfortable focusing on the car or two ahead of me. And now I can! Now for some really good news: I received a letter from Ceasar at New Freedom letting me know that God was working overtime on my insurance issue there. They were trying to grandfather me in, or maybe get me a scholarship (might have to do with the Recovery Support Specialist Classes I did at Yuma). Then four days later he sent me an acceptance letter and said they would pick me up on whatever date the CO III tells them! Praise Jesus! You can only imagine the way that made me feel! This was the only plan that I had, yet instead of being nervous I just held on to my faith that God was paving the way to wherever I'm supposed to go. God is great, and I always say, "He's the One driving this bus!" That's how I found all of you there at the **Overcomers for Christ**, and the way I found New Freedom. I'd say He's done a really good job finding me a new positive family ... **F.F.**

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From the Inside

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT to EVERYONE

By W.R.

Thank God you didn't take God's silence as a sign that He had a different calling for you or that He was done using you! Sometimes His Silence is, as you know, His answer to our prayers for guidance. And you're right, a lot of people would have gotten discouraged or taken God's silence the wrong way and abandoned ship! I've heard people's testimonies in regard to things like that! I think in situations like that brother we have to just trust in the Lord and our discernment. Like you said brother Wade, God is faithful and sometimes I think His silence is just a test of our faith and commitment.

I believe that the commitment we had when we were involved in the things of the world, all the wrong things of course did, in a sense carry over to our spiritual commitment and determination in our service to God and His kingdom! I know that has to make the enemy, satan, angry for he used those qualities in us to do all the wrong things until God flipped it! Now He uses it for His glory for God knows we aren't going to compromise or surrender what we know to be the truth or just disregard our integrity, principles, and values. We lived and died by those qualities when we were in the world and now God uses them in our commitment to Him and His kingdom! I know there is going to come a time in which you'll pass the mantle on to one of your grandsons, and that is a blessing that I know you're looking forward to seeing and experiencing!!

This next piece is so sad! I want it to be a SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT to EVERYONE who reads this newsletter! It's evidence that the enemy is running so rampant inside these walls and fences. I'm expecting them to bring in the dogs and shake us down anytime now for they've had four to five guys OD here on our yard, four in the past two to three days! That's just on this yard! They've been dropping like flies for several years now, and it's just become the norm in here. I had a good friend of mine go to the hospital last month from an overdose and if they hadn't of hit him with that narkan he'd be dead now. I told him just a few days before he OD'ed that he'd better get right with Jesus because one of these days they're not going to be able to bring him back. How sad it would be for him that the next time that he opens his eyes he's not going to be in a hospital, but in hell for all eternity with no hope of salvation! But, he just kind of laughed about it! He's already OD'ed five or six times in the past year or so. It's very sad when you truly think about it brother and sisters. Heck, I even had a guy go into convulsions last night as I was sitting next to him from smoking that spice. That, as I've already stated, has become the norm in here now! Closing the shutters on this one, for now, but know that you all are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Answered Prayers and Revelation

By G.T.

In *Malachi 3:16*, the Scriptures say that the Lord keeps a book of remembrance, so I decided I too would have one about Him. I titled it, *Answered Prayers and Revelation*. That's when I started to write down the things the Lord has done since my first answered prayer. It all started when I was incarcerated for four months with no one contacting me, no phone calls, or any letters. I was in a two-man cell and on the lower rack. It was about 11pm, it was dark and quiet with just a sliver of light from under the door. The other guy was asleep, and as I said, it was very quiet and just right for an undisturbed prayer, I thought. I wasn't sure if God would even listen to a prayer from a place like that, but I needed to try.

I began to pray a 'silent prayer' and asked God if He would let me know if he could even hear my prayer and let me know He did hear me. While I was praying, a thought began to interrupt my prayer saying, "Spell Shop". Immediately I said, "Get behind me satan, Lord, let me know in Your own way that" ... And then another interruption came saying, "What do you do at a red light?" Again, I said, "Get behind me satan!" I continued saying, "Help me Lord, listen to my prayer." This prayer was in my thoughts, not spoken out, and it was very quiet that night. I finished praying 'in Jesus' name' and went to bed in peace and anticipation of how God would let me know if He was listening to my prayers.

The next morning, after breakfast, I was still sitting at a center table, by the back wall where there were upstairs rooms and a stairwell on each end. I noticed a guy walking through the lower and upstairs floors for exercise. This was a guy that always took medications and people would pick on him for laughs. That's when he approached a few guys behind me on the second floor and they said, "Hey John!! Spell shop." John answered, "S-H-O-P." Next, they said to him, "John, what do you do at a red light?" He answered them, "Stop", maybe because it rhymed. As they were laughing at him, I jumped out of my seat and said, "Hey, how did that go?" I wanted to write it all down because that was the interpretation from the night before, when I asked God to let me know if He heard my prayer. In that instant I knew for a fact that God, in His own

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clever way, was showing me, He was listening.

That was my first entry in *Answered Prayers and Revelations*. I now have a total of 27 entries, so far. I felt like a kid in a candy store, with a \$20 bill. I knew God was listening, but I also understood that when I pray for anything it can't be for greed or against His Word. Instantly I knew exactly what I would pray for and that I was sure He'd approve. At that point I had a Bible with half the pages missing. That's when I prayed that He would help me get a better Bible. The next morning, on the shelf next to the phones, was a stack of various books ... and Bibles. I reached over and took one from the stack in amazement. The usual way we got books was when the book cart rolled through occasionally. I was looking forward to giving thanks again that night and was sure to write this entry in my book in remembrance to the Lord.

As I said above, I have 27 entries, so far, and I plan to make them all into a book eventually, to let people know that God is still working today as He had even thousands of years ago. The other entries I've written in this book are equally amazing because God is amazing!

Holy Spirit Guidance

By I.S.

We'll never really know until we get to heaven, but from where I sit, I want you to 'see' that through the newsletter and mail, many seeds have been planted in hearts of individuals who never knew who Christ really is or what He did in our stead. Through this ministry they have learned that 'they' now have something eternal to look forward to when they leave this world.

Think about this for just a second. If everyone were to keep in their minds that we must not be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, most crime and all other negative things taking place in the world could be diminished. But the only way these things can truly happen is if 'we all' allow the guidance of the Holy Spirit to rule in our lives. We who are true believers in Christ know that He is always watching us, and as He sees us go astray, He always shows us the way back to Him in ways that only He can.

FOCUS, TRY TO STAY CONSCIOUS OF ME

By M.M.

Hello!! I started today with a good Bible study on, FOCUS. Meaning, what are the things we focus our minds and lives' around. It's not only on our future and having focus in that area, but on the daily things of the fruit of the Spirit. I shared Scriptures, with the point of my daily focus. As I wake up, my thoughts begin to focus on being a faithful man of God, what I can do today to grow to a better man, husband, dad, papa, friend, and servant for God. In that, I do my best. I know I have to read my Bible, pray, fellowship, and then take steps toward my recovery while standing in my morales and values. TODAY was a great study, but much, much, more it was an hour filled with good conversations and prayer!!

Here's a little something else the Lord shared with me, and I want to share it with the OC&C family. I hope you all enjoy it. I pray that everyone is filled with the revelation that the Lord is good!!!! This is what the Lord has spoken to me. He said,

FOCUS, TRY TO STAY CONSCIOUS OF ME as you go step by step through this day. My presence with you is both a promise and protection. After My resurrection, I assured My followers, Surly I am with you always. (**Matthew 28:20**) That promise was for all of My followers, without exception. The promise of My presence is a powerful protection. As you journey through your life, there are numerous pitfalls along the way. Many voices clamor for your attention, enticing you to go their way. A few steps away from your true path, are pits of self-pity and despair, plateaus of pride and self-will. If you take your eyes off of Me and follow another's way, you are in grave danger.

Even well-meaning friends can lead you astray if you let them usurp My place in your life. The way to stay on the path of life, with My purpose and plan for you, is to keep your focus on Me. Awareness of My presence is your best protection. Keep yourself conscious of **Hebrews 12:1-2**, "**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**"

Foot's Bible Study

Ezekiel 42:1-44:31

The perfect symmetry of Ezekiel's temple may represent the order and harmony in God's future Kingdom. (42:16-20)

The basic law of God's Temple was holiness. In all He does, God is holy, perfect, blameless. There is no trace of the devil or sin in Him. Just as God is holy, so are we to be holy. **1 Peter 1:15-16** reads, **"But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, 'You must be holy because I am holy.'"** People are holy when they are devoted to God and separated from sin. It is important to understand the concept of holiness in order that we may progress in our Christian growth. (43:12)

These laws were originally given to God's people in the wilderness. They are recorded in the books of **Exodus** and **Leviticus**. They reveal the importance of approaching God respectfully, and they give guidelines for the priests to live above reproach so they could carry out their responsibility to teach the people "the difference between what is holy and what is common, what is ceremonially clean and unclean". (44:20-31)

1 Peter 1:1-25

Peter mentions suffering several times in this letter, read **1 Peter 1:6-7, 3:13-17, 4:12-19** and **5:9**. When he speaks of trials, he is not talking about natural disasters or the experience of God's punishments, but the response of an unbelieving world to people of faith. All believers face such trials when they let their light shine in the darkness. We must accept trials as part of the refining process that burns away impurities and prepares us to meet Christ. Trials teach us patience, **Romans 5:3-4** says, **"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation."** Also, **James 1:2-3** says, **"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow."** Trials help us grow to be the kind of people God wants. (1:6-7)

Psalms 119:1-64

The wicked have beat me. In this, the psalmist describes a hostile world in which even rulers persecute him. His enemies not only fabricate lies about him, but also seek his death. Yet in the same breath by which the psalmist voices his concerns, he proclaims his allegiance to the law. He will not abandon the truth even under pressure. (119:61-62)

Proverbs 28:12-13

It is human nature to hide our sins or overlook our mistakes. But it is hard to learn from a mistake you don't acknowledge making. And what good is a mistake if it doesn't teach you something? To learn from an error, you need to admit it, analyze it, and make adjustments so that it doesn't happen again. Everybody makes mistakes, but only fools repeat them. (28:13)



"Foot" Notes

MERRY CHRISTMAS! MERRY CHRISTMAS! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Hello everyone and Merry Christmas to you all. I want to tell you all that just because you are locked up don't think that your walk of faith cannot be a powerful example for your children to follow even though you can't be physically around. My kids are both strong in their walks. My daughter was just recently baptized in the Spirit and has become a powerful woman of God. My son is also a strongman of Christ, and they are both raising God loving children. Of course, my daughter easily can bring ol' dad to tears with her words of growth.

I just want you all to realize that you **CAN** do great work for God with and for your family from in here. Never let the liar convince you otherwise with lies that your life is a waste. Nothing is further from the truth!

Love to y'all short and tall ... Vaya Con Dios!!!

Up A Tree Word Search

Every word search contains a hidden message. After you've circled all the words and phrases on the grid, read all the uncircled letters from left to right, top to bottom, to spell out the answer to the 'punny' riddle, a punch line to a silly joke or words connected to the theme of the puzzle. When you try to uncover the hidden message, the letters will be in order, but you'll need to figure out how to break them into words. That makes this a puzzle within a puzzle.

Shaped like a Christmas tree ornament, the grid contains things that may be found on or in a tree. The hidden message answers the riddle, "What classes did the tree surgeon take in school?"

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Squirrel

Tinsel
Tire on a rope
Tree house
Twig
Vines

Overcomer's Testimonies

When I was in county another brother in Christ, and I started memorizing Scriptures together. The first one I remembered was *Isaiah 41:10*. "**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.**" With that Scripture I thought God was sending me home. I believed I was innocent at the time and thought I could manipulate God. Even after I got saved, I thought I was going to manipulate God and get out. But I was wrong, He had other plans in my life. His ways are greater than ours.

Back to Isaiah, I did not get full revelation of that Scripture until years later. I was sending that Scripture to my girlfriend when He truly revealed it to me. His Spirit said to me, right then, "I was telling you that you are about to go on a long journey but fear not I am with you. I'm going to strengthen you and help you. I am going to go before you and make your crooked paths straight." In that He has been faithful all the way. The Bible says, in *Proverbs 16:7*, "**When the Lord takes pleasure in anyone's way, He causes their enemies to make peace with them.**" I will honestly say, He was and is faithful to that. Remember, God is faithful even when we are not.

My troubles started in the county. I was on a big case that involved people from prison, but God had a calling on my life. I was humbled by the time I received it, because now I know my identity. My identity is in Christ. I now know the kingdom of man is not where God created me to be. I wish my family could see it, they hear it, but we are in a generation where people want to see it. The people currently around me right now, get the best version of me. But my heart longs for those I love to also 'see' it. I don't want them to have the impression they do of me from being incarcerated. I want them to see the new creation I now am. By the grace of God and all Glory to our King, I'm hopefully leaving a godly impression on those around me while I'm locked up, being an example for my brothers.

Some of the things you spoke in that last email, I have been sharing with the brothers. Like don't wait until you get out to build your foundation, start now! There's no better time than now. One thing we have, brother, is time (a gift from God). Another is, where we are at right now, in prison, can actually be a good place. Here, God CAN have our undivided attention IF 'we' allow Him to have it. Due to the many distractions 'outside' these walls and fences, when we are released, we will not have the time we have right here. This is why I encourage the church here to start now. We do have distractions here, but to a minimum.

Another thing you touched on was remaining teachable. In *1 Corinthians 8:1-3*, the Scriptures tell us, "**We all possess knowledge. But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God.**" Being puffed up is pride, and if we are not careful, that's a dangerous place to get into. Remaining teachable is very important as we start to mature in Christ. One thing my heart longs for is a spiritual father, but I have not run into anyone in here that the Spirit would allow me to go with. We do have some elders with a lot of knowledge but for some reason it has not happened. Maybe it's not supposed to happen with someone in here. I will close for now, and I continue to Praise God for allowing us to connect this way. Your brother in Christ ... P.G.

What Others Are Saying...

"Overcomers for Christ, this will be short but very special lines to say, 'God bless you and those you hold dear on Christmas Day and throughout the New Year.' Thank you all for your support through the cards, letters, and newsletters. I appreciate all of my family through the Overcomers for Christ. God bless you all" - E.G.

"Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Thank you for always being my friend and brothers and sisters in Christ. I thank you all that you have never left me nor forsaken me, just as Jesus said of Himself. I'll forever remember your devotion; I love you all deeply. Thank you for your loyalty and adopting me as family in Christ." - D.W.

"Hey there, my Christian brother, and happy holidays! First, I am so happy and surprised that we have been in contact since we first met in the Maricopa County jail back in 2015. I feel like we are best friends and I'm thankful that God has brought us together. It feels so good to have someone to talk to and help me keep my spirits up. I thank you for all of our correspondence, you're the only ones I get mail from and that makes me happy, my Christian family. The newsletters, cards and correspondence make me feel special, because you all never forget about me. Again, I'm very thankful to the Lord that He has brought us together to be true friends." - J.S.

FUN FACTS

December 7th – In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

December 7th – In 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, killing 2,403 American soldiers and civilians.

December 7th – In 1999, the Recording Industry Association of America filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against the online file-sharing service Napster.

December 7th – In 2002, Iraq denied that it had weapons of mass destruction in a United Nations declaration.

December 21st – In 1620, the Pilgrims went ashore at Plymouth Rock, setting foot on North America for the first time.

December 21st – In 1913, the New York World newspaper published Arthur Wynne's "Word-Cross Puzzle" and the first crossword puzzle.

December 21st – In 1937, Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the first feature-length animated, premiered.

December 21st – In 2013, the Walt Disney Company completed its \$4.06 billion purchase of Lucasfilm Ltd.



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FRIEND OR FOE

By F.P.

Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

I sit back and think about the day that we met
You helped me get over fears and over regret
You were my idol, I followed your lead
You were always right there in my greatest need

No matter the problem, you make it go away
You carried me through nights and brightened my day
You lifted me up whenever I was down
There was never a dull moment with you around

I craved your attention, to feel you so near
It felt like true love, but now the smoke is clear
You numbed all my feelings, and blinded my eye
Everything about you was one big lie

You were so smooth, you led me astray
You gave me a little, just to take more away
I depended on you, I couldn't break free
A throne of false pretense, my life was the fee

You asked so little at first, then you took control
I gave you my body, you tried taking my soul
You poisoned my blood, you poisoned my breath
The devil has a new name, I know him as Meth

1 Peter 5:8 - "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

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