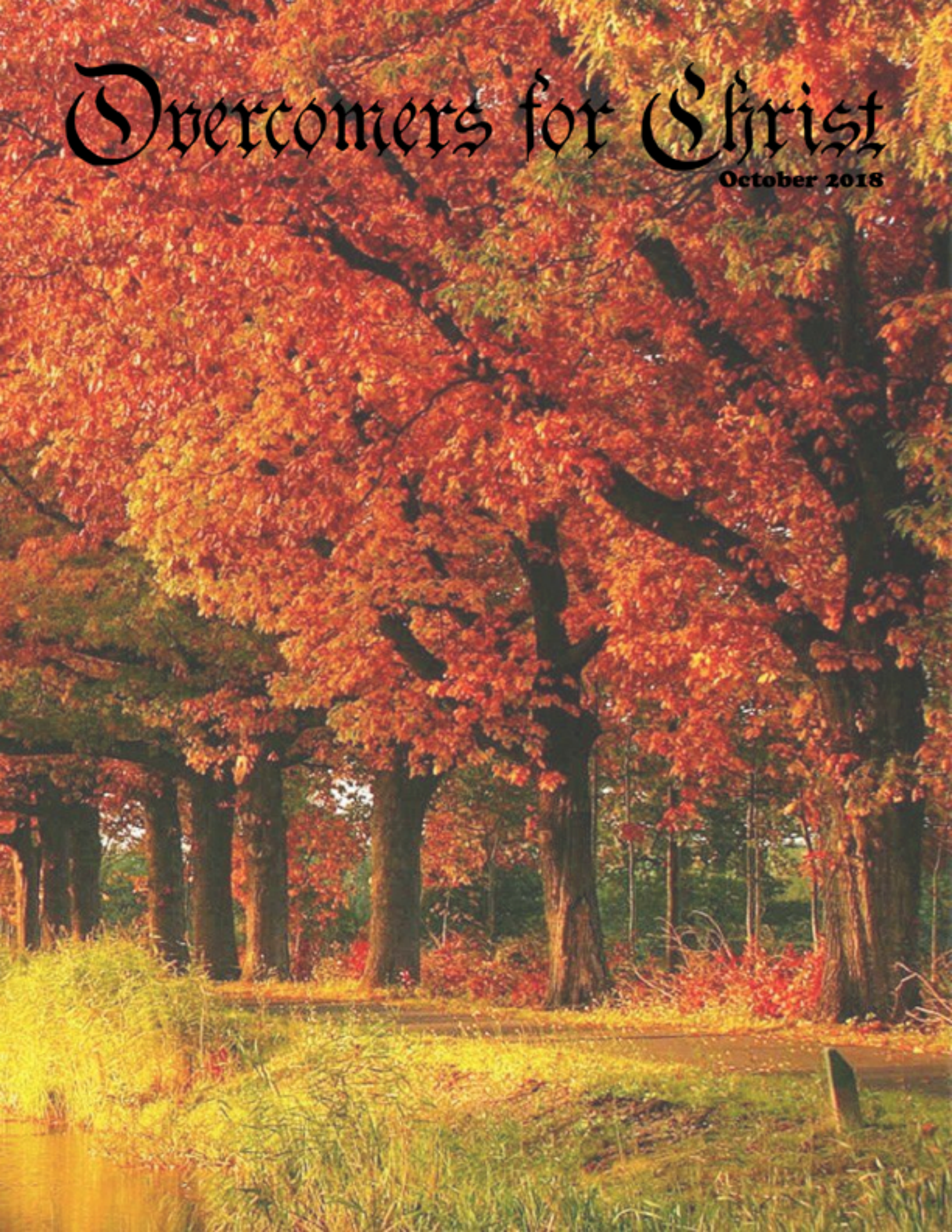


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YOU CAN HAVE WHAT YOU SAY - Part 3

By Wade Anderson

Let's pray: *"Holy Spirit I believe that You can and will connect all of these messages together. I believe also that You will break the chains that were holding some of my brothers and sisters captive AND SET THEM FREE. Father, it's Your Word that never returns void not mine. So cover my words with Your Blood and bring clarity to everyone that reads these newsletters. I ask these things in Jesus name, AMEN!"*

In last month's issue we left off where I had been at the altar and Holy Spirit asked me, "Are you ready to leave this here with Me and never revisit it again?" My quick response was, "Yes! Most definitely!" Then as I headed out to the car I soon realized that I had walked right in to the healing that I had been confessing as God had that quickly begun to restore even my voice. Let's pick up right there.

Through all of this I continually set goals and had visions of what I wanted to do, and where I wanted to be regardless of what was going on in the natural. As some of you already know, every year in January I go with a group of men from our church to an Andrew Wommack Men's Advance in Woodland Park, Colorado. This year was a little different as they moved the conference from January to March. Even though 'they' said it was due to weather changes I have a sneaking suspicion that God had a hand in that as well. Even though I was still weak I WAS slowly gaining my strength and God knew by March I would have enough strength to get out and go. I continued recruiting while Michelle was making airline and hotel reservations for ten of us to attend. Taking my eyes off of the situation I kept looking into the supernatural, seeing this destination by faith until "BAM", there we were in the midst of close to 1,300 other men praising God!

Do you remember where I'd mentioned that Pastor Jack Flash had spoken something to me about 'looking back in six months'? Well it was in October 2017 that I was sort of out of commission and at the time of this conference in Colorado it was now March 2018. Jack was right, it had now been close to six months and I did and today I look back and say, "Thank You Jesus!" I knew exactly when I was healed, standing there that day at the altar when Holy Spirit asked me, "Are you ready to leave this with Me and never revisit it again." That was the day but there was a process of regaining my strength to get me back where I am today.

It was in this same process that Holy Spirit showed me exactly where I had gone wrong 8 years previous to this. In that first go around I had begun feeling better and I believed what the Dr.'s had told me. They said, "It has gone into remission and that's a good thing. But you will have to take these pills for the rest of your life." I was never so grateful to feel better and in my ignorance I agreed with 'them' and even said, "Thank You Jesus I'm in remission." That's where Holy Spirit revealed to me, "By your own admission you allowed that nasty thing to lay and wait for the most inappropriate time to rise up once again. That wasn't My best for you but you settled for their opinion." I knew right then that I had to change my confession. I wasn't speaking remission but instead I was/am believing and speaking God's Word, the truth, I AM HEALED!

This time when this new Dr. told me, "You will HAVE to take these pills and shots for the rest of your life" I told them I AM NOT taking those pills for the rest of my life! She told me, "Please Mr. Anderson I don't want to see you the way you were when you first came here to our office. Please take at least one of the pills a day." My response to her was this. "Listen, I told you that I know I'm already healed and I know it's a process before you too will see it. Would you please do this, would you please believe with me that I am NOT going to have those symptoms you're talking about ever again? Could you please do that instead of sharing with me all of the medical and negative things?" She thought for just a second and then looked right at me and with a smile said, "Yes Mr. Anderson I will believe with you." This time I knew the difference between remission and my complete healing. And if I know that I was healed why would I admit to such a thing as remission? I WILL NOT CONFESS THAT AGAIN! Remission allows that 'thing' to stay alive and lay waiting for an imperfect time to rise up again. I AM HEALED, PERIOD!

When I needed healing in my body I didn't pray, "God, if it's Your will to heal me then please do so." NO! NO! Again, please hear me out so you don't misunderstand what I'm about to say, but for me, I personally didn't believe there would be much faith in a prayer like that. There is a place in prayer for that confession but not here, not for me. I know that a few of you out there may think and believe, from what you've been taught, "It's always God's will." Please believe me when I tell you that's only part of the truth. Another piece of the truth is that God so desires to partner with us to be His hands, feet and mouthpieces. He's given us His authority to use here on this earth (**1 John 4:17**) to lay our hands on, yes even on ourselves, and command our bodies to submit to this authority. So let me ask you all this, "Do you NOT believe that God still heals? Do you not believe that God wants to and will heal you?" Well, I KNOW that it's God's will to heal each and EVERY person that has an illness. "How do I know this", you ask? I know it because I've read it in His Word and I believe what God has said He has done He HAS DONE! And I believe that what He has said He will do He WILL DO! All He's asking is for us to believe and receive what He has already purchased and provided for us! If you will believe it you will receive it!

In *Isaiah 53:4-5*, the prophet Isaiah looking ahead nearly 700 years before Jesus' crucifixion prophesied, **"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."** Then the Apostle Peter, looking back from our side of the Cross said, **"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed."** (past tense, already purchased) (*1 Peter 2:24*). It's the Blood of Jesus that heals and delivers us. AMEN!? In fact, Jesus NEVER turned a single person away when they came to Him for healing just to teach them a lesson through that sickness. In *Matthew 15:30* it's recorded, **"And great multitudes came unto Him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and He healed them:"** Everyone that came to Jesus, that had the faith to believe, WAS HEALED. (*Matthew 12:15, Matthew 4:24, Luke 4:40, and Luke 6:19*) In *John 5:19*, Jesus said this, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise."** In both *Matthew 9:22* and *Mark 10:52* Jesus spoke and said, **"Your faith has healed you."**

I find *1 John 5:14-15* pretty self explanatory Scriptures. Listen, **"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."** I believe that one of the key essentials in our receiving is believing with confidence. Here's another thing that perhaps I should point out, you do know that God's will for us is ALWAYS written in His Word right? In order to first believe and then confess with a confidence we MUST first KNOW what His Word says about that particular situation. If God promises healing, and He does, then He will be faithful to bring it to ALL those who believe for it.

IT IS God's will that none should perish, but not ALL come to repentance (*2 Peter 3:9*) and it's also His will for everyone to walk in divine health. Though God has already provided both, Salvation and healing, MANY will NOT reach out and receive the greatest Gift God has already provided, Jesus, and MANY will NOT believe God for their healing. Many may believe He wants to heal them but won't use their God faith to receive it. Here's something that's a bit crazy to me. Many of us believe enough to receive our Salvation but aren't completely convinced that God wants us healed? WHAT?!

If you're one that has believed for your Salvation and are in any kind physical, mental or spiritual pain believe ALL of His Word, right now, and confess this with me, **"Father, even though I have read Your healing Scriptures many, many times TODAY I choose to believe ALL of it! Your Word says that Jesus bore ALL of my sickness and carried ALL of my pain. So TODAY I rebuke any sickness and command it to LEAVE my body in the name of Jesus. My body is God's property and you can NOT live here any longer! Based on Your Word, Lord, I believe I receive my healing, NOW. Body, I call you healed, in the name of Jesus."**

Someone out there may be saying, "Okay, I just believed and confessed this but I still don't see or feel a difference." To that I say this. Did you truly connect any confidence with your faith to what you just prayed? Do you remember when you prayed the prayer to receive your Salvation? After you received Jesus, at that instant, if you looked in the mirror did your outward appearance change? NO! Sure, you probably had a smile on your face instead of anger in your eyes but the REAL change happened on the inside of you. Your spirit became brand new NOT your outward appearance. You didn't see the change but you believed it, right? Remember what *Hebrews 11:1* says, **"NOW FAITH IS the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not (yet) seen."** Faith is in the NOW! You have to believe it NOW before you'll ever see it. When we put God's Word before our eyes, in our ears, in our hearts and then begin to meditate on what God says and then speak it with our own mouths it will begin to paint pictures of victory in your spirit. With your faith your spirit will paint the pictures of what you hope for and so earnestly desire. And with that kind of faith and confidence you WILL begin to receive that which you have asked and believed God for! AMEN!?

There's another element that goes with our receiving that I want to touch on and that is 'patience'. Patience and faith are like power twins and work powerfully together. I've heard Kenneth Copland say it like this. "When faith has a tendency to waiver, patience comes to faith's aid to make it stand firm. Patience without faith has no power to call into reality the things you just desire. Since faith is the substance of things hoped for, patience without faith has no substance. And faith without patience will, many times, fail to stand firm on the evidence of the written Word that gives the 'title deed' to the things not seen." So what I take from what Kenneth Copland just said is this; Patience undergirds faith and gives it the endurance to persevere until the answer comes. Faith is a powerful force but without the power of patience its force in our lives can be stopped from working because of our very own negative words and actions. *Proverbs 18:21* tells us, **"Death and life are IN the power of the tongue, and those who love it WILL eat its fruit."** Most people view patience as just putting up with something, or just being satisfied with whatever comes their way. NO! DON'T DO THAT! That is NOT the Bible definition of patience. Bible definition of patience is confident expectation that is based on faith in what God has said in His Word. Just like *Titus 2:2* says we are to be sound or developed in patience and likewise faith has to be developed. I experience faith to be like a muscle, the more I step out to believe and use it the more developed it becomes. Someone who

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Prayer Requests

'K' is a young guy that I disciple, he's getting released in a few months and is nervous about the change. Please pray for his living situation, and that God would give him the strength with probation. Also pray for my wife as she was bitten by a brown - recluse spider and ended up in the hospital. Please pray that she'd fully recover and that God would bless her finances ... **B.M.**

I want to ask you all to pray for me as I have this really bad temper and it gets me into trouble a lot with the prison CO's. Sometimes I say the wrong things when I get upset and I know that I don't need to, but I do it anyways. It seems super hard for me because I am doing 38 years to life. I am now 62 years old and I know that I am not getting out of prison because that is too much time for me to do ... **R.D.**

I have a prayer request to ask of you all. Please pray that I get in touch with my sister soon. I have been trying to make contact with her but I need your prayers in this area ... **R.G.**

I have a prayer request. Our church here is bilingual and our worship team is experiencing some legalism, not within our team but from certain church people who are hung up about what some of our team members do. Things like; one guy smokes, but he wants to quit ... another one of our guys also plays music in a 'yard band'. Many of us try to stay focused on bigger issues like getting the 'unchurched' saved, or in a position where we can be witnesses for what Christ has done in our lives. Please pray that the critical attitudes will leave our church. All of this keeps people away ... like there's not enough drama in people's lives here without other people gossiping about them. NEWS FLASH fellas, we're all felons! We were ALL sinners, NONE of us deserve anything but wrath from God - thanks be to Christ who saved us from ourselves through the Cross. We ALL should be praying to be a part of His Kingdom rescue effort, NOT to be part of what the world values ... superficial religiosity ... **B.M.**

I pray to God Almighty for your special ministry. May you all be blessed and be victorious, the Lord loves His children very much. I'm writing because I need prayer the Lord put it in my heart to pray for my Mexican American community. If it's possible, please publish my prayer request in your lovely publication. There are many gang members, drug addicts, and youths who drop out of school in my Mexican American community. I request prayer for my community so the Lord can give my community a new heart and spirit and break curses. I also desire that the Mexican American community stop supporting politicians who support same-sex marriage, abortion, and that despise law and order. I want my community to vote for candidates with conservative and Biblical values. Thank you my God fearing brothers and sisters for helping me in my special request. I wish you all peace and prosperity in Jesus' name ... **A.J.**

Praise Reports

Brothers and sisters at *Overcomers for Christ!* Blessings to you and your families. I am currently incarcerated. I am writing to you because I have not written to you in a long time. I've been struggling a lot with a few issues, but the Lord says we will have struggles in our lives. Struggles can bring you some ups and downs, and it can become very challenging at times, but with the Lord's help, we do not have to lose hope, for through my struggles, trials and tribulations I'm still standing tall through it all ... **A.G.**

I have been in prison for over 28 years now. I must confess, it was so hard to see my home being destroyed, men being killed and wounded and our lives being turned upside down. I pray to the Lord every night and He gives me strength and courage to endure. Without Him, I don't know where I would be, or if I would even be alive. I quit drinking and doing drugs May 5, 1995, the Lord took those evils from me. I have never craved them once. He also gave me my mind back. I was so mixed up and confused, He took that away. I've been able to complete 80 programs here at the prison, as well as 20 college courses, and I've maintained a 4.0 G.P.A. I am so thankful to have Jesus in my life. I am not a young man (57), and I have seen so much over the years. I try so hard to counsel the younger guys, to steer them away from drugs, alcohol, gambling and gangs. I try to use the teachings of Jesus, I don't always succeed, but I've planted a seed ... **G.K.**

The paper that I'm writing to you all on is from an extra booklet I got from our recent Global Leadership Summit. Once again, we were the only prison to get it. #BLESSED. Praise God! You can check out the men and women there at GlobalLeadership.org/Summit. This is the third year that I have gotten to go. I invited some un churchd guys who are really into business stuff, and they really enjoyed it. The conference laid out the Gospel pretty thick the second day, and I can see the Lord using this as a stepping stone for these guys to come to Himself. Praise God ... **B.M.**

My *Overcomers for Christ* Family, Thank you for your endless booklets and birthday letter's ... signed by everyone. It was and still is so heartfelt. If only you knew how many times I was half dead in my room from a near overdose. Then the conviction I have felt from your letters strengthened me and made me think of God at a worse time in my life. I know that it was the Holy Spirit working through you. Jesus and the Spirit are strong! I've been in prison for 20 years now, and I'm never getting out, but I'm happy in the Lord! Thank you for everything that you all do. PRAISE THE LORD! ... **R.M.**

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From the Inside

He's Our Victory

By G.B.B.

From the rear we fight, all day and all night
Through bars of steel and walls of stone,
We fight for America, America our home
Warriors, we are the rear guard, kept within the prisons
We fight with the spirit of America, our home

Darkness upon the earth that we cannot see
Unless we walk in Christ, filled with His glory
Glory stands with Israel, glory never grows old
Glory fills God's children, they are the brave and the bold

They stand before God in heaven, they watch through the darkest night
The darkness flees, the Son appears behold the morning Light
Though darkness thought it had won, that life would never be
Jesus Christ just shines forth, He's our victory

I live this with our Father each day and night
He brings me to a perfect place, He keeps me with joy even in here

A lot of people think they understand,
And know what we go through in here locked away
But no one can unless they are in our shoes
For real, I myself have been blessed by our heavenly Father
Who has touched me, and helped me in changing my life and ways.

I was moved to write this poem after receiving a vision of the crucifixion and what Jesus went through before He went to the Cross. It was so real that I felt like I was there. It was heart breaking. I still cry when I think about it and I think about it a lot. I think about it a lot because I was that soldier that nailed the Son of God to that Cross! We all have the blood of Christ on our hands and I say that because it was our sins that took Him to that Cross. Even though it was the Romans and the Jews that physically nailed Him to the Cross it was ALL of our sins that killed Him! No matter how you look at it, that's the bottom line to it! We all killed our Creator! It was His great love for us and the Father's love for us that allowed us to do it. What kind of a God, would leave Paradise/Heaven and come to the world that He created, as one of us, and suffer and die such a horrible death for someone like me?! For someone like any one of us?! How can we not be thankful, regardless what our lives and our circumstances may be? How can we not live for the One that died for us?!

May the Lord ...

By B.T.

Hello Overcomers, how you doing? Jesus loves ya all. Thank you for always sending cards and Overcomer's letters. I always pray every day for the brothers and sisters in your newsletter that ask for prayer. I love to pray, thank you for the letters and the uplifting messages and scriptures you send me. Thank you, I'll be 60 years old in June. I've been down almost 23 years. I love reading, studying and growing doing Bible courses. Thank you and the family for your kindness and your love. May the good Lord bless your family, loved ones, helpers and your ministries for all the help and love you give, sharing and spreading the Good News about Jesus to all of us, where ever they may be, may the Lord bless everything you all do and prosper you all, and heal you all. May the Lord help you and your families and loved ones with all your needs, may He protect every one of you and all the brothers, sisters and new believers around the world. May the Lord make His face shine on you all, and give you all much peace and love in Jesus name, Amen?

Life Altering - Hope Filled Redeemer

By C.B.

Hi there and thank you for the card that you sent to me. It's always nice to get mail in here. I also have been receiving the

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From the Inside

Overcomers for Christ newsletters each month in the mail. I read every word of it, and it really helps me to stay positive in such a negative environment such as this. I thank you and God for helping my battery to stay charged up every day and for my positive charged attitude staying positive in here. It's hard at times, but I always manage to go around, or stay clear of it most of the time.

I stay in the Word by reading my daily devotionals and the Bible every morning to start my day. I've been reading in *Isaiah* and *Isaiah 42:6-7* stood out to me. It says, "**I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness, and will take hold of your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison, and to release from the dungeon, those who sit in darkness.**" That says to me that Jesus hears our cries. He sees us all and He is working out His plan. At great detriment to Himself, Jesus came into the darkness of this world, He saw us down in our fears, our pain our sin and our despair.

He cracked the sky with His light and great love, and said, "I am here with you in the middle of this mess. And even better, if you just hold on to Me, I will save you." Knowing that we are not alone, that we are caught up in His love and light and that He came to save us that is life-altering ... hope-filled ... we will never be the same again ... kind of news that we can celebrate with great joy all year round! Amen! God is good all the time! Thank you so much for the card and newsletters that you guys at Overcomers for Christ have sent to me. I am truly blessed by them. Much love, peace and prosperity to you.

From My Heart

By C.D.

I pray that when this letter reaches you it finds you all in good spirits and good health. I have a 15 to life sentence, and I notice that I find myself complaining and having a 'poor me' attitude. Then one day I started thinking about the mentally challenged and physical disabled whose lives are so hard because their brains have simply developed differently. Who's lives are mocked constantly, not because they have done anything wrong but because their brains are different. So we sedate them and send some to asylums because we don't understand the incredible soul they have inside. Are we no different because of the way that we treat them?

I say all of this because I have a daughter that is disabled. And I truly believe that inside their hearts are fountains of love to give, and words to express, but forever trapped there because of the way that their minds are. Their lives are hard every day. So when I'm discouraged by some of life's obstacles, I know that they are only temporary and realizing how blessed all of us should be just knowing that there are other people in this world that have it harder than us. So regardless of our circumstances we should always thank God and stay focused on all God has done and continues to do for us.

Sometimes God puts us in a place so we can submit to Him. And for me that place was prison. Not that God placed me here, it was a direct result of my actions. But, here is where I began my transformation, to learn about the old man and to become the New man God has called me to be. I want you to know that as my faith and character are being developed, I will persevere and become mature and complete. I can assure you that my journey has not been an easy one, but it took me coming to prison for the Lord to get my attention. God doesn't punish anyone but like any other parent He knows we need a lesson in discipline to prevent even greater pain and suffering.

Many think that we cannot be worth anything until we suffer. But I don't believe this. I believe you will not be worth anything until you overcome that suffering. I have to allow God to take me through things, and allow Him to work in me so my mess becomes His message. The difficult things that we have endured in our pasts prepare us for God's blessings in our future. Wouldn't you agree? I believe that we all have times of growth that we may not be able to talk about to anyone. It is an intimate time of growth that we must endure. There may be things going on inside of us that we don't even understand. But when we finally arrive at the place that God wants to bring us to, we will then see how our past prepared us for what God wanted for us all along.

So the more that I focus on who I am IN CHRIST the less it matters who I was in the past, or even what has happened to me. I truly believe that the Lord will deliver me from my incarceration at His timing because only He knows what needs to be done in me. Only those that live behind these cold walls of prison know the reality it takes to survive. But, we do have possibilities whenever we develop the desire, to take away from our lives the thing that is defeating it. The capacity for reformation and change lies within. And it all starts with God!

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Job 31:1-36:33

Suffering is not meant to punish us as much as it is meant to correct and restore us, to keep us on the right path. **(32:2)**

Job's greatest test was not the pain but that he didn't know why he was suffering. Our greatest test may be that we must trust God's goodness even though we don't understand why our lives are going a certain way. We must learn to trust in God, who is good, and not in the goodness of life. **(33:13)**

Although we might have a wealth of Bible knowledge and life experiences, we must make sure our conclusions are consistent with all of God's Word, not just parts of it. **(34:1-15)**

Life always creates more questions than we have answers, and we must constantly go to God for fresh insights into life's dilemmas. **(36:26)**

2 Corinthians 3:1-4:12

We do not become believers by following some manual or using some technique. Our conversion is a result of God implanting His Spirit in our heart, giving us new power to live for Him. **(3:3)**

Being Christ's followers means serving others, even when they do not measure up to our expectations. **(4:5)**

Psalms 43:1-44:8

God's truth **(1 John 2:27)** provides the right path to follow, and God's light **(1 John 1:5)** provides the clear vision to follow it. If you feel surrounded by darkness and uncertainty, follow God's light and truth. He will guide you. **(43:3-4)**

In whom or in what do you trust? Only God is trustworthy, He will never let you down. **(44:6-7)**

Proverbs 22:8-12

A person who lives by violence is likely to die violently. A person who lives wickedly should not be surprised if he falls victim to crime. See **Matthew 26:52**. **(22:8)**

Knowledge refers to those who have knowledge, those who live right and speak the truth. It takes discipline, determination, and hard work to live God's way, but God protects and rewards those who make the commitment to follow Him. The unfaithful may seem to have an easier time of it, but in the long run their plans fail and their lives amount to nothing. Don't resist God and expect lasting success. **(22:12)**



“Foot” Notes

Hello, everybody!! I was just reading again about the fruit of the Spirit which we all look forward to receiving when we become Christians you know ... love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, yet depending on your Bible translation you could miss the "long suffering" part which in some translations is changed to "patience". The fruit of the Spirit is found in **Galatians 5:22-26**.

I know we tend to believe that as Christians our troubles are over, it's all gravy from here on out. Well, it shouldn't take long to see that the roller coaster ride of ups and downs continues on, but the difference is that as Christians we have the strength of our faith that Jesus Christ will always be with us and never forsake us that allows us to power through the downs and fully enjoy the ups, praising God through all of it.

Remember it's making it through the downs, that allow us to truly appreciate the joys of the ups, hallelujah!!!

Love to you all short and tall ... vaya con Dios ... Remember don't ride faster than your angels can fly!!

sets on their rack and never visits the weight pile will have the strength to do some things but when opposition comes their way do they really have the power to overcome that opposition? Probably not.

Trials and tribulations do NOT develop our faith. **Romans 10:17** says, **"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing the Word of God."** Trials and tribulations develop our patience. Our faith is developed as we believe and act on what the Word of God says. **Hebrews 12:2** tells us, **"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher (Developer) of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, ..."** Our faith should be developed on the Word of God LONG before trials and situations come our way.

Let's look over at **Luke 6:46-47** where Jesus said, **"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built."** Notice that the man spoke of here had to DIG DEEP. This is where our faith is developed, digging deep in the Word of God. When we dig deep to learn God's Word, the Rock we then stand on can NOT be shaken or moved! Again, our patience, not our faith, is developed during the storms of life. It, patience, is the force that keeps the door open for faith to work and overcome whatever rises up in front of us. Patience doesn't just barely hang on, white knuckling it, until the trial is over. But like Abraham did, it confidently expects that what God has promised He is able to perform in your life as well. Now turn over to **Romans 4:18-21**, and let's read it together, **"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead-since he was about a hundred years old-and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he DID NOT waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."** Like Abraham, if we won't quit but instead exercise the force of patience along with our faith, and all the while confidently expecting that God's promises WILL come to pass in our own lives, He will always cause us to triumph. Patience helps us to finish our course and keeps our eyes on Him - His Word - instead of the problem at hand. We MUST learn to depend on the Holy Spirit within us because He WILL help us finish the course with His grace giving us the strength and wisdom to navigate through EVERYTHING that tries to turn us sideways on our journey.

Remember in Pt. 1 of this message where we talked about how God formed the world with His words of faith when He said, **"Light be!"** and the Spirit of the LORD took the substance of His faith and formed the physical world? (**Genesis 1:1-3**) God created everything that can be seen with the natural eye - with the substance of faith. So, faith is something tangible, but it's not visible. And remember, from Pt. 1, **Genesis 1:26-30**, where God created man/us in His image - a living, speaking spirit like Himself? From our Creator 'we' were given the power, God's own faith, so we too could walk in His authority on this earth. In **Mark 11:22** where Jesus said, **"Have faith in God."** He was NOT commanding us to use our natural, human faith. Jesus was saying here, "You HAVE the faith of God already inside of you, use it." It's faith, patience and confidence that holds and activates the blessings of the Lord. We can either put faith, patience and confidence into action or stop them from working on our own behalf by speaking what the world throws at us. In everything that I'm saying here in these pages, I'm not trying to make like I'm some great spiritual giant, BUT on the other hand I am saying that with my faith connected to God's promises and God ALWAYS provides what I have spoken. What I am saying is this, "I believe what the Word of God says! I will NOT allow symptoms, situations or circumstances to move me from the truth that He has written in His Word for me, or that I've already experienced in my life! If God did it once He will continue to do it for the rest of my days on this earth!"

Following Holy Spirit I had continued to set goals/visions of where I wanted to be in this whole process. I knew that Michelle and I had also planned a road trip in June 2018 with two of our grandsons and one of Dylan's friends, Wesley, that he goes to school with. We now refer to Wesley as our adopted grandson. We had made plans with all of them, in the middle of everything that was going on then, to leave from Ohio and drive up the East coast to get these boys in as many states as we could during their summer vacation. I set my goals high because I knew I would really need the strength, energy and His peace for sure. With that said, we have been back from that trip for close to four months now. We were in 11 different states, stopped at the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania, stayed in Washington DC for three days where we seen the new Bible Museum, Lincoln Memorial, all of the Veterans Memorials, and visited the U.S. Capital and Library of Congress ... New York City for two days, we seen the 911 Memorial and the Statue of Liberty ... visited Plymouth rock ... visited 37 Harley Davidson dealerships and seen many, many amazing sights that my wonderful wife had planned for us to see, ALL in 10 days! AND I drove every single one of those 2,600 miles myself! So let me say this again, "THANK YOU JESUS!"

So, I'll bring this all to a close with this additional 'Praise Report'.

It had been 7 months since I had the last colonoscopy, where the Dr. told me that I had HUGE ulcers full of pus in my colon. It has been 6 months since I stood at the altar and heard and believed God for my COMPLETE healing. Ever since that day in January that I spoke of earlier in this message I have been telling the Dr. that I am already healed. And all along he has continued to tell me that we will go 'in' again and check on the status. Yesterday I went in for another colonoscopy. In case you didn't know, the day before you go in for this procedure you have to stop eating all solid foods and have only liquids. AND you have to drink this AWFUL stuff to help flush out your system before they do the procedure. So I hadn't eaten anything all day and that night when I went to bed, for several hours, my stomach ached and HURT SO BAD. It felt like it did way back when it all started. It hurt to the point that I got up out of bed with the bends, nauseous, sweating and gray as a ghost. I went to the bathroom and tried to throw up but there was nothing in my stomach, and that was NOT fun. After about 10 minutes I stood up and wiped my face. I looked at my stomach and said, "Symptoms! I KNOW that I am ALREADY HEALED so I am NOT listening to your lies anymore! In the name of Jesus leave my body RIGHT NOW!" And just before I turned the light off in the bathroom I looked in the mirror and seen these two stickers I put there to always remind me every time I look there. One says, 'Look who Jesus Loves' and the other one is a red circle with a line through it and it says, 'DON'T LIMIT GOD!' (*Psalm 78:41*) I smiled, turned the light off and went back to bed. Not when I laid down but when I woke up ALL of the symptoms were gone! Let me say this so that you all can meditate on it. Symptoms are to sickness what temptation is to sin. See, temptation is NOT sin until we buy into and act on it. Symptoms are NOT sickness unless we choose to confess and believe them. Symptoms are a lie from the devil just trying to get me to confess, "Oh No! Here we go again. I thought I was healed BUT it doesn't feel like I am anymore." I AM HEALED, PERIOD!! THANK YOU JESUS!!

When I was in pre op the Dr. came in and asked me, "How is 'your' ulcerative colitis?" My quick and only response was, "What are you talking about? I told you that I am already healed." His answer was, "I like that but we will go 'in' and see." As he was walking out I told the nurse that I wanted the Dr. to come in after the procedure and tell me the results. She said she would tell him. Thirty minutes later, in recovery, the Dr. came in and with a smile on his face said this, "You are completely healed. There are quite a few pulps in there from the healing but they are NOT a threat. They don't even have to be removed. I don't need to see you again for two more years" and he walked out. Instantly tears came to my eyes as I told the nurse, "I told him I was ALREADY healed. HALLELUJAH! Thank You Jesus!" Even though I knew that God healed me that day in January the Dr. just confirmed, NOT to me but to himself, everything that I had been confessing and believing.

Jesus tells us in *John 10:10* that, "*The thief comes only that he might steal and might kill and might destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.*" But in order to NOT believe his lies, whether it be temptation to sin or symptoms telling us we are sick you have to know what God has already promised you, is yours! DON'T BELIEVE the devils LIES! Renew your mind with the Word of God and believe what IT says in every situation! What God has done for me He wants to do AND He will do for anyone and everyone that believes. Do you believe? Talk at ya'll soon.

What Others Are Saying...

"Hello and God bless you! I got your card and it brought a ray of sunshine and positive feel for my future! Thank you. I do my best in here to share with others the truth as I see it from our Father. Even though that is not what some wish to hear. But in this place we all need hope, love and most of all, encouragement to defy these awful hate filled walls. I never really saw myself as a special piece of any family, or for that fact, part of society. But reading the words that you wrote to me, now I truly believe I can do something. Because you all have accepted me for who I am and overlooked all my past wrongs in life." - J.M.

"I recently was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison. I have rededicated my life to the Lord behind these walls and with God's help and my faith; I want to continue my walk with the Lord and my sobriety. Accountability in the body of Christ is a biblical principle. Paul tells us to be subject to another. (*Ephesians 5:21*) I would be blessed to hear from you guys, and encouraged by it. With your letters and words of encouragement and prayers to help me with my Christian walk and others on this prison yard. I've seen and read your bulletin from county jail and would like to continue behind these gates. Much honor, love and respect. Take care and God bless." - P.C.

"To all of you at Overcomers, I just wanted to share with you and your ministry like you've helped with all of us inmates. I appreciate your B-day card. It was so touching, I thought everybody forgot. I'm not sure where this small amount will help out, but this month I have prayed on it and God wants me to give to your ministry. Please accept my monthly tithe. I am so grateful to have watched your ministry grow from one page to all these pages of refreshing info. I enjoy all that you say and all the joy you put into your ministry service work. God will supply all of your needs. I hope this helps. May our heavenly Father keep His hands upon our nation, your ministry, the prison system, people that know God, people searching for God or people that don't know Him. God bless you." - M.O.



The Adventures
of

ULTRA TONY

By A.D.

On Halloween, Ultra Tony is on the lookout for the evil jack o' lanterns, they try to destroy godly things. Ultra Tony stops the evil jack o' lanterns and makes the streets safe for all God's children. Also, Ultra Tony is on the lookout for candy, he loves candy.

"Keep me safe, LORD, from the hands of the wicked; protect me from the violent, who devise ways to trip my feet." – Psalm 140:4

Quote Worthy

"If we have the true love of God in our hearts, we will show it in our lives. We will not have to go up and down the earth proclaiming it. We will show it in everything we say or do."

- Dwight L. Moody (1837 - 1899) - an American evangelist and publisher connected with the Holiness Movement, who founded the Moody Church, Northfield School and Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts, Moody Bible Institute and Moody Publishers

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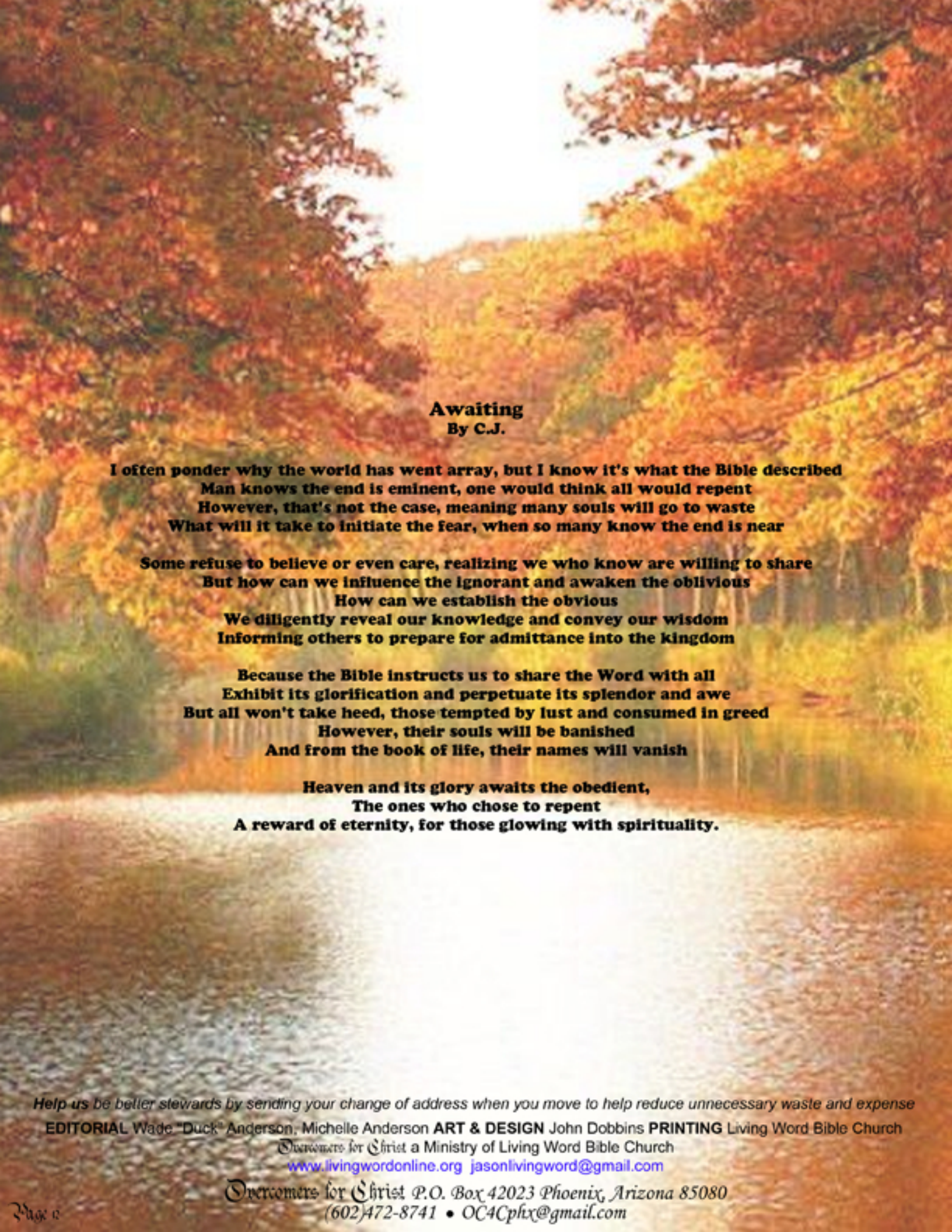
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Awaiting
By C.J.

**I often ponder why the world has went array, but I know it's what the Bible described
Man knows the end is eminent, one would think all would repent
However, that's not the case, meaning many souls will go to waste
What will it take to initiate the fear, when so many know the end is near**

**Some refuse to believe or even care, realizing we who know are willing to share
But how can we influence the ignorant and awaken the oblivious
How can we establish the obvious
We diligently reveal our knowledge and convey our wisdom
Informing others to prepare for admittance into the kingdom**

**Because the Bible instructs us to share the Word with all
Exhibit its glorification and perpetuate its splendor and awe
But all won't take heed, those tempted by lust and consumed in greed
However, their souls will be banished
And from the book of life, their names will vanish**

**Heaven and its glory awaits the obedient,
The ones who chose to repent
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