

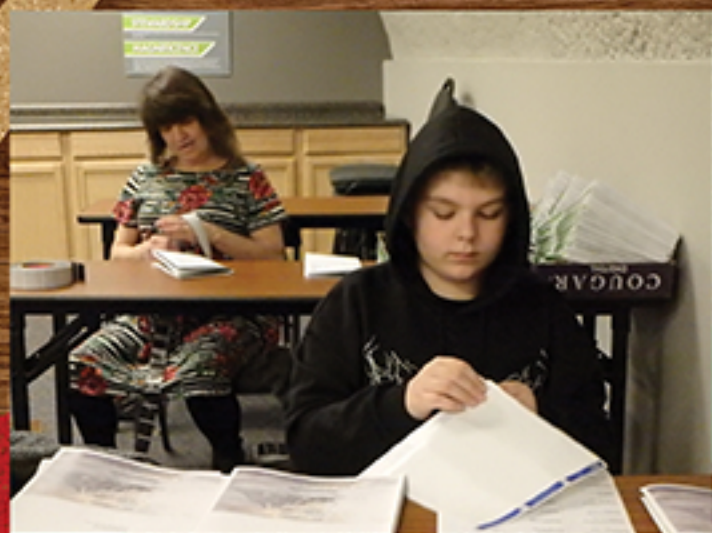
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Food for Thought

By H.M.

This is the forewarned perilous time spoken of in God's Word. Many in this era define their own truths based on their own opinions and subsequent desires. There are televised mock Christian cults that deny the existence of God's Holy Spirit as an identity, and claim He is only a characteristic of God's nature. These same cults also proclaim that any individual, if they so choose, will have the opportunity to repent after physical death. Let's look at **2 Timothy 4:4**, **"They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."** Unfortunately, there was a time when naively I was being indoctrinated by two of them simultaneously. Their magazines show up in every prison. I strongly suggest if you have questions, and especially if their material seems to infer new or unusual teachings, by all means write to them for clarification. As Christians naturally we are supposed to use scrutiny with tact. This is what **1 Thessalonians 5:14** says about this matter, **"And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone."** **Ephesians 4:14-15** says, **"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ."** Remember Jesus' words here, **"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other."** (**Matthew 6:24**)

Eternal condemnation is the resultant of blaspheming the Holy Spirit, but if you're afraid or concerned that you have, you probably haven't. Let's read **Mark 3:29** together, **"Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."** Naturally the devil and his crew will always try to get a person to lose hope. So, like I stated above, if you are afraid or concerned that you have, you probably haven't! God understands that we can be deceived, and Jesus shows us when we lie, we are also doing the ways of the liar, in **John 8:44**, **"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."**

There is a sin leading to death, but that sin, is the blatant rejection of our triune God. Let's look at **1 John 5:16-20** for a minute, **"If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death. We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him."**

"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." Now consider the love of Jesus calling Judas Iscariot His friend while foreknowing his betrayal here in **Matthew 26:48-50**, **"Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.' Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed Him. But Jesus said to him, 'Friend, why have you come?' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him."** Ponder these words in **Matthew 14:30**, **"But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, 'Lord, save me!'"** Is any of this beginning to sink inside of you? That is the favor of God's Grace. If there is ever somebody trying to lead you to believe that God is a tyrant with a big stick, tell 'em to jump in a pool and slowly sink. Submergence is immediate! Remember that **1 John 4:8**, NKJV, states, **"He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."**

A Christian band called *Petra* wrote the following Lyrics: **"Love is patient, Love is Kind, no eyes of envy, true love is blind. Love is God sending His Son. Love forgives all we have done. Love knows when to let go. Love knows when to say no. Love shines in the light of the Son. Love forgives all we have done."**

Just think, not only is God's love Pure, but its three-fold as described here in **John 1:1**, **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** And in **1 John 5:7**, **"For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."** Furthermore, His very nature abounds in truth, as seen here in **Exodus 34:5-7**, **"Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed before him (Abraham) and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin ...'"** Let's read **John 1:14** together, **"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."** Now Jesus says, **"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."** (**John 14:16**) Moreover, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth who

guides us into all truth. Listen again as Jesus promises, **"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."** (John 16:13)

The afore cult alluded to in the beginning of this message are like those who would throw out their baby with the bath water. The Holy Spirit is imperative for us to rightly divide the Word of Truth. It is necessary for us to remember **2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."** and like the Father, the Holy Spirit desires to cultivate truth in our inner most being. Let's listen to Paul, here in **Ephesians 5:5-10, "For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord."**

That truth is the complete Word of God, and in the end, His word will be the basis for Judgement. The writer of **Hebrews 4:12**, under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, assures us, **"For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."** Then, Jesus Himself, in **John 12:48, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."** A life of love is one that is in accord with the Father, and the dividends are priceless. Let these next two Scriptures sink in. First, let's read what Paul has to tell us in **Romans 13:10, "Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."** And Paul again, now in **Colossians 2:2-3, "For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."**

Figuratively, our Triune God is also the Word in triplicate, as again **John 1:1** states, **"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God."** In **Genesis 1:2** the Spirit of God is proclaimed to have been hovering over the face of the waters. The LORD is very serious about the way we use His Word as we find written here in **Revelations 22:18-19, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."** The Bible was written and given to us under the inspiration of His Holy Spirit. It's NOT for us to find loopholes for us to live our life the way we desire. The Word has to be read and understood in context, NOT a piece here and a piece there to fit our lack of obedience! If that's the way you use and interpret the Bible then you might reconsider the previous verses above. Thus, the reason for reiteration God being three parts but synchronized as a body, it's to substantiate how crucial every part of the Bible is.

God the Word as a whole, we know as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So, it only goes to reason that incompatibility of diverse Christian opinions (or convictions), is confusion fashioned by that serpent of old, the devil. We read, in **1 Corinthians 14:38, "If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant."** Again, Paul says, in **Romans 16:17-18, "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple."** Repetition of Scripture is often necessary to drive home its importance. So here again, I'll share Jesus' words from **John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."** Confirmations of the devil and his characteristics are given as, **"He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."** (John 8:44) Is God mocked or fooled? Of course Not! That is why in **Titus 1:2** it stipulates that God's promise of eternal life existing before (linear) time began. Presently many are caught in this world's shams and make-believers, of exaggeration and prevarications. Religious cults are big money enterprises, especially now! Here's Paul again, in **Titus 1:10-11, "For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain."** Thank God for the Bible which is His divine revelation. I truly hope that in just this short study some of you are starting to realize the importance of reading the Word of God for yourselves. Let me encourage you to invite Holy Spirit to be your teacher as

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Overcomer's Testimonies

I hope you and yours are all well and doing great. I am well and truly blessed. Something huge is fixing to happen, something so great that we as His children will see a blanket of glory raise to heaven.

Just like Peter saw in his vision described in **Acts 10:9-16**, this glory will engulf us, this glory will smother our Lord in love and kisses, just as He sometimes smothers us with mercy and favor. Sometimes I have seen some things I can describe as Peter did, others no words have been made to tell. My beloved brother, I know the smell of hell. Terrifyingly I remember it, and I acquired it when I died in 2003. Following my moto accident, I was dead to all for 4 minutes with a DNR at all hospitals in Tucson.

As my Daddy, my heavenly Father restored me to life, I knew because He told me it's all going to be alright. So, ok what's going to be alright? I don't want my life, I hate it! (then). Now in 2017, I was involved "romantically" with someone, we fought, and I sought suicide by cop, so I hit one. Then as I tried to drive away, another showed up, so I tried to wreck into him. But I was repeatedly then smashed by 14 sheriff's officers, where they broke my jaw.

Finally, I was woken where in a CT scanning machine (keep in mind 14 sheriff officers were involved), I thought I was dead because I couldn't move, it was very bright and so very loud – the noise I mean. I began to cry and cried out loud to "No Daddy, I'm sorry, I promise, I'll do better, I swear!" His response simply to a child is love, "Love like I told you to, love Me beyond everything then as you love Me, love your neighbor – do My work – love."

Then when I was in custody of Pinal City Jail – the Holy Spirit hit me with, "You're going to go to the sex offender side in prison." I responded with "Hell no! Why? I'm not one?" The response was, "Because so many of My children need love. So many don't even know love – go love My flock."

Finally, I'm here and I've met some really good people. And brother, I have seen some of those sown seeds blossoming while being rooted in brokenness. Sometimes I might not be in the mood to love, and I'll spill some love on someone accidentally. Still the Holy Spirit is working in me, and through me 24/7. This love is greater than anything I've heard or seen. God is so beautiful! It is written, we will be resurrected, so my goal is for others to see me loving them through the hate, loving in motion. I do my best to live blamelessly but I want to be sure to be sober minded, single minded. I say single minded because I am. I am God centered. It's because of Him, because of His love that I live now. It's because of His love that I have so much more to offer than the whole broken man that I was. Yes, I sometimes see what I've done, and I'm amazed that God still loves me.

God has greatly blessed me, and I've seen miracles, signs, and wonders. God has healed others through my own laying on of hands. I promised and surrendered my hands in 2017 when my crime was committed. I cried out immediately when I realized what I had done. In the instant that I cried out to God, He restored that situation and shed His grace and mercy on me at the same time. Today, I am nowhere close to the person I was that day! Sometimes I search myself and values to see if I'm B.S.ing. Today, my love is contagious too. I've seen my home coming and I've seen people I'm certain I recognize. It's as if they are hungry to hear what I have to say. I'm so excited!

Praise the Lord! "Heavenly Father, aka Daddy and Lord Jesus and Holy Spirit, we come to You to bless You to bless Your name in our praise and worship. You are the King of kings, and you are the Lord of lords. The only true living God, our Rock, and our Counselor. We love You because You are the greatest of all! We come to You in agreement knowing that this petition is covered in the Scarlett Blood of Your Son, Jesus. His Blood allows this petition to be fragrant and sweet smelling before You, Daddy. We thank You, knowing that You will hear our prayers, and not just hear but listen and provide answers in our times of need. You will be honored and glorified, over, and over and over again through eternity. You ARE worthy of glory, honor, and praise! Honor, glory, and praise that will go beyond eternity and all because of Your love. Thank You for making Your love so simple that even a simple man – single minded like me can understand it. Lord and Daddy, I thank You that we are reconciled because of Your love. We praise You and worship You that Your will is being done on earth as it is in Heaven. In Jesus name we pray, Amen."

Love to you all, my Overcomers for Christ family – K.Z.

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From the Inside

God's Plan is Supreme

By J.H.

I salute you all with the most sincerity from a younger soldier in the army of Christ! Your cards and words likewise are encouraging and add fuel to the fire that is burning in my chest.

Trusting in His plan, 100% of the time, all the time is key. Peter was able to walk on water until he took his eyes off of the Savior of the world. No matter what storm I'm in, I need to discipline myself to keep my eyes on Him. I also continue to work on understanding that God's plan is supreme and sometimes people we love, might not be a part of my day-to-day operations.

As you know, through the blood of Christ, true change is possible. I get discouraged when my sister will not help communicate with my teenage boys, I have so much to pour into them. My family is small, and I have no extended family in San Diego. And for me, this is a mini storm that I need to continue to trust in His plan, His provisions and how He is working in my son's life.

In one of my poems, I mentioned that "changing in the streets is not easy". In that I was speaking of my inability to change with all of those distractions, temptations, and skewed identities. Prison has been a perfect and ideal location for my particular situation. I had a chance to understand that people, drugs, money, and 'fake friends' could never satisfy the hole in my heart that is perfectly designed to fit only one thing, JESUS!

Today I have the contact information and I look forward to coming back into these same prisons and feeding His sheep!

God's Creations

By B.T.

I was given a free phone call this morning, so I called one of my daughters. It was nice to hear her voice, and that my grandkids liked their cards and pictures I sent them.

Earlier I was writing a letter to a couple old friends, explaining to them about God's creations. Being in nature while I was growing up, with the beauty of God's creations, it's easy to see the many things God created. It is so amazing to see how God created everything for a reason. Even with all the beauty it's hard for me to understand how most people don't see this beauty.

It's a shame that I'm in here and missing out on everything He has created out there. When I used to go fishing, hunting and to the mountains I would always look around at everything. I love nature, all of the animals, birds, trees, the wind, the fresh air, the clean fresh water that I could see through, rocks, cliffs, the different sizes of mountains. I loved the stars at night and how close they are. When it rains, watching the snow as it falls and hearing the power of the Lord as the thunder booms in the mountains makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up.

In God's power He is the Creator of the universe and brings peace in the mountains. Many people don't see what God has given to us to steward and take care of. Compare the mountains with the city life, it is so amazing how the mountains have so much more peace than the city life. City life has so many problems. Prison has so many problems, but we don't have to live like others. Jesus says, *"My peace I leave with you. In the world you will have all kinds of problems and tribulations. But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* (John 14:27, John 16:33)

God knows the beginning from the end. Everything God has created He's created for a reason. Isn't it amazing how the water in the mountains find its way to the ocean, and how water makes everything come alive? Before drugs found their way into my life, I was a funny guy, and I lifted other people's spirits up. I was caring, respectful, helpful, honest and a giver. I was raised to know how to survive. I fished, hunted animals for food and raised a vegetable garden.

Since having Jesus in my life, I've learned who I was and who I had become. Jesus has changed my whole life. Today I am very emotional, and I can feel the pain, the hurt and the suffering in the people around me. I don't like to see people or even animals hurting. I don't like who I was, but today, I like who I am in Christ. I was very ashamed of my past, but today I am forgiven by the blood of Jesus. I am a new creation, saved by my Savior Christ Jesus.

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From the Inside

God is so full of loving kindness. He seen my ugly life and came to save me by sending His Son Jesus to die on the Cross He didn't deserve, for me! I was lost but now I have been found. I used to be so blind but now I see. God lives in my heart, and I can feel Him there. The little things I think I know sometimes help me understand I don't know much without Him, and apart from Him I can do nothing.

The Father promised us that He would never leave us, so be strong and of good courage. Many of the things I'm going through I tried to figure out on my own, and it didn't come out too good. God said, "Don't get your wisdom from men, but from above, and don't try to be wise in my own eyes." I tried all of that and I failed. So today, I don't lean on my own understanding. The Book of Proverbs teaches us to fear the Lord our God. This is not telling us to be fearful of God, but respectful of Him. Being respectful we will listen to and live by what His Word has to say to us. Proverbs tells us to get understanding, gain knowledge, get wisdom and avoid evil. His Word shows us the way to go, and our sleep will be sweet.

When we listen AND OBEY, He says that He will even add many days and years to our lives. While seeking treasures, it's better to seek wisdom and learn what the Lord God tells us. Don't follow after riches like gold, silver, rubies, and money. Jesus even used the example of the rich young man storing up his riches in barns where moths and bugs can destroy it all. Jesus also said, "*Seek first, not last, not tomorrow, but first ... the kingdom of God and THEN all these other things will added to you.*"

In closing, a person's life here on earth is to seek after and adore God. After which we are to lead others to the Cross of redemption where they too may have eternal life in heaven with our Creator. Listen, no one knows what tomorrow may bring. Heck, we might not even wake up in the morning, and accidents happen every day. It doesn't matter how healthy a person is, or how rich they may be. What truly matters more than anything in this world, is that we have come to know Jesus, we follow Him AND that we truly trust Him with our lives!

God is Love and Love Never Fails

By J.S.

Dear friends and beloved Overcomers family! Let me begin with *Ephesians 4:17-19*, "*This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*"

Salvation from such futility comes from the indwelling Spirit of Christ, in us and all other believers. Let's read *Romans 8:10-11,26-27*, together, "*But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you ... In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*" Wherever we go and whatever we do, Father Himself will be with us. AMEN?!

Let's all pray this together; "Father God, You are bigger than the universe, yet closer than a breath. Thank You for being so interested in us and attending to our every petition and prayer, always in all ways. With everlasting love, Your child."

Sanctification is the process in which God Himself develops the NEW life of the believers, and gradually brings it to perfection. Now read *Romans 6:11*, "*In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*" And *Philippians 1:6*, "*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*"

Romans 1:17 tells us, "*The just shall live by faith.*" From faith to faith means 'faith' is at the beginning of the Salvation

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Foot's Bible Study

Ezekiel 35:1-36:38

God has a way of allowing our treatment of others to boomerang on us. So be careful in your judgement of others. In **Matthew 7:1-2**, *"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged."* (35:6-8)

The ancient heights refer to the Promised Land - the land of Israel. Israel's enemies challenged not only their boundaries but also God's promise to Israel. (36:2)

James 1:27

James doesn't say "if" trouble comes your way but "whenever" it does. He knows that we will have troubles and that it is possible to profit from them. The point is not to pretend to be happy when we face pain but to have a positive outlook – "let it be an opportunity for joy." Because of what troubles can produce in our life, James tells us to turn our hardships into times of learning. Tough times teach us perseverance. (1:2-3)

For other passages dealing with perseverance, also called patience and steadfastness, see **2 Peter 1:2-9** and the Scriptures below.

Romans 2:7 – *"He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers."*

Romans 5:3-5 – *"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. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love."*

Romans 8:24 – *"We were given this hope when we were saved. If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it."*

2 Corinthians 6:3-7 – *"We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry. In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God. We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind. We have been beaten, been put in prison, faced angry mobs, worked to exhaustion, endured sleepless nights, and gone without food. We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love. We faithfully preach the truth. God's power is working in us. We use the weapons of righteousness in the right hand for attack and the left hand for defense."*

Psalms 116:1-19

God is so responsive that you can always reach Him. He bends down and listens to your voice. This writer's love for the Lord had grown because he had experienced answers to his prayers. If you are discouraged, remember that God is near listening carefully to every prayer and answering each one in order to give you His best." (116:1-2)

Proverbs 27:23-27

Because life is uncertain, we should be all the more diligent in preparing for the future. We should act with foresight, giving responsible attention to our home, our family, and our career. We should be responsible stewards, like a farmer with his lands and herds. Thinking ahead is a duty, not an option, for God's people. (27:23-27)

“Foot” Notes

Hey Y'all. I don't know how it happens but I think we all go through it one time or another where we get twisted into believing that our faith needs to be some huge, bigger than life deal, or God won't either hear our pleas or do anything to guide us. Well, these are the times we need to remember what the Word tells us and to trust in the Word. Let's look at **Luke 17:6**. *"Even if you had faith as small as a mustard seed" the Lord said, "you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."* So we can see from this that the amount of faith isn't as important as the right kind of faith ... faith in our all powerful God.

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

you pick up the Bible to read it. Asking Holy Spirit for guidance is a sure way to receive the clearest revelations. I don't want to sound like all teachers of God's Word are deceivers, but you'll never get from man what Holy Spirit will impart and write upon your hearts.

Through it we are assured that the possessor who does as Jesus has instructed is impregnable. This is what Jesus has to say about that, *"Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock."* (Luke 6:47-48). Additionally let's read David's account, in *Psalm 18:2-3*, *"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies."* The means for accomplishment is by the Holy Spirit. He will lead you to put to death your fleshly tendencies to sin. *"For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."* (Romans 8:13)

In closing, here are some comforting words of love from the Father of Lights:

Isaiah 41:10, *"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

Joshua 1:9, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

Lamentations 3:57, *"You drew near on the day I called on You, And said, 'Do not fear!'"*

2 Chronicles 32:7, *"Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him."*

Deuteronomy 1:21, *"Look, the Lord your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the Lord God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged."*

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process, it is the goal as well. When we first choose to experience faith in Jesus Christ is when we are saved from the penalty of sin. This is where we are also declared and made righteous. Don't get this righteousness confused with self-righteousness. After this God will continually save us from the power and effects of sin, so we can be blessed with the experience of living righteously so we can declare, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."* (Romans 1:16)

We serve a supernatural, all-powerful God that always says "Yes and Amen". And He also just happens to be our Heavenly Father and our point of origin. That's for real and true! To me, a Christian is someone who, in this life on earth, is always on the road following Jesus Christ in all ways. A person seeking to be Christ-like. Oswald Chambers stated, "Eternal life is not only a gift FROM God, it is THE gift of God." God is our 'Father's' title. 'Father' is His position in our lives. 'Jehovah' is our Fathers personal name He gave Himself so we could know Him completely. Our Father is the ONLY true living God." We all are protected 100%, Loved 100% and our Father has really and truly got this under control. So, be safe, be confident, and do like our 'Poppa' does ... LOVE THOSE AROUND YOU!

What Others Are Saying...

"I want to thank you for your kind words and prayers concerning my dad. I know that I will see him again in heaven, and that has made this a lot easier. Well, I was reading your article about love, and I want you to know it has helped me. It's far from easy in this place, to love our enemies. I was raised to not let any man say anything about me and him not get a response. I am learning more and more to love and let it all go, because all that matters is Jesus and His love for me." – M.G.

"I hope you don't mind me sending you all my picture, I thought it might give a little insight into who you have invited into the O&E family/church. I realize you are a busy man and cannot write me as soon as I write to you all. The last pen pals I had were three chicks in Tennessee and two in Texas. All they wanted to do was write smut and work me for stamps. They finally even had the nerve to ask me for cash. God has truly helped me by finding all of you there at the O&E ministry. I have no idea how many people you write to, but I know we really appreciate all of you and the work you do for His kingdom, here on earth. Thank you all for your attention and prayers for us all." – R.S.

"Dear O&E team, thank you all for the birthday wishes. It never fails with you all, for the last 3-4 years I have received a card either the day of or the before my birthday. I'm so grateful to have all of you in my life. Thank you so much for the newsletters, birthday cards, and the unexpected mail with God's blessing. I thank God for all of you." – A.T.



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Hello everyone! We have been working with Andrew Wommack Ministries, Charis Bible College, to have their books and Inmate Bible Study (IBS by mail) available to ALL of you that are currently incarcerated. The request was finally approved! This is **FREE** of charge! Each month when you write they will ship your requested book, **FREE!**

To obtain these materials in either English or Spanish you simply need to write: **Andrew Wommack Ministries - P.O. Box 3333 Colorado Springs, CO 80934-3333** and begin to grow even deeper in your relationship with the Lord. Get started today, your walk will never be the same!



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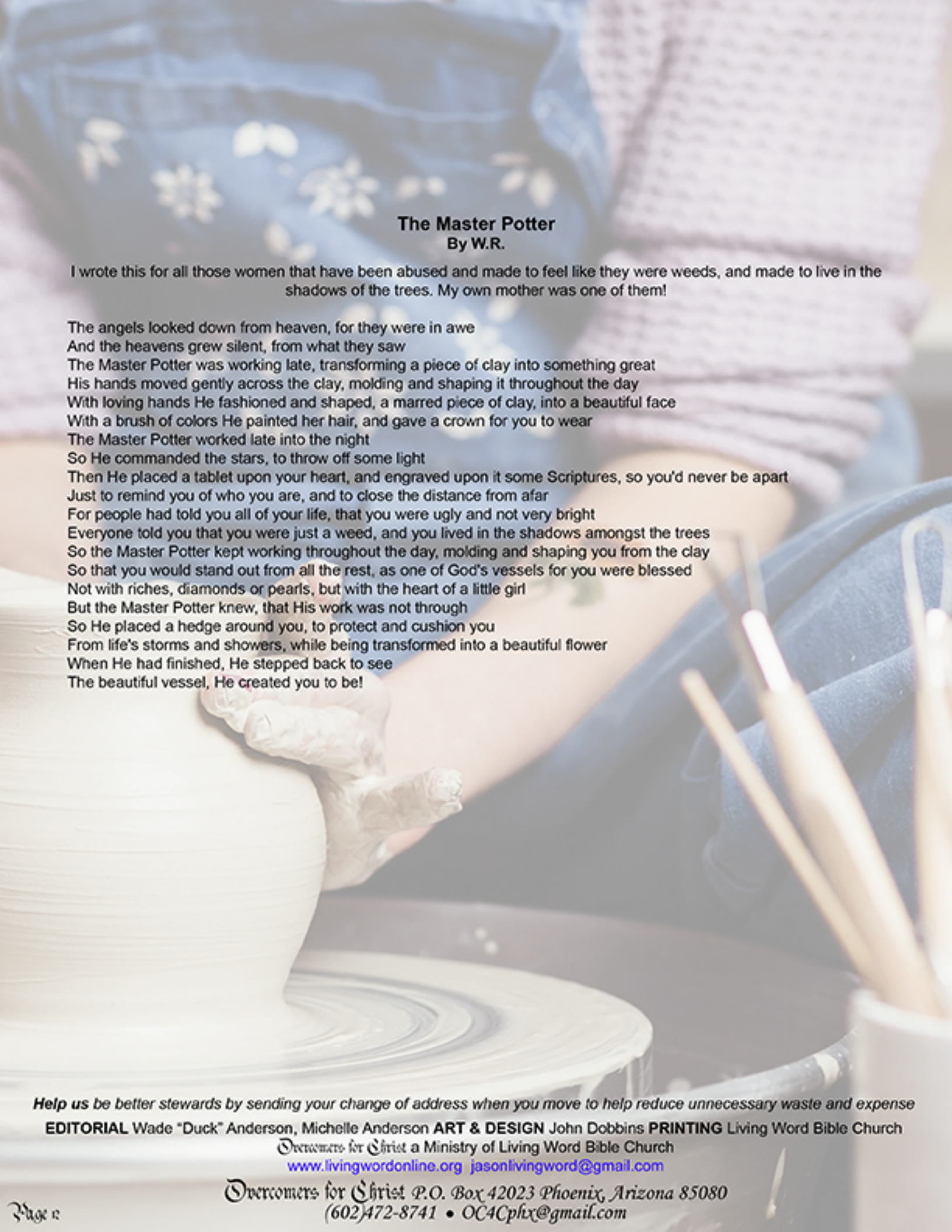
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The Master Potter
By W.R.

I wrote this for all those women that have been abused and made to feel like they were weeds, and made to live in the shadows of the trees. My own mother was one of them!

The angels looked down from heaven, for they were in awe
And the heavens grew silent, from what they saw
The Master Potter was working late, transforming a piece of clay into something great
His hands moved gently across the clay, molding and shaping it throughout the day
With loving hands He fashioned and shaped, a marred piece of clay, into a beautiful face
With a brush of colors He painted her hair, and gave a crown for you to wear
The Master Potter worked late into the night
So He commanded the stars, to throw off some light
Then He placed a tablet upon your heart, and engraved upon it some Scriptures, so you'd never be apart
Just to remind you of who you are, and to close the distance from afar
For people had told you all of your life, that you were ugly and not very bright
Everyone told you that you were just a weed, and you lived in the shadows amongst the trees
So the Master Potter kept working throughout the day, molding and shaping you from the clay
So that you would stand out from all the rest, as one of God's vessels for you were blessed
Not with riches, diamonds or pearls, but with the heart of a little girl
But the Master Potter knew, that His work was not through
So He placed a hedge around you, to protect and cushion you
From life's storms and showers, while being transformed into a beautiful flower
When He had finished, He stepped back to see
The beautiful vessel, He created you to be!

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