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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

Letters of Faith

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“He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me...”

Psalm 50:23

“...in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Dearly Beloved,

The Scriptural admonitions to give thanks to our God and to praise His Name are multitudinous, the benefits promised with our thanksgiving are mighty, and the results of our not giving thanks are too monstrous to meditate. It is a great privilege for us to be able to honor the One, True, Holy, and Almighty God of the universe with praise and thanksgiving! Yet this awesome privilege is as simple as giving thanks!

Thus we started our July 2015 *Letters of Faith*. No, I’m not going to repeat it this month, although if you have it lying around somewhere within reach, it wouldn’t be a waste of your time to reread it.

November is traditionally our month to be especially conscious of being thankful. Some of our country’s earliest founders established that in our national DNA with testimonies of giving thanks and praise to God for their very survival. So I think it is natural that my heart and mind have been drawn to meditate on some of the incredible ways the Lord Jesus has blessed us as a ministry and as individuals in His Service. This has given me a desire to share with you some of the blessed Thank You notes that we have received.

We were recently blessed by these comments from a precious sister in Canada: *Thank you for the Letters of Faith that I receive from you regularly. They are so close to what is going on in my life that I sometimes wonder if you are “reading my mail.” The week my husband and I spent with you and Gretel was very rich in our lives. I want you to have my new address because I would truly miss receiving your words and thoughts of encouragement.*

From a precious friend we haven’t seen for over 15 years: *Thank you for this June letter, Paul. It so spoke to my heart — if you EVER wondered if you should continue your monthly gifts to us, please know we are grateful for each month’s blessings in them!*

From an awesome brother in Christ ministering to national conventions of pastors, evangelistic crusades, and a blossoming church in the Philippines: *You are loved by God and all of us here! May the power of God always give you enough strength to minister your love and His revelations to us. Your life and ministry have encouraged us all in our walk with the Lord Jesus. Your teachings have taught our people to love God and His Scriptures. We are praying for you and dear Gretel always.*

From a saint we first ministered to at an Ellet Ministries conference in England years ago: *Thank you for your continued ministry to believers in Christ and for the help and encouragement your letters have given me over all these years. You have faithfully continued to minister to the Lord and to His people. I just wanted to let you know that I appreciate that very much. You have such a clarity in expounding and explaining the Scriptures and a powerful way of sharing what God has shown you. Thank you for continuing in faithfulness through your advancing years. May God bless and encourage you daily!*

From a couple in Florida who received powerful ministry from the Holy Spirit: *We are remembering with fondness our awesome week with you two so many years ago on this anniversary of our marriage being restored on your farm “sanctuary” when the Lord Jesus used you to heal us both and our marriage relationship with each other. Know that we continue to pray for you both every day with love in our hearts for you as you walk through the challenges of Gretel’s Alzheimer’s affliction.*

From a much loved dynamic pastor even older than I am, who opened his heart and his fellowship to our frequent ministry when we were first beginning to itinerate: *Just a note to thank you for your sharing the beautiful funeral message in your January Letter! I have read and re-read it and will put it in my files for plagiarizing at my next saint’s graduation service.*

From a faithful friend as she forwarded an incredibly needed offering for a ministry trip to England: *I’ve looked forward to your monthly newsletters for years now. Thank you. They have been a real source of encouragement to me. I was especially touched by your showing us all how you directed the pain of your loss to focus on the faithfulness of God our Father. How His promises are truth and can be depended upon for our comfort. Thank you for reminding me that the separation caused by death is only temporary!*

A note from a financial participant in our ministry which we received at a particularly challenging time in our personal lives and the ministry: *Thank you for “keeping on-keeping on” for Jesus! You write the most powerful, wonderful words of encouragement to us in the Body of Christ—and a blessed explanation of the scriptures. I have just read your Letter of Faith on being a change changer. Thanks be to God that your testimony of changes in your and Gretel’s lives have been for His good and glory for all of us! God bless you, and strengthen you, and give you many more years to minister.*

And finally, an awesome letter from a precious saint in our beloved England who was divinely ministered to at a critical moment in her life by one of our email Letters of Faith that had been hidden by God somehow somewhere in cyberspace for just the right moment to bless her: *In the midst of an extremely desperate situation, I had literally fallen to my knees and was pounding the floor in agony (not something I have ever done before or since) calling out to the Lord – asking Him what to do, when I felt Him say to me “Check your email.” There to my astonishment – after many months of not receiving it on time for some reason – was your “My grace is sufficient for you” letter. Its truth picked me up then, has held me through some very difficult times since, and indeed has sent fresh waves of faith and hope washing through me today as I was blessed face to face with Jesus. We do indeed face*

challenging times as His followers and there is much that would seek to blunt and dismay us, but we know—He has shown us—He will sustain us!

I sincerely pray that you understand that I share these blessings with you so that you will experience a bit of the awesome thankfulness we feel when we receive such testimonies of the Holy Spirit's ministering blessings to our faithful readers and supporters. You deserve to know that God is really doing great things through this ministry that your love, prayers, and support have made possible all these years.

I hope you can understand that after all these years of God blessing us and our constantly returning to Him thanksgiving, it is a privilege today to make a sacrifice of thanksgiving over His continuing grace and peace flowing into Gretel even though she is in an Alzheimer's prison. She is unable to verbally communicate, but her sweet spirit is untouched by the disease and her smile is still as radiant as ever. She is increasingly frail, and recently fell and broke her hip. Jesus is healing that quite well, but it has had a traumatic impact on her and has restricted her to a wheelchair. We are now all praying that the Lord Jesus will come and wrap His loving arms around her and take her to her heavenly home.

It seems to me to be increasingly important for us all to give a sacrifice of thanksgiving to our God regarding His reassuring presence in the accelerating ghastly pressures on the Body of Christ around the world of which the worldly systems seem to be completely unaware, or even worse, uncaring! Let us all make this whole month of November 2015, a continuous crescendo of thanksgiving to our true and Holy God, climaxing in an especially glorious Thanksgiving Day. May the cries of fear and consternation and despair of the worldly be totally drowned out by our corporate outpouring of our sacrifices of thanksgiving, **"...for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."**

God's Word to us says that this will honor Him!

Huge, God-honoring, Thankful Hugs,

Paul & Gretel

