

Overcomers for Christ

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THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW
CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS GONE, THE
NEW IS HERE!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



Glory Meeting of the Overcomers for Christ

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What Does New Year Resolution Mean to You?

By Michelle Anderson

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that You work through me and the words that are laid out are from You. You have prepared the hearts of men and women to receive this word that You have prepared for them. I thank You for Your Son and the many blessings that You have bestowed upon me, my family, the Overcomers for Christ ministry, Living Word Bible Church and the men and women who are incarcerated.

Welcome to 2018 ... the New Year is a great time to reflect on what we want out of this next 12 months. As we enter this new year, so many people make New Year resolutions, most of the time we do not stay committed or disciplined to keep those resolutions. The common resolutions are lose weight, work out, save more money, spend less money, read the Bible more, pray more, go to church regularly, be a better friend, be kinder, be more patient, and the list goes on and on. These are all admirable things to want to accomplish, but often times we bite off more than we can chew and then we are disappointed and usually get even further away from our resolutions (goals) and desires for our life. I know for myself the best way to accomplish things in my life is to trust in the Lord and focus on my relationship with Him, then He is able to assist me with accomplishing my resolutions (goals) and desires.

Here is how I would define a New Year Resolution with God's Word.

New command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)

Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35)

With all my heart trust in the Lord, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You, LORD are my strength and my shield ... and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy ... I praise Him. (Psalm 28:7)

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)

All joy, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (James 1:2-4)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy ... a day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. (Exodus 20:8)

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; He is holy. (Psalm 99:5)

Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)

Obedience is better than sacrifice. (1 Samuel 15:22)

Let them pray ... Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? The Lord will raise them up. (James 5:13-15)

Unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. (Psalm 119:130)

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. (Colossians 3:2)

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you ... to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)

Next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin (and sickness and disease) of the world!" (John 1:29)

These Scriptures tell us how to treat others, how to be in relationship with the Lord, and where our strength comes from. So, I urge you to spend time in God's Word and find the Scriptures that speak to you and guide you in this new year. You are certain to meet your resolutions (goals) when you partner with God.

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What Others Are Saying...

"I wanted to let you know how I enjoyed the 10th anniversary issue. Of course, it touches my heart to know how well brother Cory is doing. Please give him my love." - **M.D.**

"Overcomers for Christ, I am writing to say "thank you" for the birthday cards and to let you know that I have moved. My new address is at the bottom of this page. Please let brother Cash know I said hello and that his card meant a lot to me and to please keep me in you all's prayers. I'm doing good. Some days are more stressful than others but then I remember that regardless, Jesus is with me. Then I'm reminded of what He went through and quickly things are really not that bad. I'm filled more and more with joy each day that I spend studying His Word." - **K.C.**

"To all of the O+C team I say, greetings and God bless you all for the work that you are doing for the Lord. I'm in the county jail and when Wade showed up to visit and encourage me with God's Word I felt a light at the end of the proverbial 'tunnel'. I read the Bible that he was able to bring me every day from morning until night. This is the hardest tribulation my family has ever went through. This experience is especially hard. Regardless, I believe that the Lord has big plans for ALL of us. I thank God for ALL of the gifts that I am now more able to see, including whatever sentence I receive." - **B.M.**

"Hello brother, how are you doing? I'm writing to just say 'Thank you' for coming and visiting me in the county jail to teach me about God and the Bible. You are truly a friend to me and I don't have a lot of friends. You've helped me out so much through this journey by what you do. Because of you and the Overcomers for Christ I can honestly say I have the urge and the energy to change and give my life over to God. I was blind for a long time but I'm now starting to get it. I know my calling and that is to serve God and do what He has planned for me. I know I still need a lot of help and I'm willing to do whatever I have too to change this lifestyle that has taken over 20 years away from me. I appreciate the Overcomers for Christ and I'm so grateful to have you all as my new family." - **J.B.**

"Hello, I am interested in receiving your newsletters. I remember seeing them a few years ago in a different prison. I just found your address here where I now am and I figured that I would give this a try. I appreciate any help you can provide." - **C.B.**

"Hello, I'm currently serving an 8 year sentence in Buckeye and I get out in 2019. Anyways I was just wondering if you could please send me your monthly newsletters? A buddy of mine in here receives them and when I read them they really touch me and they made me want to receive them for myself as well. I would be blessed to receive them. Thank you in advance and God bless" - **T.D.**

"Hello and God bless you!! Thank you for the thoughts on my birthday. That made me feel wonderful inside. But also a little sad because not even one of my actual family remembered. But hey, it is what it is, and at least I'm loved and thought of by good caring people." - **J.M.**

"My girlfriend who is also doing time in Texas sent me one of your newsletters and I really liked it. It is very uplifting and I was wondering if I could get one sent here to me? When I was finished reading it I shared it at church with my other Christian brothers and they loved it as well. We don't get much Christian reading material here so thank you very much and God bless." - **A.J.**

"Being in prison and away from family we tend to forget that we are loved. But thanks be to Christ Jesus we, His 'family', can share all the love that He has shared with each other. Thanks again for remembering my birthday with the card and all the well wishes." - **A.L.**

"Thank you for the card as well as the printout for recovery facilities. You all are great! I really enjoyed the newsletter from last April. It was great to see all of the bikes and brothers and sisters in front of Teen Challenge. I have some fond memories of that place. I attended there back in 1994 and I worked for a certain pastor that would come by and pick some of us guys up to do some painting and drywall work for him." - **R.H.**

Quote Worthy

"Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) - an American poet and educator whose works include Paul Revere's Ride, The Song of Hiawatha, and Evangeline. He was also the first American to translate Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy, and was one of the five Fireside Poets from New England.

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

A request for comfort and blessings for Bruce and Dede, after the loss of such a loved child of God and family member. Dear Heavenly Father, as we come to You now, we ask in Jesus name to welcome Ginger into Your Loving Arms. We ask that she experience eternal life with You, filled with Your love and provisions. We ask You Jesus to comfort her family left behind, Bruce, Dede and RJ through these difficult times of mourning. Touch each of their hearts, preserving the beautiful memories of a lifetime of smiles, laughter and love, which they shared. I ask You Heavenly Father to reserve each of them a place in Your kingdom, and re-unify these loved ones when the time comes. Until then, will You provide them with signs from above that this child of Yours, our dear Ginger is happy and basking in Your glorious kingdom, watching her loving family grow in the Word of Christ. I thank You Father for replacing the pain of the loss in their lives with Your comfort, love and assurance that Ginger is loved and taken care of. Thank You in advance, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen ... **M.S.**

Please pray for my brother, he's losing his sight and keeps having strokes, due to an attempt on his life while locked up in 2010. As well as his fiancé, she got into a bad car accident last week and is in a body cast. I pray for their health, finances and that they look to God for the help they need in their lives. May God bless you and your ministry ... **P.B.**

I will have five years left at the time of my reclass. Please pray for my grandmother as she is going blind and she just had another heart attack. Please pray for my grandfather as well. He has cancer, stage 2 or 3 and is just starting his chemo. Thank you for all your prayers, letters and friendship ... **J.P.**

I would like to thank you for what you have done for me in the past. Your prayers and cards helped me get through a rough period where I wasn't hearing from my family. I am currently going through another rough period. I am trying to get the doctors in here to send me out to an ear specialist since I've already had two ear infections in the last two months. Both of my ears are currently red on the inside. Please pray for these doctors here to send me to a specialist so I can find out why my ears hurt so much. Would you also continue to pray for my family and everyone here in my dorm with me ... **A.H.**

Things here are the same ol' thing. Not much worth writing about. My appeal is active and I have an attorney working on that. So, I would request prayer on that, as well as for the Lord to open up lines of communication between my family and me, especially my sons. Aside from that I'm doing the best that I can ... **M.D.**

Praise Reports

I am set to parole next month. I've been in prison since November 22, 2004. I've been on your mailing list for the majority of my imprisonment. God has had a plan for my life and God has been with me throughout this journey and has kept me safe. *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter has always brought me interesting reading, but often it has lifted my spirits. I would like to thank everyone who has played a role with the newsletter, and its arrival to my cell. God bless you. **"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13 ... L.W.**

I want to tell you that your ministry is a huge blessing in my life. My son is doing good now and he is in a big place where he can run and not to other people's house, is that a blessing or what? God is working through me and I think that is neat. I still haven't heard from my dad but God is working through me to better myself, so I can help others. I always love to get mail from others to see where their minds are at. I've been spending time with my real mom, she came down from Cali to see me, so that is a joy ... what a blessing ... **L.V.**

I pray my letter finds all of you in perfect health and in high spirits as it leaves me. I am writing to let you know that I have 16 weeks left to finish off my sentence. I will have served six years by the time I leave this prison. There were times when I found myself with no strength to go on and I had one knee on the ground. I know I couldn't give up, so I would put both knees on the ground and pray. I'd ask my Father to give me the strength and His love to go on. I'd then get back up on my feet, dust myself off and push forward for another day always keeping my faith strong. My coming to prison totally changed my family's life for the best, thanks to God. For me it was a wake up and/or eye-opener to change my lifestyle. I am now ready to go live a drug-free life in Christ with my family. I have so much to be thankful for. I know it will take time for me to get back on my feet once I'm out in the world again, but as long as I stay positive and my faith keeps growing, everything will fall into place. Thank you for sending me my monthly newsletters, which I shared with others here to enjoy as much as I did. Take care and God bless you all ... **M.V.**

I have been fortunate to come across your newsletter and praise God for you all who put it together. I really relate to it, I love the foundation of the word it has. May God continue to bless you and your work in Christ ... a follower of Christ ... **C.A.**

I know it's a small amount, but it's over 10% of what I make and God said to test Him and so far I've never gone without ... **M.O.**

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From the Inside

Words for Encouragement

By S.L.J.

Hello to all my brothers and sisters inside and outside. I haven't written in awhile, but God placed it on my heart to write now. I want to thank you all for the 10 years of birthday cards and these life saving newsletters.

In the past few issues of the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletters I have noticed a lot of brothers and sisters with long sentences that are just starting to do their time. I wanted them to know that there is a light at the end as long as you keep God at the front of your journey. It's God that will keep you safe, peaceful and sane.

I started my journey in 2007 with a flat sentence, as I am writing these hopeful and encouraging words, I am soon to be released in 126 days. During this time all of my prayers have been answered. I have been reunited with all of my children. I've even been reunited with my ex-husband, someone I never thought I would ever speak to again.

I have found myself and have such a peace within myself. I am now able to love myself because of how much God loves me, He has NEVER left me, and He is always with me. Through His love I know that I am never alone no matter what the circumstances are around me. I know now that there will always be temptations and especially for all of those behind the razor wire. But always remember that help is just a prayer away. The answers may not always be the ones that you may want but they will always be according to God's plan for your life. If we can latch on to that "Everything happens for a reason" and that **"No weapons formed against you shall prosper"** you will make it through your time just fine.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you at the *Overcomers for Christ* meetings and helping you with this life-saving ministry. See you on the 'outside'.

No Weapon Formed Against Me Will Prosper

By T.M.

It is my hope and prayer that this letter will find you and all of *Overcomers for Christ* in the best of health and walking in the abundant blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

First, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the monthly newsletter, as it is always a source of encouragement and blessing. I praise God for your ministry. I received your June 2017 issue yesterday and was really moved by your message *Do You Still Remember? – Part 1*. I have had a lot of ups and downs in my Christian walk. I've seen the work of God in my life and yet I've been rebellious and stubborn.

I'm currently serving a 6 1/2 year federal prison sentence and I'm on my last 6 months before the halfway house. My hope is to attend seminary, as I believe it's God's will. I've been a modern day Jonah for way too long. I'm writing this letter from the hole. My cellmate had a contraband cell phone. I am guilty of using it, but apparently, he was using it for criminal activity in an attempt to frame me so that he could get a sentence reduction. I thank the Lord I discovered this and turned the phone in to prison officials, explaining everything with complete truth.

So, here I am in the middle of a criminal investigation for something I'm totally innocent of, all because I broke a rule. I've been here three weeks worrying, stressing, obsessing, doubting, etc. I give it to God and I take it right back, but your message helped to remind me of all the things God has already brought me through. God is truly faithful and He knows the truth of the situation. I am standing on *Isaiah 54:17*, **"No weapon formed against you shall prosper."** Praise God!!!

It is my hope that you would pray for me, asking God to bring the truth to light and to give all the investigators discernment. I ask that you would pray for the guy who did this, as I forgave him. Ask the Lord to strengthen me and protect me from anger, resentment and bitterness.

I believe the Lord has great plans for me and it doesn't consist of me remaining in prison for something I didn't do. I thank you for your time, prayers and consideration. May God bless and reward each and every one of you.

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From the Inside

Get to Know God through a Daily Study of His Word

By J.H.

Thank you for your "Thinking of You" card and taking your time to read my poem. I'm actually working on a book of poems that mainly have to do with the sanctification process that is going on in my life, from a selfish, non-self-controlling punk to a child of the Most High, who finally understands that the world does not revolve around him. I'm a 37-year-old black and white man who truly loves Jesus Christ, who truly understands that He's in control, and I rest in the fact that He knows our intentions. I have been saved since 2004, but I truly have only been serving the Lord since 2013. There's a difference between a fan and a follower of Christ. Every day I have a personal Bible study. I read a **Proverb**, a **Psalm**, a chapter in the Old Testament and a chapter in the New Testament, and I keep going through Revelation, a chapter a day.

From 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., we have a Bible study where we discuss things we're going through and look at scriptures. At 9:00 p.m. to about 9:15 p.m., we have a prayer call. I walk up and down the dorm and call out, "Prayer Call." We usually get about 5 to 8 people, but it's a good thing. I also attend a Bible College called Tumi. As a matter of fact, I have a final exam. The course or module I'm in is called *The Equipping Ministry*. We learn the difference between preaching and teaching, the importance of the Holy Spirit and different methods of teaching. It really goes into depth.

Proverbs 27:17 – *"As iron sharpens iron, so one believer sharpens another."*

Stay in the Word and Stay Connected to Fellow Believers

By P.B.

To D&S, I'm writing to let you know I have been moved and I am always blessed to receive your newsletters. I've been in four different complexes over the last six years and have received my monthly newsletters from you, no matter where I am. I just received my July issue and was moved by Brother Wade's lesson and testimony, and know the Lord will never forsake us or leave us, as long as we are listening to His voice and obeying His calling for our lives. No matter our circumstances, the Lord is always there. I needed that reminder. It's easy sometimes in here to give up on the truth and just move through this system day after day, just waiting to get out someday. But as I've found out, it's a lonely road to travel, we must stay in the Word and in association with fellow believers, or otherwise we become lost all over again. As for me, I will serve the Lord, it's the only thing worth doing in here or out in the free world.

God as Our Comforter - Jeremiah 8:18

By M.D.

The recognition of God's power to heal your hurts is a key component to experiencing His tender love. In the midst of great pain, Jeremiah acknowledged his sadness and the ability of God to comfort him. So, he cried out, **"I would comfort myself in sorrow, my heart is faint in me."** (**Jeremiah 8:18**) Centuries earlier King David moaned, **"Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness, I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none."** (**Psalm 69:20**) In the people around him, he could find no solace, but near the end of his song, his tune changed, **"And you who seek God, your hearts shall live. For the Lord hears the poor, and does not despise his prisoners."** (**Psalm 69:32-33**)

Where do you look for comfort? If you've relied on human remedies, you know how the effectiveness diminishes over time. Some try food or alcohol or drugs or escape into fantasy, anything to attempt to outrun the pain. But when the artificial glow wears off and the dream ends, the ache remains. There is no such thing as a life without pain and trial, and therefore there is no such thing as a person without need of comfort. Don't let anyone deceive you into thinking that the key to leading a joy-filled Christian life is avoiding pain, that simply is not possible in this sinful world, and neither is it profitable for us. God could choose to insulate us from hurt, but instead He allows us to experience the tough times that draw us closer to Him.

Out of our pain comes a need for God. As He ministers to us and we accept it with thanksgiving and a desire to learn, we become equipped to minister to those within our reach. (**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**) Hurting individuals like me know there is no substitute for experience. You can reach for God's comfort right now. Ask Him to give you solace, and find yourself wrapped in the love that will not let you go.

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Ezra 1:1-4:23

Cyrus was not a Jew, but God worked through him to return the exiled Jews to their homeland. Cyrus gave the proclamation allowing their return, and he gave them protection, money, and the temple articles taken by Nebuchadnezzar. When you face difficult situations and feel surrounded, outnumbered, overpowered, or outclassed remember that God's power is not limited to your resources. He is able to use anyone to carry out His plans. (1:2)

We may be discouraged by events in life, but we must never give up our hope in God's promises to us. The turning point may be just ahead. (1:9-11)

God cares more about who we are than what we accomplish, our work is always changing, and once magnificent accomplishments decay and disappear. Seek to serve God wholeheartedly, and then you won't need to compare your work with anyone else's. (3:12)

When you have been brought to a standstill, remember to stand strong in the Lord. (4:23)

1 Corinthians 1:1-3:23

How much influence do your desires have on your life? Your goal should be to let God's desires be yours. Being controlled by your own desires will stunt your growth. (3:1-3)

God's work involves many different individuals with a variety of gifts and abilities. There are no superstars in this task, only team members performing their own special roles. We can become useful members of God's team by setting aside our desires to receive glory for what we do. Don't seek the praise that comes from people, it is comparatively worthless, instead seek approval from God. (3:7-9)

Psalms 28:1-9

It's easy to pretend friendship. Wicked people often put on a show of kindness or friendship in order to gain their own needs. David, in his royal position, may have met many who pretended friendship only to meet their own goals. David knew that God would punish them eventually, but he prayed that their punishment would come swiftly. True believers should be straightforward and sincere in all their relationships. (28:3-5)

Proverbs 20:24-25

We are often confused by the events around us. Some things we will never understand until years later when we look back and see how God was working. This Proverb counsels us to not worry if we don't understand everything as it happens. Instead, we should trust that God knows what He's doing, even if His timing or design is not clear to us. For a reassuring promise of God's direction in your life, read **Psalms 37:23**, "**The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.**" (20:24)



"Foot" Notes

So, check this out. I've gotten to the point of my walk where when somebody blesses me I try to pay it forward or spread it as far as I can. I feel guilty if I don't help someone who may need some help. It's become second nature for me to think of others and what they may be in need of. I thank God daily that I've gotten to a point in my walk that I'm not my main concern anymore, I can trust in God that I'll be fine and my needs be met so I get great joy from being able to help others out who may just need it. Even with just my state pay I can still manage to help out here and there to folks who need it. God just continues to fill me with contentment, love, joy and peace.

I'll just say for ya'll to stick with your walk, it doesn't get easier but it does get better. Surround yourself with like-minded people, don't allow yourself to get in a position where anyone can bring you down. God will always stay the course with you, no matter what you do. So, how about doing the same for God, que no?

Love to ya'll short and tall ... Vaya con Dios!!

Overcomer's Testimonies

I grew up as a child in the projects of South Central Los Angeles. My mother was a devout Christian and she prayed constantly for her children to get to know who Jesus was and what He had done for humanity. That He died on the Cross for our sins.

At the age of nine, I remember going to church on a Sunday night. It was intercessor prayer night. Everyone was praising the Lord, jumping up and down and screaming, "There is an unction of the Holy Spirit up in here!" I didn't understand what was going on so I said to myself, "These people are going crazy!" At that point I asked my mom, "What is that all about?" She answered me, "Son you just don't understand." Watching her as she praised the Lord with her eyes closed, I walked out of the church and went to the car. I was in the car for about twenty minutes before she came out and tried to get me out of the car. But every time she would put the key in to unlock the door I rushed to push it back down to relock it. At that point she said, "Boy if you don't unlock this door and come back in this church, I'm going to whoop your butt!" So, I got out of the car and went back in to the church house. And at that age I sure didn't know or understand what was going on.

Now, at the age of twelve I started selling drugs. Then I got involved with gangs and started smoking marijuana so I was barely going to school. Through the ages of 14 to 17, I was in and out of juvenile facilities for selling drugs and aggravated assaults with weapons.

On January 11th, 2010, I came to jail for possession of narcotic drugs for sale and misconduct involving weapons. At that point I was a devout Muslim. I prayed five times a day and I couldn't stand Christians or anybody that wasn't of African descent or didn't believe in Islam. I hated ALL ethnic groups, especially white people and I hated them all with a passion. I couldn't understand why white people hated us Muslims. It wasn't all white people so I just want to make that clear.

The Quran is a book of hate that teaches Muslims to kill the Jews, infidels, Christians and unbelievers of the Islamic faith. I remember having a dream back in 1998. I was a Muslim at that time. I was in a black dark hole that didn't have a bottom. In this dream I was looking down on myself trying to pull myself out of this black hole. I remember trying to wake up out of my sleep, but I couldn't, and it scared me. I was trying to open my eyes, but they wouldn't open. I tried to stay calm, for about a minute, and as I did it seemed like my life came back into me and I was able to wake up. Just then the C.O. knocked on my wall for Ramadan. As I got up out of bed the sweat was pouring down my face and the C.O. asked me, "Are you alright?" I quickly answered, "I think I just had a nightmare." He replied, "Yeah, it even looks like you had a crazy dream, but you will be okay." Right after this we left the building and I went to Ramadan.

Now let's get back to my Christian awakening ... I was in the county jail back in 2010 when I woke up one morning and seen my brother R.J. giving a Bible study in his cell. So I asked him, "Is Jesus real like you all say He is?" His simple reply was, "Yes He is." Right back at him I said, "I don't believe He is God but I do believe He was a prophet sent by God." R.J. looked at me and said, "Bro, I used to be a Muslim, too. But now I am a Christian and I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior." "I want to get to know this Man named Jesus Christ," I said to him. Right then R.J. told me, "All you have to do is say this simple prayer and mean it in your heart. If you want this to happen just repeat this after me." This is the prayer that he led me in.

"Lord I know that I have been a sinner and I need forgiveness for my sins. I believe that You, Jesus Christ, died on the Cross for ALL my sins. I believe that Your Blood has cleansed me from ALL of my sins past, present and future. I believe that You were resurrected from the dead on the third day and I believe You live today. Jesus, come into my heart and reveal Yourself to me. Today I make You my Lord and Savior. Teach me how to live a life that is pleasing to You Lord. It's in Your name Jesus that I pray. AMEN!"

As SOON as I said this Savior's prayer I felt like a heavy burden had been lifted up off of me. I was smiling a GREAT BIG SMILE from ear to ear! I felt so happy.

Just then the C.O. came to lock down the pod for count. I went back into my cell feeling so good. I couldn't believe that I just said the sinner's prayer. I was so excited that I jumped up on my bunk and started reading the Bible for the first time by myself. Honestly, I couldn't really understand it but I kept reading it anyhow. It seemed like in just a few minutes I noticed I was getting tired. Shortly after that I fell asleep and again started dreaming.

This was no ordinary dream though. I dreamt I was in court but the courtroom looked more like a movie theater. Just then the curtains spread open and the judge was on top of the stage. He called a lady up to the stand and then hit the gavel on the stand and said, "Fifty years!" I was like, "WOW! He just gave her fifty years!" I wasn't talking to myself; in the courtroom with me was a Muslim brother of mine. I remember saying to him in this dream, "Man he is going to give me fifty years too!" As I was looking around the courtroom, and to my right I noticed a man sitting on this long couch. Then almost instantly I didn't see him anymore. All I could see was this bright light. I turned to the Muslim brother there with me and

asked, "Do you see that bright light over there?" He replied, "No, I don't see no light at all." It was hard to believe that he didn't see it so I stepped it up and said, "BRO! IT'S RIGHT OVER THERE!" He still didn't see it. Just then the judge spoke and said, "The court is in recess." Immediately I turned to the Muslim brother and said, "I'm going to wait for that man to come outside the courtroom so I can ask him who he is." As soon as he came to the door I approached him and asked, "Who are you?" At first he just smiled so I asked him again, "Who are you?" He smiled at me again but this time said, "I AM who I AM." "Are you Jesus," I asked? As He walked by me He said, "Yes, I am Jesus." At this point in the dream I looked around and the Muslim brother was gone. So I followed Jesus to see where He was going. But by the time I got to the corner to see where He went, He was gone.

I wanted to share my dream. It's my REAL and TRUE testimony and I wanted everyone to know that, "Jesus is AWESOME!" I'm so glad He brought me out of the darkest stage of my life. Today, I can feel the Holy Spirit in me and I love that He gives me the discernment to recognize the TRUTH. I did NOT have that when I was a Muslim. Today, now as a Christian I realize that my Comforter is the Holy Spirit NOT Muhammad as the Quran used to tell me. I love my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! He IS my Redeemer, my Salvation and He is God manifest in the flesh and dwelt amongst us on this earth.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." - John 1:1

"And the Word was made 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." - John 1:14

I've been following Jesus Christ ever since that day! - J.D.



Ultra-Tony is a hero child of Christ who teaches people about God. Look for future issues to follow his teachings.

"The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher." - Luke 6:40 NIV

Bible Logic Problem - Prophet Reunion

Five prophets who attended The School of Prophets 50 years ago in Bethlehem have returned for a reunion. From the clues, work out which town they come from, how old they are, and what miracle they specialize in.

1. The prophet who can make fire is a year older than Jezemiah, but a year younger than the prophet from Damascus.
2. Elishin can make everything dark, but is not 88 years old.
3. The prophet who can run as fast as a chariot is 86 years old.
4. The prophet from Nazareth is able to heal sick people.
5. Mosus from Bethlehem is not the prophet who can turn water to ice.
6. The prophet from Jerusalem is the oldest.
7. Jonnah is younger than his friend Neham.

		Town					Age					Miracle					
		Nazareth	Jerusalem	Damascus	Jericho	Bethlehem	85	86	87	88	89	Fire-maker	Heals sickness	Darkness	Freeze water	Run fast	
Prophet	Mosus																
	Elishin																
	Jonnah																
	Jezemiah																
	Neham																
Miracle	Fire-maker	N															
	Heals sickness	Y	N	N	N	N											
	Darkness	N															
	Freeze water	N															
	Run fast	N															
Age	85																
	86																
	87																
	88																
	89																

How to complete the Bible Logic Puzzle:

In the grid, enter N for combinations that aren't true, and enter Y for each true combination. For example, for clue #4 enter a Y in the box where Nazareth and Heals Sickness intersect. Since you know that the prophet from Nazareth heals sickness, then you can enter N in all the other Miracles and Towns. See grid.

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Another year of gladness, the glory of Thy face

Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast
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