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Thank You Jesus for Family

By B.W.T.

Just writing to say 'Hello' to the **Overcomers for Christ** family everywhere, inside, and out. Well, this June I'll be turning 64 years old and nearly every single morning I get up and pray for everyone around the world. Every morning I still read Scripture, continue to draw pictures, and attend 19 groups a week. I have this little prayer I say nearly every day. Maybe it might help encourage some of 'you' to do the same.

"Thank You Jesus! When I am lonely You give me love. When I find myself guilty You grant me forgiveness. When I have doubt You give me faith. When I have a searching mind You give me direction. When I feel empty You fill me with joy. God, You never fail me, You are here with me now. You have given me Your Salvation, You are born within me by Your grace and my faith. It is going to be a joy filled, beautiful day."

For my birthday this year I ask the entire **OC4C** family to keep the faith, stay strong and keep following Holy Spirit's lead. What the 'family' continually does by sending your messages, prayer requests, praise reports, and Scriptures to the **OC4C** headquarters shows your love for this incredible **OC4C** family. If it weren't for the whole family everywhere joining together, caring for each other and loving on each other ... well, there would be nothing but negativity in lives. It's not one person in a family that loves on everyone. It's the whole 'family' loving on each other that creates a stronger more loving unit. Everyone everywhere together helping each other, that's what this 'family' does!

Maybe many of you in 'this family' might not realize what your letters, messages, prayer requests, praise reports, poetry, what others are saying and even artwork do for the rest of us in the 'family'. Each one of these topics I've listed here show's someone else that there is hope. I don't believe it's by accident that Wade and Michelle put the prayer requests and the praise reports and the Scripture above on the same page. I know from my own relationship with them that they are encouraging us and saying, "If you have a prayer request and believe by faith that God hears and answers prayer then you will definitely have a praise report."

Think about it 'family', just this one page alone has brought so many praise reports. Why do I say this? Well, I'm pretty confident that when this huge 'family' reads the prayer requests nearly every single one of you join individually, in your own way, in agreement with the requests. Individually, yet all together, in agreement, is a corporate prayer, and corporate prayer is powerful! If any of you prayer warriors are like me, you pray for these requests and know to leave it in God's hands. Later down the road when I read that same page, I see in the praise reports section that YES God has answered the prayer that I lifted to Him! That builds my faith and I'm sure it builds yours. So, 'family', be assured that not only the **OC4C** team on the outside but more than likely every set of eyes that read your prayer request is praying for you and with you.

Look at the "What Others Are Saying" section of the newsletter. This section is a place where most of us are sending our 'thank you's' to the ones at the **OC4C** headquarters for their effort in sharing the Word of God with all of us. Wouldn't you all agree that we ALL need encouragement? I know from my own personal interaction with those who are there, they are no different from us. So yes, we ALL need encouragement. I truly do not believe they print these things to make themselves look good. My heart says that they do what they all do because of the love they receive from God, and they know how much God's loves the family unit. Because we are in God's family now, through Christ Jesus, together we not only share in God's love, but we are to share this same love of God with the world around us.

Editors note: After reading and typing what our brother B.W.T. wrote I, Wade Anderson, was enticed by Holy Spirit to continue on with this next portion and sort of tag on to B.W.T.'s message.

Thank you all for your input in this ministry newsletter 'family'. You all have made such a difference in my own life and my walk with Jesus. Holy Spirit affirms to me always, through all of you, that all of us together have made a huge positive difference in the world of negativity that we are temporarily living in. It's all of us together, through this newsletter, that help show that one lost sheep his/her way back to the flock. This strong **OC4C** family unit is truly making a difference! Over and over, I have read in the mail where someone found one page, in the trash can, and they too wrote to become a part of this. Over and over, I've read how one person shares it with another and then another and then another. Pretty soon a whole pod is reading the same '1' newsletter, until one by one they too write for their own copy. It's all of you who have carried the newsletters from one state, or yard, to another and someone else in that state or yard has written to be added to the 'family'. It's through these newsletters and all of your interaction of sharing the vision/mission 'we've' received, with others everywhere, that we pray help you realize you DO have family that cares, that we all are on this adventure together and we need each other!

Maybe there are some of you on the inside that wonder if God really sees and hears you? I pray you do know that there is no amount of darkness that will ever obscure God's sight of you. It's the Light that chases away the darkness. The devil will continually try to get you to believe his scenario, that it's the darkness that causes light to flee. How do I know one is truth and the other a lie? We'll look at one scenario and then the other. First, you can be in a completely dark room for a

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few seconds before all of a sudden, your eyes begin to refocus and you begin to see even the tiniest of light. Now the second scenario. Now, in that same room, as you focus more on the light the more of the darkness fades away. Then all of a sudden 'Someone' opens the door and where did the darkness go? Out door! In all of your darkest days you can be assured that 'Someone', that Light to hold onto is Jesus!! Let me share some Scriptures that will not only verify this but will as well, strengthen and encourage us all that we are NEVER alone, IN Christ!

Holy Spirit spoke to Isaiah, in *Isaiah 9:2*, ***"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine."*** When I read these next Scripture, it touched my heart. ***"You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice. They will rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder. For You will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders. You will break the oppressor's rod, just as You did when You destroyed the army of Midian. The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned. They will be fuel for the fire."*** (*Isaiah 9:3-5*)

Come on now! How powerful is that! "The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned. They will be fuel for the fire." Hallelujah! It doesn't matter what you believe you have gone through or are going through in faithful obedience, bloodstained and all, it will ALL be fuel for the fire that the enemy will live in forever!! Now, I've got to ask you, are you a warrior or are you an armchair participant? Do your boots have the shine knocked off of them, are your uniforms bloodstained? Or is your uniform nicely pressed and creased? Can you see your own reflection in your boots? If the latter is the case, quit possibly your reflection is all that you are concerned with and in that sense, you are pretty much the armchair participant. God needs us ALL in the trenches, rendering our hands to His business. We'll never knock the shine off our boots if we never minister too or disciple the other Timothy's in front of us or beside us to become Paul's! We'll never be able to reach every life singlehandedly, but your one life will always reach that one, and that one reach another and on and on!

Now I know these next Scriptures are Zechariah prophesying over his son, John the Baptist, that he would be carrying the message of the coming of Jesus. Honestly though, each and every one of us that have been born again have the same Spirit that John had. And as Zechariah was prophesying this over John, I feel he is saying this to all of us, ***"You will tell His people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins. Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."*** (*Luke 1:77-79*) Then in *Matthew 4:16*, *Isaiah 9:1-2* is recorded again as fulfilled, ***"the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined."***

We all have read the things that John was declaring about Jesus, in *John 1:1-2*. Now let's read John's revelation, in the Message Bible, of *John 1:3-5*, ***"Everything was created through Him; nothing—not one thing! — came into being without Him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out."*** In *John 8:12*, Jesus speaks up and confirms to them and us, ***"I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."***

In *Acts 26:15-18*, Paul is again sharing his own personal testimony, but now he's remembering the very words Jesus rescued him with, in *Acts Chapter 9*. This shows me that every time each and every one of us shares our testimonies with others individually and through the newsletter it has the power to help set other people free. In *Acts Chapter 9* Jesus gave Saul his direction and vision/mission. Saul, now Paul, remembers and declares his experience with the very words his Lord spoke to him that day on the road to Damascus. Paul knew that his testimony carried the same power to reach people as it did when it first happened. ***"I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as My servant and witness. Tell people that you have seen Me, and tell them what I will show you in the future. And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in Me."*** (*Acts 26:15-19*)

Here's the Message Translation of the promise we have in Jesus and His blood. This also paints a great picture of where the devil is and the power, we have over him! *Revelation 12:7-12*, ***"War broke out in Heaven. Michael and his angels fought the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but were no match for Michael. They were cleared out of Heaven, not a sign of them left. The great dragon—ancient serpent, the one called devil and satan, the one who led the whole earth astray—thrown out, and all his angels thrown out with him, thrown down to earth. Then I heard a strong voice out of Heaven saying, 'Salvation and power are established! Kingdom of our God, authority of His Messiah! The accuser of our brothers and sisters thrown out, who accused them day and night before***

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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)

God Hears and Answers My Prayers

By D.P.

I have so much to say, I don't know where to start. First, I thank you for the card, your story truly inspires me.

So many things have been happening to me, I am blessed to no end. I completed my first two lessons from WBS and can't wait to see the grade. I've been praying all through the day, every day and reading the Bible. I really wish my mother and brother were here to see the way the Lord is working in my life and walk this walk God's way. I know they can see all I'm doing, but being here would afford me the joy of seeing the joy in them. I want to share this little story with everyone.

Awhile back I was moved to another block. A certain C/O that seems to hate inmates and Christians walks by my door, slams it and cusses at me. So, I ask him why he slammed my door. He keys my door and confronts me by cussing and trying to intimidate me. I slipped up and my response was to cuss back at him. Long story short, we all know that never gets us anywhere positive. That's when he wrote me up for abusive language, a class one which usually mean hole time.

My hearing was set for a couple of weeks away, so I started praying for a positive outcome. Low and behold, at the hearing I don't go to the hole. However, I did get a 30-day cell restriction and a 60-day loss of job. I was praying to not go to the hole, when in hindsight I should also have been praying for my job. The cell restriction gave me even more time to praise God, read the Bible and to be loyal to my Lord and Savior. In the meantime, I fasted and prayed to be moved away from that officer. I also prayed for his eyes to be opened to the goodness of God and his heart to have some humanity. Then, just a few days later, I was moved to a very good block where I could be all that I can. This is just one example of God working in my life.

Everything that I am doing to become a better person I pray for, and things are happening. My life has changed so much, my heart is open, and swagger is now with God. The people that knew the old me are asking, "Who is this new guy?" When I hear this, it somehow makes me even stronger. I love God so much. My life is so different in such a short time. I'm so thankful for Mike, Linda and you all there at the **Overcomers for Christ** for sowing God's Word into my life.

Sometimes I catch myself saying that I don't have any family, but that is so wrong. Mike and Linda are my family, and all of the **Overcomers for Christ** are my family. I now know I have to get better at not saying that, as my family is larger than life! You all are a mountain in my coming to Christ.

Relinquishing Debts Owed Us

By Steven Arterburn

"Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." (Luke 6:37)

Do you tend to keep a mental list of the wrongs that have been done against you, an accounting of what you think others owe you? You may feel they owe you an apology, a favor, a sum of money, or something else. If every time you're hurt, you're mentally adding to the ledger of debt that others owe you, I want to help you see how and why to let go and erase that ledger of debt.

Jesus told this story to address what I'm talking about:

"A king decided to bring his accounts up to date. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. The man begged for forgiveness. Then the king was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt. But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. This was reported to the king. Then the king called in the man he'd forgiven and said, 'You evil servant. I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?'" (Matthew 18:23-35)

When you look at the enormous moral debt God has forgiven you and the price Jesus paid for us to be forgiven, you should be compelled to forgive others. Forgiveness will free you from the torture of festering resentment. You can't change what others have done to you, but you can write off their debts by handing the accounting process over to God.

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From the Inside

Think on these Facts

By J.S.

Think on these facts:

Listen here to *Psalm 145:10-13*, "**All Your works praise You, Lord; Your faithful people extol You. They tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might, so that all people may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does.**" Let's also look at *Psalm 11:2-4*, "**Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.**" All that God has made bears the marks of His wonder.

Psalm 34:15-19 tells us, "**The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are attentive to their cry; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;**" Our Father does care.

Psalm 34:22 assures us, "**The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned.**" Our Father does save!

In the midst of a world of 'gods', that are NOT good at all, there does exist-in reality ... our Father, the One true living God. He is altogether good, good, good! *Psalm 34:8* says, "**Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.**" Beloved, these are psalms/songs that we can still sing OUT LOUD to our Father. I call Him Poppa and I can assure you that you need not have a perfect singing voice, rhythm or etc. Our Father loves spending time with His loved ones, us. He loves sharing all that He has made with all of us. Now I want to encourage you all to meditate on these 'things' that the Holy Spirit has brought to my mind recently.

Acknowledge the Lord as our Creator, and the facts that He loves sharing everything with His people. And keep in mind the obvious reality that He did not make the 'following' and 'everything else' just for Himself. He made all these things for all of us, while saying "IN-TO-YOU-SEE" which is also known as intimacy. God is ever saying quietly, yet visibly and so loudly, "I love you this much, and I desire that 'we', you and I, experience intimacy together again.

Thinking about the stars and letting the starlight enter your eyes keep in mind how many billions of years it took for that 'pin-prick of light' to reach your eyes. Our Father thought of this very moment for you, billions of years ago. The Word of God is far superior to what we consider miracles. Then consider, if you will, the megazillion other stars that Poppa hung in the skies and how their ageless sparkle of light will reach your eyesight as well. And all we have to do is look and watch. Father loves to share the 'beautiful' with all of us. Even that starlight sparkle that you may have just seen, and committed to memory, is proof that He thought enough about you to send you such a wonderful invitation to experience intimacy with Him.

Beloved family, keep reading and searching and you WILL find, because you haven't seen nothing yet!

Inspired by the King James Version

By R.S.

I was looking again at the mail you sent me, and it inspired me to write you and share a few things with the OC4C family.

I have just recently set aside my NIV Bible and I've been studying out of this KJV Bible. It is unbelievable how much more I get from this King James Version. I'm so excited and glad to have recently found this KJV Bible.

It seems this KJV is more spiritual for me. I seem to get so much more lifted up. I can even understand it better and I absolutely love it! Right now, I see no reason to ever own or read another translation again in my life. It's almost like I opened a vault and found access to a different level of understanding. It's as though I look at heaven from a completely new angle.

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I do realize that it is probably because the NIV was the only translation I had ever studied from. But lordy, lordy I am blessed all over again! I feel like King Solomon when I open the KJV, it is direct to my spirit, and I drink it down like holy water.

God has been so good to me lately. I do have some obstacles from the evil one, but I am really used to them by now. One way he tries to get to me bad, is working through others who are not protected by the Blood of Jesus. The enemy uses them to mess up my plans.

It's upsetting how we believers are taken advantage of by the rest of the world. Sometimes this hurts and cuts deeply, but I do get through it. It saddens me to watch how the enemy works in other people's lives. I'm grateful that one area God has really blessed me in is the understanding of His Word.

Just when we think God is the GREATEST He comes along and says, "You think that's something, watch this." His Word is truly my way of life. I even carry this Bible with me when I sleep. So many times, in my past I can now see God was there taking away my fears, addiction and even my then dumb self. God carried me through the storms of all of that, and into a new day. Praise Jesus!

Transform with a Renewed Mind

By S.M.

I got your card and just wanted to thank you for all your prayers, my heart goes out to all who suffer during these testing times of the disastrous world affairs. However, I am not conforming to them, I am too busy being transformed with a renewed mind, as mentioned in *Romans 12:2 NKJV*, "**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**"

I was just admiring how everything in the Bible is true and can be proven, unlike the whole Darwinian explanation.

I was really inspired by *Psalms 91:7 NKJV*, "**A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.**" Also in *Psalms 91:10*, "**No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling.**" For He shall give His Angels charge over you. Amen!! And then goes on to say *Psalms 91:15 NKJV*, "**He shall call upon Me and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him.**" Awesome, right?

I know whose team I am on and where I am going!!

Revival or Resurrection

By R.P.M.

Recently the state of our "One Nation Under God" has radically revolutionized. Although this isn't new, for the Lord God witnessed the wickedness Himself and knew the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually. Look anywhere and we can focus on flaws, rather we ought to keep our core on Christ.

Be challenged to go beyond mere revival and reflect on the resurrection. Ponder the prolific emptiness of the grave. No one seized the body; Jesus arrested death.

My fellow saints in Christ, even though you have not seen Him, you love Him, you believe in Him. For He has risen! The High Priest and our King is actively interceding for you. May you all continue to love one another, AMEN.

A Little Skeptical

By A.S.

I'm a 49-year-old man about to turn 50 this month so I figured it's about time to change my life. Oh, how much I could share with you about how wild a past I've had inside and outside of these walls. Most likely I'm not even close to what someone may consider sane. But I'll tell you this, I'm sane enough to realize that enough is enough!

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Foot's Bible Study

Ezekiel 24:1-26:21

The city of Jerusalem was like a pot so encrusted in sin that it would not come clean. God wanted to cleanse the lives of those who lived in Jerusalem, and He wants to cleanse our lives today. Sometimes He tries to purify us through difficulties and troublesome circumstances. When you face tough times, allow the sin to be burned from your life. Look at your problems as opportunities for your faith to grow. When these times come, unnecessary priorities and diversions are purged away. We can reexamine our lives so that we will do what really counts. (24:6)

After a 15 year siege, Nebuchadnezzar could not conquer the part of Tyre located on the island. Thus certain aspects of the description in 26:12-14 exceed the actual damage done to Tyre by Nebuchadnezzar. But the prophecy predicted what would happen to the island later during the conquests of Alexander the Great. Alexander threw the rubble of the mainland city into the sea until it made a bridge and destroyed the island (322 B.C.). Today, the island city is still a pile of rubble, a testimony to God's judgment. (26:14)

Hebrews 11:1-16

Believing that God exists is only the beginning, even the demons believe that much. **James 2:19-20** – ***"You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?"***

God will not settle for mere acknowledgment of His existence. He wants a personal, dynamic relationship with you that will transform your life. Those who seek God will find that they are rewarded with His intimate presence. (11:6)

Psalms 110:1-7

Many people have a vague belief in God but refuse to accept Jesus as anything more than a great human teacher. But the Bible does not allow that option. Both the Old and the New Testaments proclaim the deity of the One who came to save and reign. Jesus explained that this Psalm spoke of the Messiah as greater than David, Israel's greatest king. **Mark 12:35-37** – ***"Later, as Jesus was teaching the people in the Temple, he asked, 'Why do the teachers of religious law claim that the Messiah is the son of David? For David himself, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit in the place of honor at My right hand until I humble your enemies beneath your feet.' Since David himself called the Messiah 'my Lord,' how can the Messiah be his son?' The large crowd listened to him with great delight."***

Peter used this Psalm to show that Jesus, the Messiah sits at God's right hand and is Lord over all. **Acts 2:32-35** – ***"God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now He is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as He had promised, gave Him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit in the place of honor at My right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.'"***

You can't straddle the fence, calling Jesus "just a good teacher" because the Bible calls Him Lord. (110:1-7)

Proverbs 27:14

Sometimes even a pleasant greeting can be taken as a curse if the time is not appropriate. Use a little common sense so your being pleasant isn't taken as being annoying for instance. The last thing I want first thing in the morning, while I'm trying to get going is some too happy jackhole invading my space and solitude. (27:14)

"Foot" Notes

Hey ya'll, just wanted to share one way in which God continues to bless me within these fences. The last few years my friends have been showing up here. Friends who I love. Just recently a friend or mine showed up who I haven't seen in 10-11 years. When I heard he was here my first response was "Thank You, Jesus." It's a blessing for me to see him again on his way out. This has happened a few times in the last few years. God has made it possible for me to say good-bye and wish them God's favor as they cycle back to the world.

I'm here to tell you, brothers and sisters, no matter where you may be, you don't have to look too hard for God's blessings in your life.

Love to ya'll short and tall ... Vaya con Dios ... Don't ride faster than your angels can fly!!!

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God. They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ. So rejoice, O Heavens, and all who live there, but doom to earth and sea, for the devil's come down on you with both feet; he's had a great fall; he's wild and raging with anger; (why) he hasn't much time and he knows it."

Yes, the Scriptures do say that the dragon/satan/devil is now down here on earth, wild and raging with anger. But listen people, he DOES NOT HAVE ANY POWER OVER YOU THAT YOU DO NOT GIVE TO him! Reaching this in context the Scriptures tell us there was a war that broke out in heaven as the dragon attempted to overtake God's throne. Scripture goes on to tell us that Michael and his angels fought back, but the dragon and his angels were no match for Michael! Scripture assures us that they are NO LONGER in heaven and in fact they were cleared out completely and there's not a sign of them left there! Now I don't know about all of you but for me, I have chosen the Word of God as my truth, and I am not going to let some wimpy loudmouth bully push me around! I know he's a liar, the father of lies and he only speaks his language.

Maybe you have noticed over the years of reading the newsletters or even my personal mail, but even though proper grammar would say it needs to be, I NEVER capitalize anything that has to do with satan or the devil. And it never fails, even just after I typed 'satan' spell check tried to get me to capitalize it. And there it is again! It's a long story but in a certain situation, long ago, God spoke to me and said, "Now do you believe Me when I tell you, there is power in your words?" It was all over a conversation about this very subject, capitalizing the word satan. And if you will also notice I never place the word satan at the beginning of any sentence because when you do it should always be capitalized. I just won't do it. Even though grammar says it is correct, I personally know that when you give the devil an inch, or a capital letter on his name, he'll take it and run with it like he is somebody! And excuse the grammar, but he ain't nobody! Listen, I'm not telling you all you must be this way. I'm just sharing with you the importance God spoke to me in a certain situation, and I've never done it since. When you know you know you know that God has shared something specific with you, you will never forget the incident or where it took place.

For kicks and giggles, I Googled darkness and light and came up with a multitude of quotes. Here are just a few that I found interesting and worthy of using here in this message.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." – Martin Luther King Jr. was a social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968.

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." – Plato (428-348 B.C. in Athens, Greece), ancient Greek philosopher, student of Socrates.

"Why not dare yourself to become a shining positive light where darkness is the only thing known?" – Edmond Mbiaka (1914-1998), American farmer, businessman, and politician.

"A visionary is one who can find his way by moonlight and see the dawn before the rest of the world." – Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) was an Irish poet and playwright. After writing in different forms throughout the 1880s, he became one of the most popular playwrights in London in the early 1890s.

"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." – Anne Frank was a German-Dutch diarist of Jewish heritage. One of the most-discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust, she gained fame posthumously with the 1947 publication of *The Diary of a Young Girl* in which she documents her life in hiding from 1942 to 1944 during the German invasion of Hitler.

"I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness because it shows me the stars." – Og Mandino was an American author who lived December 12, 1923 – September 3, 1996. His books have sold over 50 million copies and have been translated into 25 different languages.

"Life isn't just about darkness or light, rather it's about finding light within the darkness." and *"Darkness will never prevail. If you do not recognize the evil in our world, you will never stand up to it."* – Landon Parham is a bestselling author who lives in the suburbs of Dallas, Texas.

Listen for a second to the words of Jesus. This was God's specific plan to have an eternal family. This offer is to all that will believe and receive His Son Jesus. *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him."* Jesus goes on to further share God's heart and why we too ran from the Light. *"There is no judgment against anyone who believes in Him. But anyone who does not believe in Him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All*

who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." (John 3:16-21)

So, I'll close with this bit of encouragement. Hopefully someone out there can find a little piece of wisdom in it and lift your head to see that 'the darkness in itself isn't necessarily wrong, it's part of life. In fact it's in the darkness that every single one of us has found the Light. Instead of fearing or giving place to darkness, consider it what it is, a backdrop for the stars at night, the space between what you know here on earth. Darkness has a way of reminding us of the light we've been given on all those other days.'

What Others Are Saying...

"Hello and God bless you brothers and sisters. May God give you all the strength, hope, wisdom, and power during every season. His love is always present, receive it and inherit all. Our Father has first and foremost been putting it on my heart to send you, D&E family, my change of housing location." - C.C.G.

"I pray this letter finds you and everyone at the *Overcomers for Christ* in the very best of health. I have been receiving your Christian newsletter for a lot of years; however, they recently transferred me to a new location, and I would very much like to continue receiving the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletters. I've been receiving them since 2007 when I was in PA and hope to continue getting them in FL." - R.R.

"Even though it has been a trying few years, I have found that's when we grow and seek to know Christ in a deeper way. Galatians 2:20 tells us, "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." This says that the Christ in us will always result in the dying of ourselves once we're surrendered. I do understand that it's been the same crazy out there as well. The one thing that remains consistent is Christ, and as long as that stays the same in all our lives, we'll all be good. Maybe that's why they call Him our Rock, unmovable, unchangeable full of grace and power. As long as we stand on the finished work of Calvary, it gives God the right to place His Son Jesus in EVERY born-again believer. It's Christ's commitment to the Cross that makes us children of God." - D.H.

"My Christian friend here in prison gave me your address. I'm writing you all today to ask if you would put me on your mailing list so that I too can receive the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter. I have been incarcerated since 1993 with a double life without parole. I've already done 29 years, and the Lord willing I might be released next year. I'm 64 years young and born on Earth Day. They named that day after me because I'm older than dirt. Ha! Ha!" - J.H.

"Brothers and sisters at the *Overcomers for Christ*! Thank you all for your personal cards and letters. They make me feel more like a human being. I'm talked down to a lot by the other inmates and your letters help to lift me out of those times. I'm truly surprised at how much your mail affects me. Beside Christ, the one thing I really long for is human contact – just a real hug. I do find comfort in the promises of God and the Psalms. Again, I thank you all for your loyalty to all of us like myself who are incarcerated. It helps me/us not feel forgotten." - D.W.

"First, I want to thank you all for all of the great newsletters, cards and letters you have sent me through the years. So many of them came at just the right time, and it seemed just the right message that I needed to hear! God is Good! I'm not sure whether you remember the letters I wrote you long ago, but I was on a 3 yard in Yuma and met a Christian brother, Cal K. He's the one that gave me your address telling me you were old school and still loved to ride motorcycles. Since then, I've pretty much just relaxed and enjoyed your newsletters, until now. So, thank you all so very much for staying faithful to your calling. D.O.C. has moved me again, this is my new address, but I'm finally on a 2 yard." - F.F.

Quote Worthy

"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life."
– Janine di Giovanni - an author, journalist, and war correspondent.

A Little Skeptical By A.S.

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So, it was no accident, when I was brought into this cell and with no property brought to me at that point, I was blessed to find your newsletter. So, I read the stories, a couple of times and I got a wild feeling inside. Something was pushing me to put a letter into motion and shoot it to you in hopes that your program is the real deal.

As you all probably know, there are many places, people and programs claiming they are truly on our side seeking to steer us into a better sober life, but I've yet to see it. And to be completely honest, I'm even a little skeptical writing this. But if the stories and testimonies are truth, then I'm all ears and will soon be at heart ... if all is on the up and up. Please let me know if there's a place for an old man like me there, or if I'm even worth the time.

FUN FACTS

April 17th – In 1907, 11,747 immigrants processed at the Ellis Island immigration center, the most ever in a single day.

April 21st – In 1836, Texas forces under the command of Sam Houston defeated Mexican forces at the Battle of San Jacinto.

April 21st – In 1918, Germany's "Red Baron", fighter ace Baron Manfred von Richthofen, was shot down and killed near Amiens, France.

April 21st – In 1960, the new city of Brasilia officially became Brazil's capital.

April 21st – In 1992, murderer Robert Alton Harris became the first person executed by the state of California in twenty-five years.

April 24th – In 1901, the first American League baseball game was played. The Chicago White Stockings defeated the Cleveland Blues, 8-2.

Christian Comedy

A rancher counted 196 head of cattle when they were out on the range, but when he rounded them up he had 200.

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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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The Blood Covenant

By E.W. Kenyon – (1867–1948) a pastor of the New Covenant Baptist Church and founder and president of Bethel Bible Institute in Spencer, Massachusetts.

I've a right to grace, in the hardest place,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant;
I've a right to peace that can never cease,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant.

I've a right to joy, that can never cloy,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant;
I've a right to power, yes, this very hour,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant.

I've a right to health, thru my Father's wealth,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant;
I my healing take, satan's hold must break,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant.

I've a legal right, now to win this fight,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant;
I will take my part with courageous heart,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant.

Now my rights I claim, in His Mighty Name,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant;
And my prayers prevail, tho all hell assail,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant.

On the ground of the Blood,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant;
I will claim my rights, tho the enemy fights,
On the ground of the Blood Covenant.

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