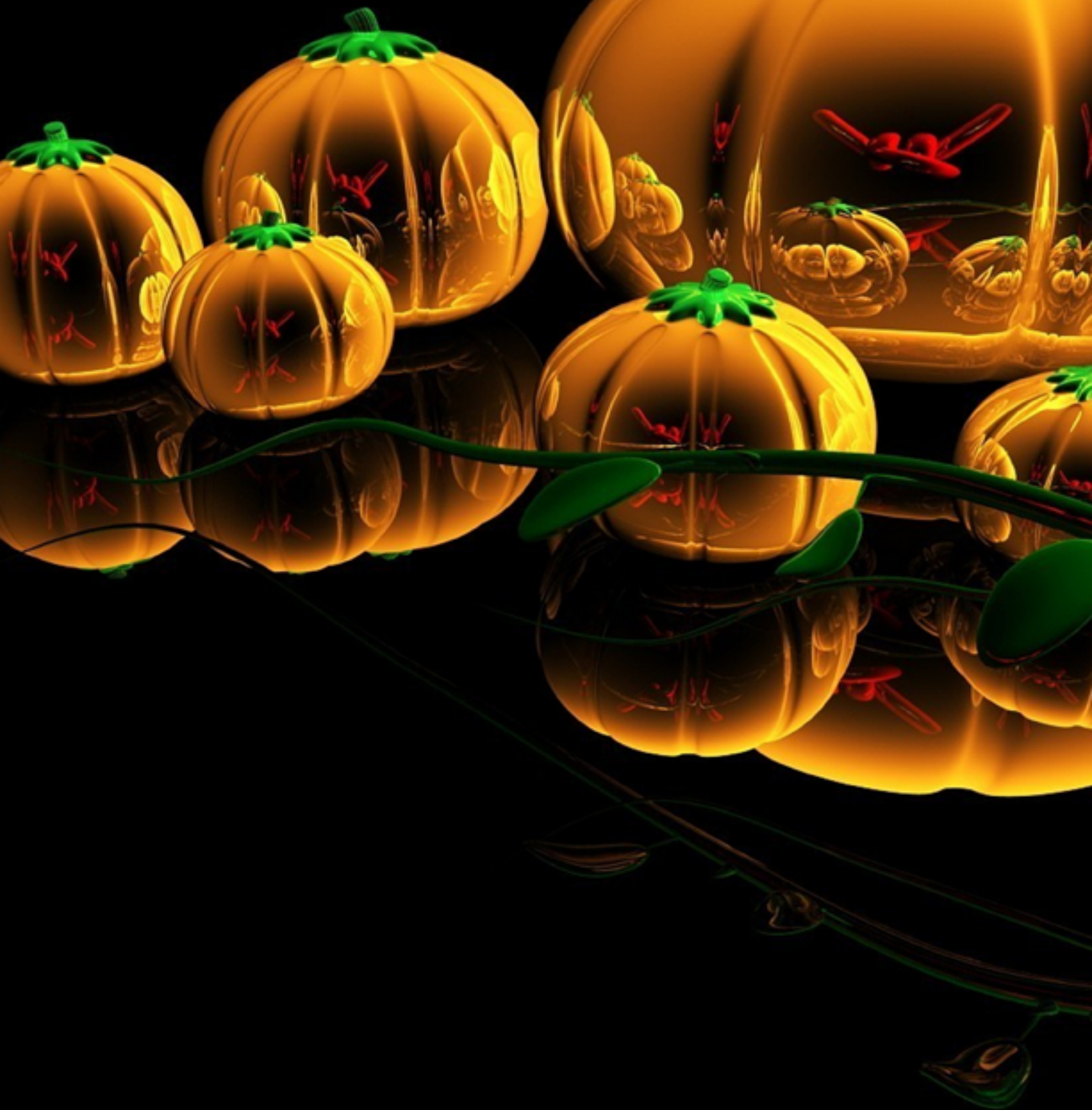


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WHEN GOD OPENS THE DOOR, NO MAN CAN CLOSE IT!

By Wade Anderson

Some of you may be wondering what this might mean, while others of you experience it and walk in its meaning every day.

Let's pray first: *"Gracious and ALMIGHTY heavenly Father, we come boldly before Your throne today and every day not because of anything that we have done BUT because of ALL that You have offered to us through the precious Blood of Your Son, Christ Jesus. We want to thank You Lord Jesus for Your obedience to walk the walk that none of us would EVER be able to walk, to carry the Cross that none of us could EVER carry and to die for the whole world. You completed the Father's wishes, that we MIGHT one day receive You as our Lord and Savior and live a life of freedom IN YOU! We are both grateful and thankful for Your Grace and Your Mercy which allows us to live this life for You, without guilt or shame. I pray that every word written in these pages be Spirit led and Spirit filled and anything that is not of You be washed away in the precious Blood of Jesus. It's in Jesus' name we pray, and believe to receive. AMEN!"*

Let me explain what this means to me TODAY!

As the *Overcomers for Christ* ministry took off it didn't take long before we began to see the amazing response from all of you and almost immediately something else was laid on my heart. "What IF we were able to get these newsletters into the county jail systems as well? Perhaps some of our brothers and sisters in the jails may NEVER receive a D.O.C. number." To start with we never thought that any of this was about us OR had anything to do with what we were doing. What it is ALWAYS about IS JESUS! The response that we were experiencing was ALL about the Promises written in the Word of God. Let me show you what I mean.

The Word tells us, in **2 Timothy 3:9** (NKJV), *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering towards us, not willing that ANY should perish but that ALL should come to repentance."* Now, let's read this same passage from the Message Bible translation, *"God isn't late with His promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining Himself on account of you, holding back the End because He doesn't want ANYONE lost. He's giving EVERYONE space and time to change."* Then in *Isaiah 55:10-11*, through the prophet Isaiah, God says, *"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so IS MY WORD that goes out from My mouth: It will NOT return to Me empty, but WILL accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."*

Folks the Lord DOES have an appointed time and date for the END and NONE of us (**Acts 1:7**), not even His Son (**Matthew 24:36-41; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 21:34-38**) knows when this event WILL occur. I don't write any of this with the intentions of instilling fear into anyone. The Word of God simply overlaps what I've begun to write here and is the confirmation of why this issue was laid on my heart. When you read all three of these accounts in the Gospels you'll be able to see that Jesus wasn't using scare tactics either He was merely stating the facts. With that said I would like to encourage anyone who hasn't yet received Jesus to, *"Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near."* (**Isaiah 55:6**) because none of us knows when we will take our last breath.

What I am trying to say here is this; We just seen above that God is patient in the sense that He doesn't want even one of us to end up in the pits of hell. When I read that He promises that His Word WILL NOT return to Him empty, but WILL accomplish what He desires, and WILL achieve the purpose for which He sent it I knew this was another assignment. And WHEN the newsletters reached the county jails it would accomplish the VERY SAME RESULTS as it had been in the prisons. Why? Because it has absolutely nothing to do with us and everything to do with His promises from His written Word! At this point I didn't have a clue how this was going to be accomplished but I believed God's promise and that it WOULD happen in His perfect timing. In the meantime, we just kept doing what was right in front of us to do.

As time went by a certain lady that was doing jail ministry had gotten my name from someone else I knew at the Dream Center in Phoenix. She asked me if I would come give my testimony with her there at the county jail. Remembering what is written in **2 Timothy 4:1-2**, *"... I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season ..."* I went with her. Over the course of a few months, I went with her several times which led to me making some other contacts, and BAM! The newsletters began to be distributed in that particular jail. Then God set up another contact at yet another jail ... then another! In the midst of this I had made a contact that gave me access to visit, by myself, in the county jails. The access was for me to visit anyone or their loved ones from the Living Word Bible churches that somehow found themselves incarcerated in the county jails. To some this might have seemed like a small thing but to me it was huge! I knew it was God that was opening EVERY door and making a way for me to accomplish what He had laid on my heart.

At this point, I would like to share a few testimonies from those who now receive the newsletters in the county jails. They all are encouraged and strengthened by your testimonies and articles in the newsletters and have been lead by the Holy

Spirit to come along side you in this journey of following Christ Jesus.

THANKFUL FOR HIS FORGIVENESS AND HIS LOVE

Hello my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,

*My name is R.M. and I'm here in a county jail fighting a case. When I was on a yard I had seen the magazine/booklet, **Overcomers for Christ**, you send to folks in prison. Lately Jesus has been putting in **BIG WORK** in my life and has blessed me with the gift to write and I would like to share them in hopes of blessing someone out there. I'm just a man that **LOVES** Jesus and I hope these words find you all being mighty warriors for our Savior, Jesus. I write here today about Jesus' understanding and forgiveness.*

*While reading in **Matthew** this morning I was at the part where Jesus was arrested. The last sentence in **Matthew 26:56** says, "**Then all the disciples deserted Him and fled.**" These were men who were very close to Jesus. He had told them secrets of the Kingdom of God that He hadn't told others. They witnessed and even took part in miracles that Jesus had did, yet when it came down to it they were fearful of this world. They acted like they never knew Jesus when He had to go through what He did for us all.*

See, Jesus knows and understands what it's like here on this earth. He understands and forgives our struggles with the flesh and the wickedness that we are all capable of. If we are honest with ourselves, and Him, and come to Him when we fall short He loves to forgive us, wrap His arms around us and make us right with our heavenly Father.

When Jesus needed His disciples the most they not only betrayed Him, but denied even knowing Him. Yet, He not only understood and forgave them but as well has used them as examples for all of us to learn from.

*There are times when I mess up and let my flesh rule me by the wicked ways of this world. I used to think I was doomed because I kept messing up. It seemed like all I was ever doing was saying I'm sorry to God. Perhaps that's why He tells us to forgive 70 x 7 because that's how He is with us. He **DOES** understand how it is for us here on this earth and that satan is constantly waging war against us. The most important thing we can do is to trust in His forgiveness, ask for His strength to battle the evil that wages war against us and believe and stand on His Word, which is our Sword. He forgives us, He understands and He loves us more than we can even imagine. I love Him so and am very thankful for His **LOVE** for me!*

SURRENDERED

*Hello, my name is E.S. and I just finished reading the **Overcomers for Christ** newsletter and want to say that all the poems, Footnotes, and the testimonies were powerful and very moving. I have been in the county jail infirmary since 2013 where I was diagnosed with throat cancer. Since then I've had evasive surgery, radiation and chemo. My lower jaw is now titanium and all except four teeth have been removed, 2 1/2 inches of my neck was removed as well as part of my tongue. It has been an extremely rough road back to reach some sort of normality like eating, drinking **AND** breathing without assistance.*

*In January 2014, I finally surrendered. I couldn't take the fighting with authority **OR** myself! I now have Jesus Christ in my life and I am truly blessed. I do have some positive influence in my life today, even though they are 2,500 miles away. I would love to speak with you or at the very least, write and correspond with the **Overcomers for Christ** ministry. I hope to hear from you or see you or someone from the ministry soon. Thank you and God bless.*

CHANGE

*Hello **Overcomers for Christ**, My name is J.D. and I found only a bunch of pictures and your address here in the county jail. I bet you hear from guys in here quite a bit, only to reach out and then be disappointed once they are free. But, you keep on trucking! I have to admire that in a group of people and that is why I chose to reach out to you. Without sounding like the typical guy who contacts you, please allow me to share a little bit about who I am and why I am reaching out.*

*I **WAS** the poster child for bad choices, honestly speaking, and even though I do try to be a better man, I find it hard to get past all the muck in my life. Why? It's all I know. I work very hard when I have a job and even so, I find it hard to succeed. I have since come to terms with myself realizing that this is not working. I have come to realize that I am **NOT** happy with the man I am, or the life I lead. Something has to change!*

*The key word in that last paragraph is **CHANGE**. It's a word that requires hard work and sticking to the decisions which are for the better **AND** which will actually help with the **CHANGE**. I definitely have some problems and I know I definitely have to **CHANGE**. The problem seems simple but ever so harsh ... I'm all alone. Well, I guess that's not the whole truth ... I'm **NEVER** alone with Christ in my heart. And with that, I have finally made some tough decisions, I have put my foot down and severed **ALL** connections with people, places and playthings. I have also signed up for some classes here on anger management where I know I'll receive some great tools to help me with this change.*

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Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done **Philippians 4:6 (NLT)**

Prayer Requests

My husband and I adopted our grandchildren when our granddaughter was almost 3 and the twin boys were almost 2 years old. Well, they are 15 and 14 now. I've been locked up since they were 11 and 12. Well, my husband has his hands full with 3 teenagers. Tamala who will be 16 is doing okay. She did get in some trouble but since has realized that probation wasn't much fun. So she's being good. Now the twins ... one twin believes in evolution and says monkeys and reptiles are where we come from and trusts no one but his friend and friend's parents. He does not trust my husband nor his twin or sister. My son tried to hit my husband and ended up on probation and did his probation, then threw a bookcase at his brother and ended up in juvenile hall for a couple of weeks. He is now on probation for a year. He is also ADHD. Thomas the other twin, he gets super grades in school. He had never been in trouble with the law. But is very defiant when it comes to doing what he is told to do by my husband. He decided to go do some shoplifting and got in trouble with the law. So now he is looking at probation. I just haven't had time to do anything but pray and work and worry about my family. I really need a lot of prayers ... **J.K.**

Keep me and my cellie "Wade" in your prayers. He's 22 years old and scared to death! He's been here 29 days ... **B.B.**

One day this newsletter came sliding under my cell door. My cellie is a non-Christian and all his friends play jokes on him and put God's words within his reach, needless to say, he has a fear of Christian stuff. What he doesn't realize is that I (a Christian) am in the same cell with him. HeHeHe!! You can figure the rest ... Bibles, Bible studies, study course materials all over ... It's been interesting. But let me get to the real reason why I am writing you today. Your monthly newsletter has touched my heart. I found it to be more of an impact than Joyce Meyer has been ... more personal, more real love! So, I am sending you a prayer request. The doctors found a large mass in my brain. It was biopsied and found to be a glioma cancer. They say that it is inoperable, they can't remove it. I just lost my mother in October 2014 to brain cancer. The chemo and radiation was so hard on her. I told the doctors here that the only great healer is God Himself, and rejected treatments. My last MRI showed that the tumor is now stable. I believe God will heal me and give me strength. But I still need prayers. So, please I ask if you will put me in your newsletter prayer request section ... **G.P.**

I've had a bad anger problem that I sometimes deal with. Could you all please pray for me regarding that issue? I want a spirit of peace and not such a hard heart. Being in prison isn't always the easiest place to let your guard down so I'm learning how to find that balance to please God but not leave me up to vulnerability ... **S.P.**

Praise Reports

On my path I've gone from a boy engrained in destruction, prison gangs and criminal activities to living in pure faith and dedicating my time four days a week to the prison ministry and worship band. Jesus has transformed my life and even though the road has been difficult and tough at times, God has always been right there with me through every season on this path. I believe we will be witnessing huge supernatural things in the near future, and I am filled with both joy and excitement as I wait for His return. Praise be to God Almighty! ... **M.S.**

Hello everyone at the Overcomers for Christ. I'm the one that asked for a prayer request about being on a yard where I was using drugs and being around a bunch of 'evil'. I asked and I prayed to God that He would help me. Since then I've bounced around for quite some time, from yard to yard, trying to find somewhere comfortable I can be. But, I couldn't find anywhere. Everywhere I went I got into drugs and violence, but I kept on praying and asking God to get me somewhere safe and away from it all. In fact, I had bounced around so long that there was nowhere else they could send me. I found myself in an isolation room for two weeks praying, "Please put me somewhere safe! Somewhere away from it all! Somewhere where I can get my head together for when I am released!" One week later, I got max out! Now a lot of guys probably wouldn't be so happy to get max out, but to me it was a blessing. God heard and answered me! He got me away. I'm in a single man cell now and I'm in the Word everyday and praising the Lord. I am happy and I'm humbled. Sometimes I wander about my release, I don't want to fall again! But I know that God will protect me and help me through it all. So I prayed (asked), you all prayed and I had faith with NO doubt that He would answer and I received what I asked for! The power of prayer is so amazing! ... **A.C.**

Praise Jesus! I pray all is well and you all are resting in God's unconditional love. GOOD NEWS! I finally heard from my sister and I now know my mom is okay ... my son's are okay ... and my sister and nephew are also fine! My sister is in contact with my kids' mother AND I guess they are going to arrange a 'field trip' to come see me! God is GREAT and I kept my faith! I will continue to seek His face and hold God to His promises. When we place God first then all these things shall be added to us, and I believe all the things that I want are in His will ... **J.H.**

I want to thank you for the card you sent me. It came during a time when I was down. It lifted me up and now I feel much better. Ever since, I have decided to let go and let God take over my life. I have been feeling much, much better. I have so much faith in God!! Unbelievable faith!! I love Him so much!!! Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death ... **A.H.**

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From the Inside

Slow Down ... Understand the Full Revelation of Grace

By C.L.

I know it's been a while since I wrote last, my apologies. No excuses, I've just allowed myself to be too busy. Something the Lord has really been impressing upon me is that I need to stop being in a rush all the time. I walk too fast, seldom relax and take the proper amount of time to eat, often I skip lunch to continue whatever project I'm working on, and pretty much thinking of my next two moves at any given time. According to the Bible, I've allowed myself to become like Martha, busy with many things.

While I enjoy being busy and having lots to do, idle time doesn't work for me. I just need to learn to slow down a bit and quit being in such a hurry. I've been dealing with a medical lawsuit for a couple years now. We're on document number 93; I had to write about 40 of those. I believe it's close to being done or at least at a point where we will be negotiating a settlement. God's will be done. I will be glad to have the work of a lawsuit off my plate and hope to never have to do another.

I am happy to say that Grace is being preached in our church here. This yard is really a mess in nearly every way and I know change will only come by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the men of God here. I also know that His power can only truly manifest where there is full revelation of Grace. Any amount of legalism in the believer's life prohibits the type of faith it takes to agree with God about who we are in Him, the authority we have been given by Him, and change the atmosphere of your surroundings to **"possess every piece of ground your heel treads upon"** - **Joshua 1:3**. I pray Grace will continue to abound in my church and yours (geographically speaking) but in Jesus' church as a whole.

I pray God will give revelation and boldness to more and more pastors like Joseph Prince and Creflo Dollar, to proclaim the unpopular truth of God's Grace. It will never be popular among the self-righteous, but to anyone who has truly repented (given up trying to be righteous by their own effort) and having been born again. Grace is the good news that empowers us to be free from sin and alive to and through His righteousness. My brothers and sisters, you are beautiful and precious in the sight of God. Confess only what He says about you and never what satan accuses, convicts, or condemns you for. This is victory and freedom in Christ and in doing so you will LIVE GOD LOUDLY!

God is Our Shepherd

By M.G.

What joy and gratitude we feel when God picks us up and does not allow our problems to defeat or destroy us! Sometimes we may be in the most danger when everything in our life is going well. We tend to become overconfident, we think nothing can happen to us. But pride and arrogance usually come before a fall. Sometimes God allows us to go our own way and suffer the consequences, so we will learn that we can't make it alone.

God is in charge of the world, why do we continually try to do things our own way? Fighting God's program is useless and foolish. Many don't turn to God because they think it involves becoming His slave. But if we reject God's rules in our life, we will invariably become a slave to someone or something else. God is our Shepherd and He knows what we need even better than we do. God wants us to have what is best for us. As long as we make Him our Shepherd, He will lead us to places of safety. God will help us avoid the places where we have stumbled in the past and guide as we journey through the world, no matter where you go.

Declare the Truth

By A.L.

So, we are doing a play this year for Christmas. I anticipate a good crowd and I thank God that we will be pulling an altar call this year. I don't see the Gospel so much as something to be explained and understood, but rather a truth that we should declare and demonstrate.

So, I'm pulling the altar call myself. The church is the chaplain's flock, the unchurched that's my harvest field. It's like this brother, if you and I are gonna have to get 'em up against the enemy I'm gonna ask you to hold my coat, so I can get busy. That's just my heart. I have the heart of an evangelist and I understand that God has called me to do just as I said

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before, declare the truth, then walk in it, to be a living epistle in word and deed. So, I'm gonna talk to the men. It excites me to share the Gospel, whether one-on-one or to a group.

I trust when a saint will speak the truth in love and God gets a hold of a heart that His Word will not return void! So yeah, I'm excited because I see God moving in the camp!

Trust In the Lord

By T.G.

Please forgive me for taking so long to write you, so much has been going on. First of all I thought I was getting out on March 20th because of a program, but after 13 days to the gate they told me no go, I didn't qualify, now June 20th. Then a few weeks ago I find out my best friend is very sick and it doesn't look good for him. I feel so bad that I find myself questioning God. I know in my heart God does not put more on our plate than we can take, but really my friend, does He not see my plate is full? But in my prayers His word of obedience to the Lord is what I should be feeling ... **1 Samuel 15:22** - **"... To obey is better than sacrifice ..."**

Now I see why these gates will be open in His time. It's all about trust in the Lord ... **John 14:1-4**. Words are sounds that we speak. Our actions must come from our hearts. So, anyway, here I am once again at the end of my journey behind the fence, but I am at peace. I know all is well and I will be well, because I put my trust in The Lord.

My sister, I so look forward to meeting you and all the brothers and sisters at Overcomers. I do pray for all my brothers and sisters ... Also could you say a prayer for my sweet Harry? He is my best friend in all the world. He is very sick. Thank you.

Remember ... Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start new with Jesus and make a brand new ending.

Focus on Him and Soak in His Presence

By M.G.

You know I was feeling down cause nobody was writing, then I get your letter and I told myself "Now they're coming, Yea, Amen!"

Relax in God's healing as you spend time with Him, Let the light of His presence soak into you as you focus your thoughts on Him, thus He equips you to face whatever the day brings. This sacrifice of time pleases Him and strengthens you. Resist the clamor of tasks waiting to be done. You have chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from you. **Psalms 105:4**, **"Search for the Lord and for His strength, continue seeking Him."**

God is all powerful, all knowing, the ultimate source of all reality. Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how I learned to recognize the Spirit of God! Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God, this is the spirit of the anti-christ, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity. (**1 John 4:1-5**)

Quote Worthy

"You say, 'If I had a little more, I should be very satisfied.' You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled."

- Charles Spurgeon (June 19, 1834 - January 31, 1892) - a British Particular Baptist preacher, a highly influential among Christians of various denominations, among whom he is known as the "Prince of Preachers".

2 Kings 1:1-5:27

In our chaotic and corrupt world, we can turn to examples such as David, Elijah and Elisha, who were devoted to God's high honor and moral law and who brought about renewal and change in their society. More important, we can look to Jesus Christ, the perfect example. For nations to do God's will, they need individuals who will do God's work. If your heart is committed to God, He can work through you to accomplish the work He has called you to do. (1:1)

To take a stand for God is to be different from the world and vulnerable to verbal abuse. (2:23-24)

Beware of limiting God's blessings by lack of faith and obedience. God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. (4:6) How sensitive are you to those who pass by your home and flow through your life - especially those who teach and preach God's Word? What special needs do they have that you could meet? Look for ways to serve and help. (4:9) We must express genuine concern for others as we carry God's message to them. Only then will we faithfully represent our compassionate Father in Heaven. (4:32-36)

No matter how humble or small your position, God can use you to spread His Word. Look for opportunities to tell others what God can do. There's no telling who will hear your message. (5:3-4)

Acts 14:8-15:35

When in doubt about God, look around and you will see abundant evidence that He is at work in our world. (14:15-18) No matter how inconvenient or uncomfortable the task may seem, we must always support new believers who need our help and encouragement. Remember, it was not convenient or comfortable for Jesus to go to the Cross for us. (14:21-22)

Only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ can a person be saved. (15:1) There is something of a "pharisee" in each one of us. We may unwittingly mistake upholding tradition, structure, and legal requirements for obeying God. Make sure the Good News brings freedom and life to those you are trying to reach. (15:2)

Psalms 140:1-141:10

To whom can the poor turn when they are persecuted? They lack the money to get professional help and so are usually unable to defend themselves. But there is always someone on their side - the Lord will stand by them and ultimately bring about justice. This should be a comfort for us all. No matter what our situation may be, the Lord is with us. But this truth should also call us to live responsibly with others. As God's people we are required to defend the right of the powerless. (140:12)

Knowing the power of the tongue, we would do well to ask God to guard what we say so that our words will bring honor to His Name. (141:3) Evil acts begin with evil desires. It isn't enough to ask God to keep you away from temptation, make you stronger, or change your circumstances. You must ask Him to change you on the inside - at the level of your desires. (141:4)

Proverbs 17:22-23

To be cheerful is to be ready to greet others with a welcome, a word of encouragement, an enthusiasm for the task at hand, and a positive outlook on the future. Such people are as welcome as pain relieving medicine. (17:22) The wicked accept bribes to pervert justice. This is a sad truth to our justice system. How many of you Overcomers on the inside would have had a different outcome, if you had had money instead of a public defender? It's funny in a way to me, as I read this Scripture, I'm reminded of something I've said many times, "How much justice can you afford?" (17:23)

“Foot” Notes

Howdy ya'll ... Just thought I'd share something I wrote down the other day while perusing my thoughts. It's called, "The Evolution of the Salvation of a Criminal."

You start off doing the right thing for no reason, then move to doing the right thing for the wrong reason, to doing the right thing for any reason to praising God for every reason! AMEN?! It's just something I thought most of us could relate to. Before I go I'd like to congratulate Cory, of Cory's Corner, on his release and continually moving forward with the Lord. Brother, you can count on my prayers for our Lord and Savior to light and guide your way out there. My love to ya'll short and tall. Vaya con Dios and don't ride faster than your angel can fly!


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I know I've already mentioned that I severed all connections but I guess I forgot one, my girlfriend. While I was out there I was clean for the whole month of August but I turned around and picked up the whole month of September. At which time, I was arrested for some misdemeanor warrants. And now, the most recent connection I've severed is with my girlfriend. She obviously doesn't want more from life or to grow together in a sober lifestyle. So, I cut her loose. I'm okay with that. My mind is made up, I'm tired of being alone and unhappy.

I do still have two other charges I'm currently here for and I am going to ask for probation on them. I don't smoke, don't drink and no longer get high so I know that I CAN DO IT! I WILL DO IT! I'm young, healthy and determined more than ever. However, I do feel naked in the dark and without a beacon of light to guide me. I NEED HELP! I want help and looking at those pictures that I found, well, they seem to tell me that you and I come from the same place. I want to get out of this way of life. I want to love Christ, succeed, be happy and live a drug free life. So I ask you, all of you, can you help me in my fight for a better life? What I need is your friendship and love to see me through this. I am humble and eager to give back to someone who may need the same help I'm asking for. If I sound like someone who may fit in your church please write back.

This next testimony is from someone that I have been working with, one-on-one, for several months now.

One evening at L.W.B.C. a woman came to Michelle and I for prayer. We had never met her before this, but she came directly to us and after hearing her request we quickly realized God had something else in store for us all. After our prayer she gave us her husband's name and I began to visit him in the county jail. Since then I've watched God work in him powerfully and change not only his life, but his family's life and in the lives of many other men there with him. When we first began our work together there wasn't a prayer group in the pod. In no time at all, men began to give their lives to Jesus, some were healed, some had their sentences reduced and even some of the family members' hearts on the outside were being changed as a result of their changed lives. Today there are over 40 men in these prayer groups, they are working together and having church right there in that pod. This young man is evangelizing right where he's at and preparing for all God has for him next. He has since led several other men from that pod to get involved in these one on ones. And I'll tell you, "It has been life changing for all of us!" Praise Jesus!!! Here is the testimony he wrote to the .

Hello Overcomers for Christ, I want to start off by saying thank you to everyone who gives of their time to help put together these newsletters. Well, I have to say that I have spent a few days wondering what God would want me to write to everyone. So, instead of wondering I prayed and asked God Himself and here it is.

The Overcomers for Christ found their way to me here in the jail through a simple prayer that my wife asked for me one evening at the Living Word Bible Church. That's where Wade and his wife, Michelle prayed for me, my wife, my kids and my case. I do believe that it was God's doing because from there on something great was started. He took the time to come see me in the county jail and from the first time we met I felt the presence of God in and around us. I just knew that his love for God was real and that we understood where each other had come from. He didn't just give me his opinion, he was teaching me from the open pages of God's Word. Then one day I was moved from one jail to another and I didn't understand why. So I asked God why, and what it was He was going to do now?

It took more than a month and a half before I seen him again. Come to find out there was a delay. I'm sure it was from the enemy trying to interfere with him bringing the message to me. HA! HA! Enemy you failed once again! God overcame and our brother was now walking through a much wider open door now able to see me and many others. In the meantime, I was still in the Word and attending church services. My faith and trust in God was growing and I was seeking God more than ever.

When he finally made it to me, we both knew it was God's mighty hand at work and we were now ready to start our meetings again. What seemed like a bad thing, being transferred to the other jail, ended up being GOD GOOD! At first there was no prayer circle, no Bible studies, only one church service and less than a hand full of Christians in the pod. So I thought. I soon realized that there were more Christians there than I first believed. It was like they were having a harder time 'coming out', if I can say it like that, due to all of the politics there. But I kept my faith in the Lord and I let it be known that I was proud to serve the Lord Jesus Christ!

After a few long evening prayers with the then small group and our pod began to change. Those that needed to be gone were gone and God proceeded to move in more Christians. There are thirty-six two man cells and today there are over 40 people in our evening Bible studies and prayer groups. We now have church services available to us 4 times a week. More and more brothers are receiving Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior to be saved! Now, Wade has gone from seeing just me to sitting with several other brothers that love the Lord and are grateful for the Overcomers for Christ Ministry.

All of this has happened from a simple prayer that God put in my wife's heart to ask for at church. Then came the work. It is through the Overcomers for Christ that our faith and trust in God has grown so much here in this jail. And I believe it is only going to get bigger and bigger. As for my case, my sentence has been reduced to 5 years and I will soon be headed to

prison. Today, I am okay with that as I **STRONGLY BELIEVE** God has something else for me to do there before my release and I will obey and do the best that I can to fulfill His calling for my new life.

Moving forward I have my family's support, my wife's support, my kids' support AND all of you at the **Overcomers for Christ**. So, I thank you all for planting a seed in me that has already begun to change my life. I have turned my will over to the care of God and am allowing His will to be done both in me and through me. I'm positive that it will ALL work out for the better and I give all the praise and glory to God! Again, I'm thankful for God working through the **Overcomers for Christ**. May God bless all of you and your families. Let me encourage you all to read and meditate on these few Scriptures until they are written deeply on the tablet of your hearts:

Isaiah 54:17 - "But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from Me. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

2 Timothy 2:11-13 - "This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with Him, we will also live with Him. If we endure hardship, we will reign with Him. If we deny Him, he will deny us. If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny who He is."

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - "Always be joyful."

James 1:2-6 - "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind."

Overcomer's Testimonies

So, a little bit about my past and deliverance. I came from the most amazing family with great supportive parents that only pushed me to do great things with my life. I have an older brother whom I haven't spoken to in like six years, but I pray daily for restoration between us. I played softball and many other different sports my whole life. So, I grew up doing positive activities and not knowing about the 'darker' street life. I had plans to continue playing softball in college, but due to a massive shoulder surgery I couldn't get my arm back to what it was. That was the turning point in my life.

God had always been a part of my life growing up but I never really had a personal relationship with Him. When I was 18 years old, I started acting out and experimenting with any kind of drug I could get my hands on. Being around drugs opened the door to being around all the different kinds of people that did them also. In my then sick and twisted thinking, I found the whole lifestyle exciting and only wanted more and more.

Then, I was introduced to meth and my even bigger downfall, my ex, who later became my co-defendant. At that point I had stopped caring about work, school and unfortunately my family. I did what I wanted and didn't care who I hurt in the process. I was being physically, emotionally and spiritually abused by my ex, but it didn't matter because I thought 'I loved' him, but more importantly ... he had the drugs. Even in all of this we continued our 'relationship' (if you can call it that) for awhile, until he went to prison and I caught my first case. When we both got out of prison I went right back to him, even though I had promised my parents that I wouldn't. I was only out 3 1/2 months before we became co-defendants. I took four years with a second strike. When I got out that time a caught another four years for a violation of probation. This time I've been locked up since 2010 and the only two things that have gotten me through it all is, our Great forgiving God and the unconditional love and support from my family.

I surrendered my life to the Lord completely on May 17, 2013. I'm in no way perfect but through Him I am changing. I hate what I allowed drugs to do to my life but now I know there is a way bigger picture that God has for me. To understand this plan all I have to do is do what's right and have faith in Jesus.

God is so Good! Everywhere I go I'm always placed around women who love the Lord and are striving for a better life. The room that I'm in right now is great! There are eight women in this room and we all know the Lord and we're all trying to do something better with our lives. I'm looking forward to living my life on the outside for God and NOT myself. Obviously, I wasn't that great at being the director of my own life. I'm happy I'm no longer in charge and God is!

Never forget, "It's the underdogs of the world that make the strongest soldiers for Christ!"

I Believe in 'Magic'

By Foot



Brothers and sisters, it is with a heavy heart I pass on the news of brother, Magic's, passing. He passed here in prison on June 16, 2015, after a hard fought battle with cancer. I first met Magic 24 years ago. Long story short, we did time together, we did crime together, we got high together. But the best part was when we crossed paths again in 2013, we were both sober and living for Jesus Christ which led us to spending time praying and walking with the Lord together. Completing a pretty wild circle of life.

I thank God with all my heart that Magic found Salvation, peace and joy in Jesus Christ and that he was not alone when he went home. I'm sure he's rocking a golden bagger and anxiously waiting for us to join him in God's glory. Ride in peace brother for the angels have finally caught up with you. Vaya con Dios my old friend. I'll catch up to you down the road.

Forever in our Hearts, a dear Friend, "Magic"

By Wade Anderson

Like many of you I could probably fill the pages of this newsletter with memories, experiences or some sort of adventure that we were blessed to have shared with Magic. But, I'm sure you'll see this is ALL about Jesus!

When I first received Jesus I was so full of energy that I used to ride my 'bicycle' everywhere looking for people to be 'contagious' on. I never called ahead to ask permission, I used the element of surprise. I wanted everyone to know and experience the same feelings of Jesus that I was now feeling. Some places my zeal was too overwhelming while others were in awe. Well, Magic kind of had a foot in both of these experiences. You see, he lived within a couple miles of me and every day or so, never knowing when, he would be on my radar. On a bicycle I could 'stealth' right up to the front door and then, KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK! Many of these days he was watching his little granddaughter and loving every minute he had with her. Other days, well, you all know the drill. But every time we visited, regardless who was there or what was going on I was always open to speak of God, and then get on my bicycle and ride away.

It didn't take too long before he came knocking on my front door. We had many heart filled talks, we cried together and we prayed together. Soon after this he began coming to those first Overcomers meetings we were holding in backyards and before too long he received Jesus as his Lord and Savior. I want to fast forward to the last letter that I received from him in prison. I'm holding that very letter in my hands as I write this too you all.


He began by writing, "I hope this finds you and your family all doing well and with our Father filling your hearts with His Love as He IS and does in mine." He went on to explain his then current health issues, letting us know his newest mailing address, saying that chemo wasn't looking good and "I can use all the prayers that I can get ... can you pass my love on to 'Foot'. I know I'm in for a hard road, but with God, at the very outside ... I'll get to see my son, Sean, soon. He was shot and killed when he was 16 and I have missed him so much." And then in his last comment he said, "I just wish I could look up one last time and see you come around the corner on your bicycle, that meant the world to me." After reading that I felt in my heart, "This could be the last thing I could give to him." So I immediately went into the backyard and had Michelle take some pictures of me on that bicycle and mailed them to him. That was the last piece of mail we received. In one respect it saddens my heart that it 'was' his last request of me. But, on the other side of that I'm blessed to know the relationship that we had here on earth will now carry us to meet again, to spend eternity together, in heaven! We never know what simple little things we do for others that will end up being etched into their hearts and minds.



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Jesus Won the Fight By M.V.

It's night and day
Dirt or mere clay
Beside the brook
Believing only God's Book.

I know the Artist on High
Trusting His Words are ever so pure and kind.

Inside a world of mockers and scoffers alike,
Wise and powerful the voice of Jesus Christ,
Continually saying my child, "I won the fight."

Everyone wonders, when, where, and how near,
No worries cause we Christians tremble at no common fears.

We the church, we the church,
Will stand, raise our hands
And combat all evil with earnest prayers.
To all Amen!!

Never be Discouraged By G.B.B.

There is really nothing we need to know,
or even try to understand,
If we refuse to be discouraged,
and trust God's guiding hand.

So take heart and meet each minute,
with faith and God's great love,
Aware that every day of life,
is controlled by God above.

And never dread tomorrow,
or what the future brings,
Just pray for strength and courage,
and trust God in all things.

And never grow discouraged,
be patient and just wait,
For God never comes too early,
and He never comes too late!

Help us be better stewards by sending your change of address when you move to help reduce unnecessary waste and expense

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