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Vision/Imagination - Part 8

By Wade Anderson

Let's pray: *"Heavenly Father, I know that You want me to share these things with the Overcomers for Christ family. Just like Jesus shared His life's experiences with us, through Your Word, to better help us maneuver through our everyday lives, I truly believe that these visions, dreams and testimonies will show my brothers and sisters that they too can overcome Satan by the Blood of the Lamb and the words of their testimonies. Father, I thank You for giving us all such great and precious promises, in Christ Jesus! And Father, help my brothers and sisters to see themselves as overcomers, and not allow themselves to stay deceived by the lies of the evil one. Father, You know that NONE of what I've written in any message is to glorify me. To You and You alone be all glory and honor! Help us, the O&C family, to only listen and obey Your voice. I thank You for these things, in the Mighty name of Jesus! Amen!"*

Throughout these messages I've mentioned the two different battles I've had, over the years, with ulcerative colitis. And just as I suspected, as I was about to share this 3rd event of UC with all of you, Holy Spirit tapped on my heart to share another, different experience/testimony with you. (I guess we'll get to that later.) I've shared this testimony with a few of the brothers that I correspond with, but I've never shared this in a newsletter because I felt at the time, it to be too personal of an experience. But, because Holy Spirit brought it up, there must be someone reading this testimony that it will have an effect on or even encourage 'you'. With the Holy Spirit's leadership, I'll share it. I usually do have a general direction we're headed, but I never know exactly how we're going to get there. I assure you; this is NOT a rabbit trail.

From the very first ulcerative colitis attack that I encountered, in 2008 and 2009, God directed me to a great doctor who has since been my primary care physician. We both love Jesus and always share our faith. Over the years we have become more like personal friends than a doctor patient relationship. When my body comes under attack, he always assures me, "This will not prevail over you because your body knows how to heal itself!" Being that 'they' say I'm not a spring chicken anymore, he always watches my blood work intently to make sure my insides are as healthy as my outside appears to be. Even though my faith is in the finished works of Jesus, Doctor Mo has been monitoring my insides for close to 16 years now.

At this point, I'd done some bloodwork the week before and went back to visit Dr. Mo for the results. As we went through all of the results he seen the PSA levels, which is only detected in the blood, and mentioned that this level had slightly elevated over the past year. To be proactive, he gave me a referral to a highly recommended Urologist. I always share my faith with my doctors to let them know that I **KNOW** Jesus is my true source of hope. In that, many times they will let me know where they stand one way or the other. This Urologist was also a believer and follower of Christ Jesus. After our first meeting he set me up with an appointment to come in and take some biopsies of my prostate. Let me add right here, guys, it doesn't matter how healthy you appear on the outside, the truth is always revealed in the blood. With the biopsies taken and sent out for the results, the next appointment would be for me to learn the results.

I went to this visit alone, but Michelle was waiting for me to call after the appointment to let her know the test results. As we went into his office, we greeted each other and sat down. He didn't beat around the bush, he got right to it and told me, "I do have the test results, and they show positive for prostate cancer. But the good news is I believe that we've detected it at an early stage, and it's confined to one area." (Thank You Jesus and thanks to Dr. Mo for watching my bloodwork so closely!) I'm not kidding you a bit, hearing the word 'cancer' caused the whole room to go black. As he started to tell me about his plan of attack, I looked at him and said, "Wait a minute. Don't tell me anything more. Just give me a minute to process this and pray for a minute." He did just that. The reason that I stopped and prayed was to paint a different picture in my imagination than the '**FEAR**' that first started to come over me. After I had pushed the negative thoughts from my mind, I looked at him and said, "Okay, now let's hear what you recommend for the treatment."

He fully understood where I was in all of this 'news' and walked me through a couple different options. The first was to not do anything about it and maybe have five years, with a not so good ending. I stopped him right there and told him. "Listen, I have way too much on my plate to settle for a measly five years. That's too selfish for me to even think about. I have a wonderful family I love deeply. I have grandsons that I'm planning on watching grow up to give me some great grandchildren! On top of these things, I'm following God's plan for my life, and I am going to run that race and finish strong! Now tell me what the other option is."

The next option was to remove every place they saw the cancer, only do radiation, no chemo, and get on with my life like it never happened. I believe the reason no chemo was involved in this option was for the fact that God had directed Dr. Mo to keep an eye on me, and it was caught at an early stage. We talked about what I could expect, and what the treatments would look like. I told him I would discuss this with my wife and let him know the route we wanted to take. He understood my decision and told me he would wait to hear from me.

Knowing that Michelle was waiting to hear from me, as soon as I got in the car, I called her and told her the results were positive for cancer. Hearing the news, she started to cry. That was when I told her, "Listen, you can go ahead and cry this

one time, but **WE WILL NEVER CRY ABOUT THIS AGAIN!**" Within a couple of seconds, she stopped crying, and I proceeded to tell her the doctor's plan. We agreed that Jesus was my Healer and all we needed to do was to stay in faith, stay focused on Him, with what He has already done in our lives and walk with expectancy for what He was about to do in this season as well. I will tell you, honestly, my head tried to take me places I didn't want to go, but we never shed another tear about this again.

After I'd gone through the operation and in the recovery room the surgeon/Urologist came in and told us that after he removed those certain areas, he realized it had spread further than he first thought. But we were still early enough that he was able to get **ALL** of it out. After a few days at home, he called and set me up with a great Radiologist. Going into this next phase of treatment I was already confident that this was a done deal. This Radiologist then scheduled me for 5 treatments a week for eight weeks. That's forty treatments. I asked about my restrictions while this was going on, and he assured me that I could continue with whatever activities I normally did. I guess in their defense I should always let them know that I have no regulator on my 'doing' things. It's either off or **FULL ON!**

I came home from every treatment and did everything I had planned to do before this all occurred. I had scheduled for a concrete man to come pour a completely new driveway area for us. But, in order for him to do that I had planned to first lay a brick sidewalk ahead of the driveway. I had the forms all staked out so that he could continue with his part. A few days after he completed his part, I started my part, again. Of course it was over 100 degrees outside, but 'I had a plan!' You'll see that this is a theme in all of my 'doing'. By now we were in the 7th and 8th week of radiation treatment. At that point I started to realize that my groin area was beginning to feel sore. So, I asked this Radiologist if this could have anything to do with these treatments. He assured me it wasn't. **SO NOW WHAT'S GOING ON??** Come to find out, the 'overachiever' in me had overdone it and **NOW** I had a hernia! Even though the hernia was pretty painful, it was a quick fix. Michelle and I are always on the same page with our faith and within a couple of months, we were on the other side of it all, and running stronger than ever! And to this date, the PSA levels in my bloodwork are nearly undetectable.

I'm not going to sit here and attempt to have you think that as a man this was not a huge thing for me to overcome, in my head. **MANY** times, my head went in so many directions and every direction was doing its best to lie to me. Let me straighten that up, some of it was the truth, but not the whole truth. That's the way the liar rolls, he only speaks partial truth to get our minds to wander down a dark path! The things that played over and over in my head could have been a reality in someone else's life, but it wasn't going to be my reality! I was just not going to let pride, concerning this issue, have its way in me! And as hard as it was from time to time, I had to stay focused on Jesus, His promises and His plan for my life. As soon as I got my head wrapped around the whole truth, that with or without a prostate Michelle and I were secure in our relationship I could then see that God's plan for me hadn't changed. So, I picked myself up and continued to march forward. Without me ever mentioning it, and you all not even knowing it, it was all of you, your mail and this newsletter that helped me keep my focus on Jesus. I continually thanked God for all of you and this assignment while I moved on. I was diagnosed with this in 2013, and I was determined cancer free, not remission, in 2014! That was ten years ago, not the measly five years that the first option offered me. God's plan is always the best plan. **PRAISE JESUS!**

I guess I'll give you all a break right here. With that, remember, there's a vicious world around us trying to steal away the Word we have inside of us! The devil is on the prowl trying get us to believe, like 'Chicken Little', the sky is falling and the world around us is hopeless! Don't fall for those lies. And to that I say, the laborers are few **BUT** the harvest is great for ministering! It's time to suit up and stand up! Be bold as a lion and share the Word that you have inside of you! Be kind to one another and love one another.

Remember, this earth is **NOT** a Christian's final destination. We are **NOT** hopeless, we already have a place prepared for us, in heaven! Jesus said so!!

Quote Worthy

"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die."

– Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 – 1969) - nicknamed Ike, was an American military officer and statesman who served as the 34th president of the United States from 1953 to 1961. During World War II, he was Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe and achieved the five-star rank as General of the Army. Eisenhower planned and supervised two of the most consequential military campaigns of World War II: Operation Torch in the North Africa campaign in 1942–1943 and the invasion of Normandy in 1944.

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

Please pray for a revival to start here at La Palma prison. That God will pour out His Spirit upon everyone here. - **C.M.**

I'm close to the door now, like 14 months. I'm excited and scared all in one. I'm scared because, honestly, I'm afraid that I'm institutionalized. Please pray for me and my success and restoration to life outside of prison. - **T.E.**

Lord, protect my family as they adventure out on this cruise sharing the joy of their faith with whomever they may meet, keeping them all safe as they travel. In Your precious name I pray. Amen! - **Foot**

They say that I have degenerative vascular disease in my legs. I've been put on limited duty and am not allowed to work, at least until October. Father says differently. Please pray with me for this season of my life to pass triumphantly and quickly. - **J.S.**

PRAISE REPORTS

Do you remember when God first called you to start the ministry of **Overcomers for Christ**, and you had told me a story about when you were riding your bicycle around and you had found one page of a Bible and you went looking for all the other pages, because you knew if there was one, then there would be more? Do you remember sharing that story with me? I came to remember it the other day, as well as when you had called me and asked if I would like to come to the hospital where Pat was at, to stand in agreement as you led him in the Salvation prayer. Oh, how my heart swelled with so much love for God, and for His mercy and grace. What an honor and privilege it was to be there that day for that event. Wade I am so very proud of you because you stayed faithful to God. Once He spoke to your heart in that accident where you laid your bike down with your grandson, you never swayed. **EVER!!!!!!** And you became the husband, father, and grandfather to your family that you had always wanted to be, yet without Him could have never gotten there. Yet with all you had in you, you trusted Him wholeheartedly. I wish I could say I did the same, but in so many ways I was still immature and rebellious towards God. Looking back, I wish I wouldn't have wasted so much time, but **ALL THINGS** come together for His glory. Praise Jesus! - **D.F.**

I'm close to the door now, like 14 months. I could be in a halfway house in less than a year. I'm excited and scared all in one. Excited to get out and create a more positive life than ever before. I know I've got to work hard, and I will. I will continue to remain sober, always continue my relationship with Jesus. I do plan on finding a church that best fits me. I'm scared because, honestly, I'm afraid that I'm institutionalized. I can't hear sneakers scuffing along the floor without jumping up to face it, ready for ...? On the plus side, I've received my GED, and I have literally taken every single class available at this prison. Some I've actually taught. I've gotten myself in pretty good shape, and I run like Forrest Gump. My sobriety is my main accomplishment. Since 2018, I have been clean, and believe me it's not for lack of availability. I know that hate is a strong word, but I now hate drugs, and I pray for other's deliverance from their chains of addiction. - **T.E.**

Hello, my family in Jesus!!! Well, it's awesome to hear from you in this email format. It's better for me to talk this way with you, cheaper and easier! D.O.C. gives us ten free stamps a month!!! Well, I am doing OK, I am still a loving child of **GOD!!** I read my Bible every day and pray a lot. D.O.C. has opened the yard, so we are able to hold a Bible study or church every night on the yard!! It's awesome to see Jesus working in this place!!! I just finished reading the **Overcomer for Christ** August issue, and I am going to take it to church tonight and pass it on. Again, I am really happy to hear from you and love this better than writing. I always keep you and your loved ones in my prayers!!! Jesus is awesome and He **IS MY** Lord and Savior!!! Take care, hope to hear from you soon! - **M.G.**

We just participated in the second annual National Day of Prisoner Prayer Day that a podcast called Real Vida TV promotes these last two years. Beforehand we put up flyers in the day rooms and in the pods, where we invited everybody for a day of fasting and praying. We prayed for prison reform inside these walls and for those leaving these walls. We prayed for legislation change in all A.R.S codes, we prayed for the officers, CO's and staff members, their Salvation and for the Salvation's of the lost soul on **ALL** of the prison units. We prayed for all things pertaining to the struggles of being incarcerated and for our friends, families, and loved ones that are doing this time with us. We had a very good turnout, Praise God! I just thought I would send a Praise Report, and more to come for the power of prayer and the manifestation of answered prayers! Amen. - **P.G.**

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From the Inside

Truly a Blessed Man

By FOOT

HUMBLED ... Brother, I just got the February newsletter and of course the cover blew me away. You all are so kind to me, thank you.

Updates ... So, my daughter's journey is on **FIRE** brother. I'll try to paraphrase the latest stuff. So, my daughter was going full steam ahead and was going to sue her boss for discrimination amongst other things. When I first read this my thought was that her boss could just fold up shop, putting I think about a half dozen people out of work. But I held my tongue and just waited to see what she would do. She dug into the Word and stopped the avenue of litigation, realizing that her purpose for the suit was just to prove a point. Instead, she changed her tactic and just started holding her tongue and being nice to her boss.

Quick background ... She is in charge of digital media marketing for a company in Cottonwood. Her boss was on her trying to say that she was the reason for the lack of sales. Now, fast forward to the other day when her boss was pressing her to post 'something' but wouldn't tell her exactly what colors, among other things. So, she decided to cover a pair of Van's sneakers that she had there in her office. She covered them with glitter and posted them. Long story short, within 24 hours those same glitter sneakers had close to 849K views and were still climbing. Total mic drop for her and she knows this is God putting an exclamation point on His child's skill set.

I can imagine if only 10% of those views turned into sales. What a deal that would be. Or even if she takes it further and starts glittering up designs on people's Van's sneakers on her own, at a fair wage. Anyhow, I searched the Scriptures and found a good one pertaining to war, "David fighting from every angle and feet as under God's feet," Makes you wonder if God's feet were in a pair of custom glitter covered Vans, LOL!

Today, my daughter and I have been emailing back and forth almost daily sharing Scriptures. I'm truly a blessed man!

Our Tests Become a Testimony ... Suit Up and Stand Up

By J.D.

I'm about to head out to A.A. and then spiritual recovery. They call it spiritual recovery but it's really a men's Bible study with the core group of guys here on both sides of the yard. I'm teaching tonight on the moment when our tests become a testimony. I've been on an Old Testament kick lately and it's a common theme throughout of the Lord testing His children. Over and over again the Lord tests our hearts to see if we'll remain faithful to Him, love Him and listen to His commandments. We ultimately gain knowledge and experience from the Lord's tests and that knowledge and experience turns into us testifying on the Lord's behalf to other people.

People see the change in us and the way we're living, and they say, "How do I get that?" People see the Jesus in us through our commitment and our unwavering dedication to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The most obvious example of this testing turned into testifying is in **1 Kings 3:4-9** where the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night and said "**Ask! what shall I give you?**" Of course, Solomon replies and says, "**Wisdom, in order to judge Your people with a just heart.**" Solomon passed the test, and the Lord blessed him beyond measure, even giving him untold riches because he didn't ask for that. Now fast forward to **1 Kings 10:1-9** and the Queen of Sheba hears of Solomon's wisdom and wealth and travels to see it for herself. In Verse 1 it says, "**Now when the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions.**" In turn, Solomon answers all her questions, she sees all his wealth and she believes in what the Lord God has done for Solomon. There was no doubt about it, that's the moment all our trials and tests turn into us testifying of the Lord and His power.

All Too Often

By J.D.

All too often I look around and I see Christian brothers struggling to stand upright in their walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes they stumble and step off the path and other times they simply turn around and start walking away from the Lord. I look around at these brothers perplexed and confused on what the issue is and why they can't maintain a steady

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march in the direction of righteousness. I stop to help them up and I set them back on solid ground and they take two steps forward and fall flat on their face again. I try to help them up **AGAIN** and they tell me they just want to sit for a while, they tell me to go on ahead without them.

I'm here to tell you guys that as long as you believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior then your Salvation is already guaranteed. Nothing can ever take that from you. But the fact still remains that Jesus Christ overcame this world, He overcame the temptations that are in it, and He conquered death. If you're a believer, then Jesus Christ lives inside of you. If you are struggling with something in your personal life and the Holy Spirit is convicting you on it, **LET IT GO**. Quit disobeying the Spirit of God. Today is the day of Salvation! The Lord says, "**TODAY**", and satan says, "**TOMORROW**." If you're struggling with tobacco, lust, pornography, sobriety, anger, or whatever it is the power to overcome and defeat those things will come from Christ. You've got to tap into the power of Jesus and confess it and give it to God. The Lord will give you the power to overcome any obstacle in your life.

The first step is to submit fully to the Lord and stop leaning on your own understanding, thinking that you can do it on your own or that this is something you have to do yourself. The second step is to let your yes be yes and your no be no. As a man or woman of God we are to make decisions, and we are to stand on those decisions. We are reflections of Jesus Christ witnessing unto Him through our actions and our words. What does it say about our Lord and Savior if the pastor stands in front of the congregation on Sunday morning with a lit cigarette in his mouth? We weren't called to be addicts, we were called to be leaders and disciples. Remember that non-believers are looking to us for guidance. They are stumbling in the dark looking for the light. We are the light; we have Jesus inside of us.

Today is the day to die to your flesh and stop feeding your flesh everything it wants. The flesh is corrupt and the things that it desires are corrupt. We've got to stop living every day for ourselves and start shining this light that's in us into the dark places. What are you afraid of? Don't you know that no weapon formed against us shall prosper? What's holding you back? Don't you know that He who is in you is greater than he who is in this world? It's time to **OVERCOME** the stumbling blocks in your personal walk and start living for **CHRIST**.

I love my **OC** family. I believe wholeheartedly in what you're doing.

God's Wise Purposes

By J.S.

To the **Overcomers for Christ** family, recalling a prayer from my past, I was delighted when I remembered the prayer I'd long forgotten – now aware for certain, Father had **NOT** forgotten. So, I have resolved to tell my **OC** family of believers about it. My prayer, then, was from *Psalm 13* (NKJV), "*How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the sleep of death; Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him'; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.*"

I've just learned/recalled that our Father's timing is always, in all ways, a source of delight. The fact is, I pray often and thank Father for answering that specific prayer most every time, before I move on; with Father in front of me and my armor He gave me, still in place.

Then I soon forget what I prayed for, or on. So, I've come across the fact that God doesn't forget as easily as I do. And even though I have, He still answers my prayer in His perfect purposes and timing in my future. When this happens, it causes me to be reminded of that 'forgotten' prayer.

I've come to be delighted by the fact that this 'occurrence' is just another way 'Poppa' enjoys communicating with me, saying, "Jerry, remember that such-in-such you talked with Me about?" At that point I can't help but be absolutely giddy in my spirit, as I respond, "I love You too Father." So, wait on our Father loved ones, it's worth it. Lean on our Father, it's also worth it.

Foot's Bible Study

Hosea 10:1-13:16

It seems as though the more God gives, the more we spend, we want bigger houses, better cars, and finer clothes. But the finest things the world offers line the pathway to destruction. As you prosper, consider where your money is going. Is it being used for God's purposes, or are you consuming it all on yourself? (10:1)

2 John 1-13

The statement that Christians should love one another is a recurrent New Testament theme. Yet love for one's neighbor is an old command, first appearing in the Book of Moses. **Leviticus 19:18** – **"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."** We can show love in many ways, by avoiding prejudice and discrimination, by accepting people, by listening, helping, giving, serving, and refusing to judge. Knowing God's command is not enough. We must put it into practice. Doing what God has commanded us. (1:5-6)

Matthew 22:37-39 – **"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"**

1 John 2:7-8 – **"Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining."**

Psalms 126:1-6

God's ability to restore life is beyond our understanding. Forests burn down and are able to grow back, broken bones heal, even grief is not a permanent condition. Our tears can be seeds that grow into a harvest of joy because God is able to bring good out of tragedy. When burdened by sorrow, know that your times of grief will end and that you will again find joy. We must be patient as we wait. God's great harvest of joy is coming. (126:5-6)

Proverbs 29:12-14

"The Lord gives light to the eyes of both" means that everyone depends on God for sight. Both the oppressor and the poor have the gift of sight from the same God. God sees and judges both. And His judgment falls on those whose greed and power drives them to oppress the poor. (29:13)

"Foot" Notes

Hello Family!

How many of us think faith is gained by good works, praying, laying on of hands, etc.? Faith is based on the knowledge of God. Every believer already has God's faith within them.

Romans 12:3 – **"For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one the measure of faith."**

Faith is in our heart, but we have to teach our heads to use it by changing how we think and line it up with God's kingdom. To grow our faith, we need to spend the time studying God's Word and as we do this our faith will increase and continue to increase the more we witness God's grace and power. We have to obtain this knowledge from the Truth.

John 8:31-32 – **"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'"**

Take it upon yourself today to search out God's knowledge through His Word. This will change your life.

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

Overcomer's Testimonies

I'm responding to one of the new brothers there at O+C that sent me a card. It always pleases me to hear from another brother in Christ, and member of the O+C family. The one thing I know for sure is, if someone is writing me from this organization, you've already received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, Spirit filled and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Allow me to give you a little run down of myself. I was born in Colorado and at the age of 9 we moved to Delta, a smaller town in Colorado, where I attended grade school, up to Junior High. At this point our family moved to Grand Junction, Colorado. I moved from Grand Junction in 1980.

In 1987, I moved from Colorado to Arizona, where, unfortunately for me, I became a statistic of a broken court system. However, the positive aspect of this whole ordeal is that it has brought me closer to my Savior. Out of this 'move' there isn't a day that goes by that I don't spend at least two hours with the Lord. Whether it be Podcasts, sermons, daily audible Bible readings, listening to His Spirit's leading and prayer ... my life is much richer because of His presence!

Well, everyone, stay in faith and continue to keep your eyes on the prize that only Jesus can and will provide for our obedience. - I.S.

Christian Comedy

There's a new restaurant in town called Karma. There's no menu, you just get what you deserve.

FUN FACTS

October 11th – In 1910, Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. president to fly in an airplane at Kinloch Field in St. Louis. He was a former president at the time. He rode as a passenger for a four-minute flight in a plane by the Wright brothers.

October 19th – In 1781, Lord Charles Cornwallis' British troops surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, heralding an imminent victory for the Continental Army.

October 19th – In 1960, the United States imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba except for medical supplies and certain foods.

October 19th - In 1987, "Black Monday" set a new Wall Street record for a single-day decline when the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points.

October 19th – In 2003, Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II.

October 25th – In 1986, the New York Mets defeated the Boston Red Sox in Game 6 of the World Series after a routine ground ball rolled between the legs of Boston first-baseman Bill Buckner, allowing the winning run and capping the Mets' 10th-inning, come-from-behind victory. The Mets won Game 7 two nights later to earn the championship.

October 26th – In 1774, the first Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

October 26th – In 1881, the legendary shootout between American lawmen and outlaw cowboys near the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona territory, left three men dead.

October 26th – In 2001, U.S. President George W. Bush signed the anti-terrorism USA Patriot Act into law.

October 26th – In 2002, Russian special forces raided a theater in Moscow where Chechen separatists had held hundreds of patrons hostage for nearly three days. More than 130 hostages and all forty militants were killed.

What Others Are Saying

"Hello **Overcomers for Christ** brothers and sisters! I hope and pray that all is well with you, your families, and your fruitful ministry. Thank you for your monthly devotions and shining God's light to all of us here incarcerated across the United States!" - **R.P.**

"Brother Wade, I had some time after my readings and personal studies. So, there was no excuse not to dig out a couple of pictures and put some words on paper. Being in Arizona I know that you know personally how extremely hot it's been. In lieu of fixing the AC here, they've purchased these **HUGE** fans for every unit. I remember when I did State time out there. All they had were swamp coolers and they seemed to do the trick. Anyways, I appreciate the spirit that you've shown throughout all the adversity, I'm sure it's the same in all situations. I can hardly wait until these doors are slung open, and I get to meet you in person. It has been a blessing since I picked up that first newsletter and seen 'Kenny' getting baptized. You and your ministry have been faithful in following me wherever the Lord has sent me, regardless of whether I've notified you or not. That has spoken volumes to me!!" - **J.H.**

"This is notice of my change of address. I have been moved to a different unit, and this notice of my changed address is to assure that I continue to receive your most welcomed publication, **Overcomers for Christ**. Respectfully requested by a fellow believer in faith." - **D.E.**

"I just got the November newsletter I feel honored that you have put words I've written in there. Thank you, it's very uplifting. To this day I still remember the first inside page where I used to have my grandparents' help from the outside. I'd send them my ideas and they would use their copier and then send the color page to you. The first one had mine and J.T.'s photos in it! It's crazy to think that was 17 years ago!" - **M.M.**

"First and foremost, all Glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's all about Him not me. I was able to stay humble after I read the article I wrote for the new newsletter. I will admit, it takes my soul to a whole other level when I realized that many other brothers and sisters are reading what God has shared with me. I also thank you and the **OC4C** family for the Christmas card, it touched my heart, and I am very grateful for my new family." - **P.G.**

"God works in mysterious ways. I was backsliding on the Lord's ways and have been doing the things of the flesh. And then I see this new contact in my emails and decide to see who it is. I know the Lord is telling me to not lose my focus from Him. I don't doubt who is Lord, and my faith remains. Brother Duck, thank you for all your support and not forgetting about me. Keep that drive my brother, you do so much that means a lot to a lot of people. May the Lord bless you and your home." - **R.L.**

"You all are special! For years I have been getting your newsletters every month, faithfully. Thank you to all of you there at the **OC4C** on the outside for your love and unconditional support! I just wanted to tell you all that I keep you all in my prayers all of the time. Your great service and the letters have helped keep me strong in my faith, reminding me that someone cares for me when I need it the most." - **I.V.**

"I will most definitely put something on paper for you and send it to share with our **OC4C** family. It will be an honor! I love your words, you're truly a blessing and so inspiring. I appreciate this opportunity to have your words and this new outlet to reach out and have my words reach outside these walls and then to have them come back into God's children here. I read God's Word every day. Thank You once again for writing me." - **A.H.**

"Hey **OC4C** family, I just wanted to let you all know I'm on day eight of reading my Bible. Some days I read four chapters, some I read just one. But I'm chugging along. I'm about to start the **Book of Acts**. We have the Pando app and I'm watching season three of *The Chosen*. There are a ton of churches there with sermons but I'm selective with what I watch. Right now, I'm watching Ben Stuart as well as stuff from Flat Irons Church which is out of Colorado. Good stuff. Well, I just wanted to check in with you and send some love your way. Take it easy. Your brother in Christ." - **W.L.**

WORD OF THE MONTH

Compurgator

Pronunciation – com·pur·ga·tor - 'kām per gā ter

Noun – one who under oath vouches for the character or conduct of an accused person

"Brought in as compurgators, the three character witnesses insisted that the defendant was a moral person and could not have committed the theft."

Did You Know ... **Compurgator** is a descendent of the Latin verb *compurgare*, meaning "to purify wholly". The root of that word, *purgare*, also gave English *purge* ("to clear of guilt," "to cause evacuation from," or "to get rid of") and *expurgate* ("to cleanse of something morally harmful, offensive, or erroneous"). **Compurgator** has occasionally been used in a more general sense of "one who supports or defends another," but its primary application is to the specific legal situation in which someone appears in court as a character witness for the defendant. **Compurgator** has been used in English with this specific legal meaning since the 16th century.

Did You Know?

Approximately 73% of the Israeli population is Jewish. Approximately 21% are Israeli citizens classified as Arab, some identifying as Palestinian, Druze, Circassians, all other Muslims, Christian Arabs, or Armenians. An additional 6% are classified as "others". This diverse group comprises those with Jewish ancestry but not recognized as Jewish by religious law, non-Jewish family members of Jewish immigrants, Christians other than Arabs and Armenians, and residents without a distinct ethnic or religious categorization.

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October

By Winifred C. Marshall (1761 – 1839) an
American novelist and memoirist

October is a gypsy queen
In dress of red and gold.
She sleeps beneath the silver moon
When nights are crisp and cold.

The meadows flame with color now,
Which once were cool and green.
Wild asters and the goldenrod
Bow low to greet their queen.

When she is tripping through the woods
With song so clear and sweet,
The autumn leaves come sifting down,
And rustle 'neath her feet.

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