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GOD LOVES YOU

By H.A.M.

Dear friends in the *Overcomers for Christ* family, I hope you enjoy this little Bible study. I have good news for you all, God loves you! Now put your hand on your heart and say, "God loves me." People, God loves you just like you are, but He loves you too much to leave you that way.

As we begin, this is my prayer for us all. ***"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."*** (Ephesians 3:17-21)

You will never receive how much God has for you until you know how much He loves you. **John 3:16** tells us, ***"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*** So do you see what Jesus just said? God loves you so much that He sent His One and only Son to die in your place. Jesus came to this earth and gave His life, shed His Blood, bore our strips, our pain and our shame. He did all of this so that you could live in victory while allowing His power to work in and through you.

Then He gave you His instruction Book, the Bible, to show you how to walk in that power. Jesus said, in **John 15:5**, ***"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."*** Then in **Philippians 4:13** the Apostle Paul wrote, ***"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."***

There **IS** power in the Word of God ...

In **Matthew 4:4**, ***"Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*** Now in **Hebrews 4:12** we see also, ***"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*** Then in **1 Peter 1:23**, ***"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."*** Then the Apostle Paul encourages us with, in **Romans 1:16**, ***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."*** Now let me encourage you to look up and read **Isaiah 55:11** and **Psalms 19:7-14**.

There **IS** power in the name of Jesus ...

Let's read **Acts 3:16** together, ***"By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has completely healed him, as you can all see."*** **Proverbs 18:10** reads, ***"The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."*** And then, in **Psalms 44:5**, ***"Through You we push back our enemies; through Your name we trample our foes."***

There **IS** power in the Blood of Jesus ...

Let's read **Hebrews 5:8-9**, ***"Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered and, once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him."*** Now, **Hebrews 9:14**, ***"How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"*** Look here in **Hebrews 10:19-22**, ***"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great Priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."*** In **Ephesians 1:7-9** Paul tells us, ***"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ,"*** Again here in **Ephesians 2:13**, the Apostle Paul, ***"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*** And now, **Revelation 12:11**, ***"And they have defeated him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony, And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die."***

There **IS** power in the Holy Spirit ...

Acts 1:8 reads, ***"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in***

Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." And then, in **1 Corinthians 2:4-5**, **"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power."**

There **IS** power in the Cross ...

In **1 Corinthians 1:18** Paul again, **"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."** Again, in **Colossians 1:19-20**, Paul states, **"For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross."**

There **IS** power in Praise ...

Psalms 22:3 reads, **"Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the one Israel praises."** **2 Timothy 1:7** assures us, **"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."** Jesus has told us, in **Luke 10:19**, **"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."** God has given us all the power to walk in victory in every area of our life. My question to us all is, **"Are we living in that power so the world can see that we operate in the power to love, to forgive, to have true joy and to have divine health in our bodies?"**

Proverbs 4:20-23 Solomon writes to his son David, and God through His Scriptures is telling us, **"My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."** And then in **Psalms 103:1-5** we see that David took what his father had told him to heart as he says here, **"Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles."**

The world is not looking for more problems, they are looking to us because we should realize that they have them. The world needs to see the power of God in our lives. If you didn't know it, I'm telling you, **"All the power to live a victorious life is available to you RIGHT NOW!"** We receive the power by spending time with God, who **IS** the source of that power. We also receive His power by spending time with Him in prayer, talking with God **AND** listening to Him, for He **IS** ALL power. One of the greatest places to begin to see and feel His power is by spending time with Him in His Word. Again, in **Hebrews 4:10**, we are encouraged, **"For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."**

This is very beneficial to us all, **"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."** (**Ephesians 6:18**) After all of the Armor listed in **Ephesians 6:10-17**, we're encouraged, in **verse 18**, to use the power that praying in tongues provides. In **Jude 20-21** we find, **"But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."**

Let me share with you all a few Scriptures about praying in the Spirit, praying in tongues which **IS** our heavenly prayer language. First in **Acts 2:2-4**, **"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."**

Acts 11:15-16, **"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as He had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'"**

Acts 19:6, **"When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied."**

Mark 16:17, **"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues ..."**

1 Corinthians 14:1-2, **"For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit."**

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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)

Prayer Requests

Overcomers for Christ, I just wanted to check in with a strong faith and deep prayer for all Overcomers for Christ. With continued prayers and praises to our King Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. I pray also for all the prison staff and medical staff, nurses and doctors that God moves everyone to a vaccine for this COVID-19 thing, in Jesus' Name, Amen!! And as the Bible says in *Isaiah 54:13* (NKJV), "**All your children shall be taught by the Lord, And great shall be the peace of your children.**" and *Isaiah 55:11*, "**So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.**" You know it also reminds me to stand fast in my faith that if you abide in My Word and My Word in you, then I can ask and it would be done for me. God says so, that's why, Amen!! It's all temporary anyway, just don't be caught dead without Jesus. Be well all of you and those for whom you pray and praise ... **S.M.**

Could all you Overcomers, please pray for my ace Deuce's grandson Dillian. He just suffered an overdose ending up in ICU. Pray that the Lord open his eyes to the fact he's not only hurting himself but also all those who love him and that the good Lord relieve him of all that feeds his addiction. Love to y'all short and tall! Vaya Con Dios ... **BIG FOOT**

I had a pretty rough 2020. Last March, my wife died from injuries she got in a massive house fire that her and her girlfriend were staying in while they were on vacation in Las Vegas. You could probably guess that I was devastated over it. I had to leave my children to take responsibility for all her medical decisions because she survived for five days after the fire and finally passed away. I couldn't imagine what she went through in those five days and I prayed and asked the Lord to take her if it was her time. My relationship with God is strong and I never questioned why. I know she is at His right hand and I am at peace with it now. As far as I go, I have worked on my post conviction relief for two years. This past February, my attorney received new evidence that clears my guilt. I sunk myself deep into my case and now we are waiting on a date for an evidentiary hearing. Once I get that hearing, I should get granted a new trial based on that evidence alone. God has kept me patient and at peace, while we've been fighting this. My attorney told me that if we get a new trial, there is no way the state will want to go against me and they will probably come at me with a "time served" plea, which I would sign. That would get me released. I look forward to putting this all behind me and seeing my children for the first time in four years. God is great and has my back on this case. Keep this in prayer ... **M.H.**

Tell all the brothers and sisters at Overcomers that I pray for them ... **M.G.**

Praise Reports

My relationship with the Lord is growing on a daily basis as I read the Word and talk with Him throughout the day. This is my number one goal for the remainder of my life. It is no fun to be here but that is my fault due to very poor choices along the way. But, it took this conviction and a 10 year stint in prison for the Lord to help me see what I knew all along, but would never commit fully to do. I now choose to do His will and give Him my all and kick self-will out of my thinking. I am almost 73, it took a long time to get to this point, but here I am. Praise the Lord ... **J.M.**

God works so amazingly. I prayed about my family and being alone and here comes your letter. I love You, Jesus!! I am not alone, I have a new family, Jesus and all His brothers and sisters. I forget, then you write and God speaks to my heart and I see I am looking the wrong way for family. But I see it now. I got my call, it was awesome to hear my dad's voice. We talked about God, I am glad he has found his faith. I am always living for God ... **M.G.**

Thanks for the card, it put a smile on my face because your words always uplifts me and give me hope. I am so blessed I just recovered from the Coronavirus, three weeks ago, the whole yard got it. I never, ever got that sick in my life. But there was really nothing anybody can do, "Except for me to pray." I did and God answered my prayers. I scared my mom and I was so surprised to hear what she told me. She said for me to pray and she's been praying for me. All my family started writing. I got cured by the Grace of God. My sister put it on Facebook and I got like 700 prayers. God is so good to me!!! Amen!! The brothers here are all well ... **R.V.**

Hello, Everyone!! Praise God!! Through the Holy Spirit, our Father is teaching me from the inside out. "*But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you!*" (**John 14:26**) And with mustard seed size faith that ignites God's favor, I won't go by what I see, I'll go by what God has said!!! I will TRUST OUR FATHER'S MANY PROMISES and never ever forget that I am a member of the Most High God's family, FOREVER!! Remember brothers and sisters of the Human Race, God is Love!! And our Father refuses to turn His back on His children for any reason. He will love US ALL forever and ever, even if or when we fail. His character and nature IS GOOD, GOOD, GOOD! Amen, Amen!!! I love you all ... **J.S.**

I am writing to let y'all know that I have a change of address, I have finally made it to my unit. Man, how God has blessed me by putting me in this place. I hope to hear from y'all and get the next newsletter ... **R.G.**

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From the Inside

How Can We Not Weep

By W.R.

How can we not weep when we have felt the love and mercy of God pierce our hearts? Knowing what we were and what He has brought us out of still makes me weep. What breaks my heart more than anything is knowing, with even the small amount that I can fathom, what Jesus went through to redeem someone like us. His trials, His pain and suffering and His death on that Cross. Every day I ask the Lord to keep me in a sound mind and never let me forget these things. Never let me forget what He brought me out of. Brother, you know that I love you and I thank God for having brought our lives together.

Jesus the Man vs. Jesus The Christ

By M.H.

Greetings to the Overcomers for Christ family everywhere, in the name and by the Blood of Jesus Christ!

Time goes by and the world is changing right before our very eyes. You all have been in my prayers and thoughts. It is always a treat to receive your monthly newsletters and it's even better when I get a personal letter from you. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to write me, it is truly a blessing.

God is so good and He remains faithful even when we are faithless. A couple of weeks ago Jesus the Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, gave me a message about the difference between **Jesus the Man vs. Jesus The Christ**. The church as a whole are still stuck on Jesus the Baby and Jesus the Man and they don't have the revelation of Jesus The Christ, the only begotten Son of the Living God! Because of that, the church is operating with NO power. Every born again believer has the Christ in them and when the devil talks to us he is suppose to see the Christ all over again! *"Jesus, raise the Christ in us when the flesh starts showing up!"*

A lot of people don't want the responsibility of the Christ. Jesus' own brothers didn't follow Him until after He was the Christ. Peter had the revelation. When Jesus asked him, in **Matthew 16:15-16**, *"But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* That statement and revelation that Peter had was so profound that Jesus called him by his government name when He said, in **Matthew 16:17-18**, *"Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."* Some people read this and misinterpret that to mean, even though Peter means rock, that Peter was the rock that He was going to build His church upon. But it was Peter's divine revelation of the Christ, who is the Rock, the Chief Cornerstone He was building His church upon. The only way the gates of hell would not prevail against was the fact that Jesus the Christ was and is the only MAN who could and did defeat hell, death and the grave!

Jesus the Christ is ultimately responsible for the growth and expansion of the church. True people of God that will submit to Jesus Christ's Kingly reign. In the very next verse, **Matthew 16:19** Jesus told Peter, *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."* Keys are a symbol that represents authority. Now, we the body of Christ have the authority and the power through Jesus Christ to bind or loose, to permit or prohibit only what has already been permitted or prohibited in heaven. Peter was an agent of divine revelation and we as the body of Christ must operate in the kingdom upon this same divine revelation.

There is so much more but I will close for now. May the blessings and peace of Jesus Christ reign upon all of you 'inside' and every person in the ministry of the Overcomers for Christ! Forever, "I'm Fired up and Flying High!"

My Experience About Matthew 6:1

By M.D.

Matthew 6:1, *"Be [very] careful not to do your good deeds publicly, to be seen by men; otherwise you will have no reward [prepared and awaiting you] with your Father who is in heaven."*

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From the Inside

Here Jesus warns us about trying to impress people with our good deeds and instead encourages us to wait for our reward from God. God really brought this point home in me once through something that happened in my life. I was getting my hair cut in my uncle's old school barber shop in the downtown main street of Yuma, Arizona. I happened to be wearing a diamond 'Jesus' tie pin that I had stuck in my hat. God prompted me to give it to a male nurse who was also in the shop sitting in the chair next to me talking about ministering to cancer patients in the Yuma Regional Medical Center where he worked. He said he was not allowed to preach to them openly, but wanted to be able to minister to them somehow.

I felt the Lord leading me to give him my Jesus pin so that when he wore it, as he bent over his patients, the name of Jesus would minister to them. I hesitated because I knew the Lord wanted me to do it privately, but saw no way to so because the barbers doing our haircuts, as well as the room full of men waiting their turn. Suddenly my uncle asked the barber next to me to help him go get something out of the back. I knew God was making a way for me to give the nurse my pin discreetly and without any fan fare. BUT, my flesh, (Matthew) wanted some credit. So instead of doing what God wanted me to do and the way that He wanted me to do it I kept putting it off, reasoning to myself, "I think it would bless these other men to see my generosity."

So, I waited until my uncle and the other barber got back and made a big deal about giving it to the nurse. Just as I had thought, everyone expounded on my generosity, going on and on about how kind of me it was to give this man my diamond Jesus pin. As I left my uncle's shop thinking about how generous I had been, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart saying, "Well, I hope you enjoyed that because it is all the reward you're going to get. Whatever you would have had from Me, you just traded for those compliments." I wonder what God would have done for me had I obeyed what He had told me to do, letting Him have all the glory and credit? Let me urge you not to make the same mistake I did. Obey God and do what He wants you to do, when He wants you to do it, the way He wants you to do it!

Repentance in Faith

By H.M.

In the 19th century a preacher by the name of Charles Spurgeon said, "Now, contentment is one of the flowers of heaven, and it must be cultivated." Mother Theresa said, "It's not what you do, but how much love you put into it that matters." So please believe me when I say, "Your love cultivates hope." This following quote from Helen Keller is exemplar of a true Christian walk, especially for those in prison. "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet, only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of overcoming it." All of us in prison know how easily sin can gain a foothold in our lives. Praise God that Christ accepts all who come to Him in repentance and faith, even sinners whom are whispered about and despised.

Now let's read **Luke 7:36-50** and consider them together. ***"When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, He went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, He would know who is touching Him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.' Jesus answered him, 'Simon, I have something to tell you.' 'Tell me, teacher', he said. 'Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?' 'Simon replied, 'I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.' 'You have judged correctly,' Jesus said. Then He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give Me any water for My feet, but she wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give Me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet. You did not put oil on My head, but she has poured perfume on My feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.' Then Jesus said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' The other guests began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"***

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Jeremiah 16:1-17:27

A message of hope with a trio of honorific terms for God - strength, fortress, and refuge. Strength and fortress are related words in Hebrew, like the English "strength" and "stronghold". A refuge is a place of safety from danger. Jeremiah knew that his only place of strength and safety was in God. The scope of Jeremiah's hope is universal. The Gentiles, among whom the people of Judah would be exiled, would come to the God of Israel in fulfillment of the promise of **Genesis 12:1-3. (16:19-20)**

God makes it clear why we sin, it's a matter of the heart. Our heart is inclined to sin from the time we are born. It is easy to fall into the routine of forgetting and forsaking God. But we can still choose whether or not to continue in sin. We can yield to a specific temptation or we can ask God to help us resist temptation when it comes. **(17:9-10)** "The Heart" refers to the mind, the source of thinking, feeling and action. **(17:9)**

Our society admires assertiveness, independence and defiance of authority. In a relationship with God, these qualities become stubbornness, self-importance, and refusal to listen or change. Left unchecked, stubbornness becomes a way of life hostile to God. The people's response to God's warning **(v. 11)** is similar to that in **verse 17:23**, they rebelliously pursued their own ways. "Hopeless" describes the despair people felt concerning obedience to God. These feelings were the direct result of the evil heart that is characteristic of people who continually turn away from the Lord and His ways. **(18:2)**

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5:28

Some people turn to God with the hope of escaping suffering on earth. But God doesn't promise that. Instead, He gives us power to grow through our sufferings. The Christian life involves obedience to Christ despite temptations and hardships. **(3:4)**

There is more to Christian living than simply loving other Christians. We must be responsible in all areas of life. Some of the Thessalonian Christian's had adopted a life of idleness, depending on others for handouts. Some Greeks looked down on manual labor. So, Paul told the Thessalonians to work hard and live a quiet life. You can't be effective in sharing your faith with others if they don't respect you. Whatever you do, do it faithfully, and be a positive force in society. **(4:11-12)**

Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is that they may be sanctified in all aspects of their life, spirit, soul and body. Every part of a Christian's life should bear evidence that he or she is set apart as Holy to God. This will result in being "blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ". Christians are already saints in the sense that they have been set apart to God. Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to express holiness in this life so that the Lord would approve of their conduct upon His return. "Blameless" does not mean sinless, but free from causes for reproach and regret. **(5:23)**

Psalms 83:1-18

Sometimes we must be humbled by adversity before we will look up and see the Lord. We must be defeated before we can have the ultimate victory. Wouldn't it be better to seek the Lord in times of prosperity than to wait till His judgment is upon us? **(83:13-18)**

Proverbs 25:15

Being patient and soft spoken can get you much farther in life than you might think. **(25:15)**

“Foot” Notes

Happy Easter, one and all. This is the time of year that we all need to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus Christ made so that we all have the opportunity to live/go through life with a permanent inner joy/peace/contentment no matter what roads we may travel.

For me personally, I don't know how much humanity would be left within me having all this time to do. I am truly grateful for my relationship that I have with our Lord and Savior. This relationship allows for me to walk through the mine-field of incarceration knowing I am truly never alone.

Love to you all short and tall! Vaya Con Dios!

P.S. Don't ride faster than your Angels can fly.

1 Corinthians 14:40, "But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way."

You may be asking, "How do we receive this gift of tongues?" Well, from the mouth of Jesus Himself, "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (Luke 11:9-13) Just ask Jesus to baptize you in His Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, your heavenly language. It's a Gift, but you have to believe and then open your mouth and allow it to flow from your lips. He won't force you.

Have a very blessed Easter, Jesus died for you because God loves you!

What Others Are Saying...

"Hello, I just wanted to say that I enjoy the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletters (news) very much. I find that lots of times the devotional for that day is just what I need to find my way. God works in wonderful and mysterious ways and He always knows when we need a special message. God has used the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletters to give me guidance, comfort and wisdom. I literally hate to start my day without it or it feels like something is missing. I read it over and over and it's always by my bedside. Thank you for everything." - **R.V.**

"A note to Mulie, 'Mulie, God still loves us! We have to stay strong through this. Not just physically, but in faith and in our love for Jesus. He knows that a mistake was made, but what we do from this moment forward changes all of that.' I want everyone that sees this to read *The Bait of Satan* by John Bevere. This book has put so much into perspective for me, and I hope that it does for you too. I love you all and may God put peace in all of your hearts." - **D.T.**

"I thank God for all of you and the ministry at *DS&S*. We have never met, but I always feel like I'm one of the family. I know, of course I am your brother in Christ, but the cards add such a personal touch that is difficult to explain. My best friend was transferred to another unit last week. He is a great friend and brother, a "lifer", so it is unlikely we will see each other again. The cards came within days of his leaving, and now sit on my desk as a wonderful reminder of family. Thank you so much! May God bless you abundantly." - **G.H.**

"Man, you all have blessed me so much here lately. Thank you for the card AND I seen my prayer request in the newsletter! Thank you. I don't really know how to explain how it makes me feel, but it's like being a part of something Real and Good! I thank God for all of you, for being who you are. It's just so cool. It's like I'm finally seeing and experiencing some folks living up to the name of Christian's. Christian means, Christ-like. Thank you for what you all do." - **B.A.**

"I really appreciate the card I received from Tom. I realize it was his first card sent out and I want him to know it was great to receive his letter. That you all care enough to take your time to write to me is very comforting. I don't get much mail as most people have abandoned me. It is so nice to go to my mail box and actually see something in it. Usually it is just dust. I received your newsletter this past week. I very much enjoy reading it as it always has something in it for me. Many of us have similar situations and feelings and it is good that this sharing goes on. It is extremely helpful." - **J.M.**

Obstacles

By Steve Arterburn

***"To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God."* - Jonah 2:6**

Don't curse or grumble about the obstacles in your path, look at them as character builders. Find a way to move them, or pray your way through them. Call to mind the words of the great American educator Booker T. Washington, who said, "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

Don't be afraid to ask for help. People are surprisingly generous with advice, especially if you take the time to befriend them first. And remember to be thankful. You may meet a mentor who'll encourage and support you for years to come. The main thing, however, is not to throw in the towel when you encounter bumps in the road. Remember, when you're traveling up a mountain, it's the bumps you climb on.

Overcomer's Testimonies

Grateful For So Much

By E.O.

Hello there Overcomers for Christ! My name is E.O. but my friends all call me 'Eddie Boy'. I've been meaning to write you for awhile now. I use to see you when I was in SMU at 4th Avenue jail. You used to visit my neighbor. I was back there on a new case from Florence. Sad to say, I got 17 more years added to my already 12 year sentence, from which I was supposed to be released July of 2020.

Well, I know you don't know me but I guess I can give you some insight about me and my life. You're the first pastor I'm going to give my testimony too. I'm sure you've heard many, from many a good men.

I read a book after I renounced my almost 20 year membership to the Mexican Mafia. The book was a testimonial book called "Rescued not Arrested" by a man named Roger Munchian. On page 198 of that book he wrote about me and my old colleague J."C"G. They changed our names in this book, but the information given in it was pretty much on point. They tried to charge me and "C" for that particular hit. I went back to the Fed's back then in 2002 then got out again in 2009. I'm not sure if you met "C" when we were in 4th Avenue but anyways I think he mentioned you to me while I was there.

I've been back here in the A.D.O.C. since 2011. I started off here in the state prison system in 1990. Then I went to the U.S.P. in 1995 at the young age of 24. I did two tours in the Fed's, in 5 different states. I was coast to coast putting in what we call "work" as I'm described doing in the previous mentioned book. Anyhow, on to the present.

I have been here in the 'Renouncers Unit' for almost a year now. I first received your newsletter while I was in Browning recovering from a near death experience that changed my life Wade. I used to think of myself as one of the strongest men I knew, until that dreadful day I was given a "Hotshot" of pure fentanyl. That one "shot" killed the deadly man I use to be, and brought back the new born again man I am today! I've been reading my Bible daily since then.

Your writings in your newsletter have inspired me as well as other Christians I come across. Today, my family call me a miracle lol. God changed me! I'm so 'Grateful For So Much' in my life now. But nothing compares to our Lord's mercy, grace and most importantly, His forgiveness I feel inside of me today. I no longer punish myself for my past sins since I read, feel and believe, **Romans 5:1-5, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."**

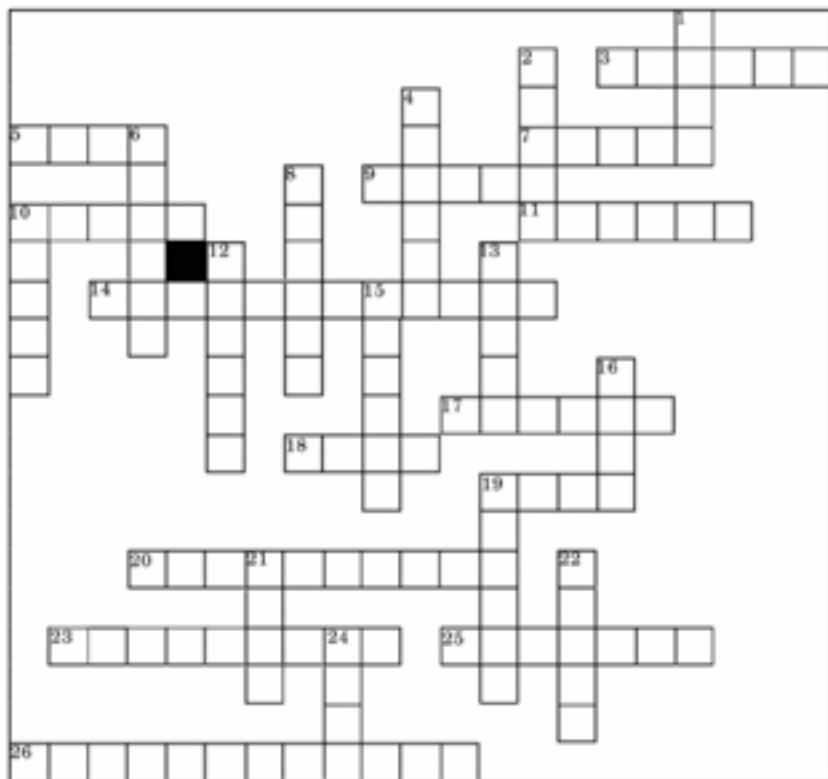
Praise God for the new found happiness I feel inside my heart. I'm eligible for a '3 yard' here in a month or so, I stayed almost 10 years in Browning as a validated STG member so I'm really enjoying my new freedom. I still have my days but nothing time out with God doesn't fix for me. **"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."** (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

Man, after this testimony, I feel like we're good friends now! Ha! Ha! Praise God! At least brothers in Christ! As I said at the beginning of this long over-due letter, it's been a long time coming for me Wade. I'm now 52 years old and yet I'm grateful for being here sharing my some-what testimony with the Overcomers for Christ. I was inspired by a fellow Christian brother here with me, J.A.

I'll close with these words from the Apostle Paul, in **Ephesians 3:14-21, "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."**

And **Philippians 3:13-14, "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."**

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ACROSS

- 3 Something you march in
- 5 Another name for sheep
- 7 Animal that delivers Easter Goodies
- 9 Winged celestial being
- 10 Symbol of the Crucifixion of Jesus
- 11 Name for Resurrection
- 14 When Jesus came back to life
- 17 Day Christ was crucified
- 18 Sacred
- 19 Something painted at Easter Time
- 20 Small sugary tidbits
- 23 Special candy
- 25 Spring is the season for new life
- 26 Bakery good served at Easter

DOWN

- 1 Ask God for His blessing
- 2 Scriptures and gospels fill it
- 4 Wear on head in Easter Parade
- 6 Used for carrying items
- 8 Religious ceremonies are held here
- 10 Sweets
- 12 Day of week Easter is celebrated
- 13 What we do with eggs
- 15 Light this in church
- 16 Holy ceremony
- 19 Sunday Jesus arose from the dead
- 21 Easter Flower
- 22 Baby chicken
- 24 Jesus arose from this place

Quote Worthy

"Love isn't love 'til you give it away."

Oscar Hammerstein II (1895 – 1960) - an American lyricist, theatrical producer, and (usually uncredited) director in the musical theater for almost 40 years. He won eight Tony Awards and two Academy Awards for Best Original Song. Many of his songs are standard repertoire for vocalists and jazz musicians. He co-wrote 850 songs.

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**What Is Your Dream
By A.B.**

This poem was written for my grandson.

What is your dream, my precious child? What is your hope for tomorrow?
Living each day in a special way, Through every day - every sorrow.

Often it seems that we fail to ask, What all your wishes might be.
Thinking of all that we hope you will do, But you are a soul bright and free.

What is your dream this magic time? Growing from childhood so fast,
Cherish each moment, Dear little one, Making these glowing years last.

Look to tomorrow, Make it your own, Whatever you happen to choose.
It's your decision - No matter your choice - Still yours to win or to lose.

Ever look up as you travel life's road, Find all the rainbows on high,
Capture the cloud step and hold them so near, 'Neath heavens lovely blue sky.

Think for yourself - then make up your mind, Keeping a faith so supreme.
With love in your heart and a bright thinking in mind, ever cherish your own precious
dream.

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