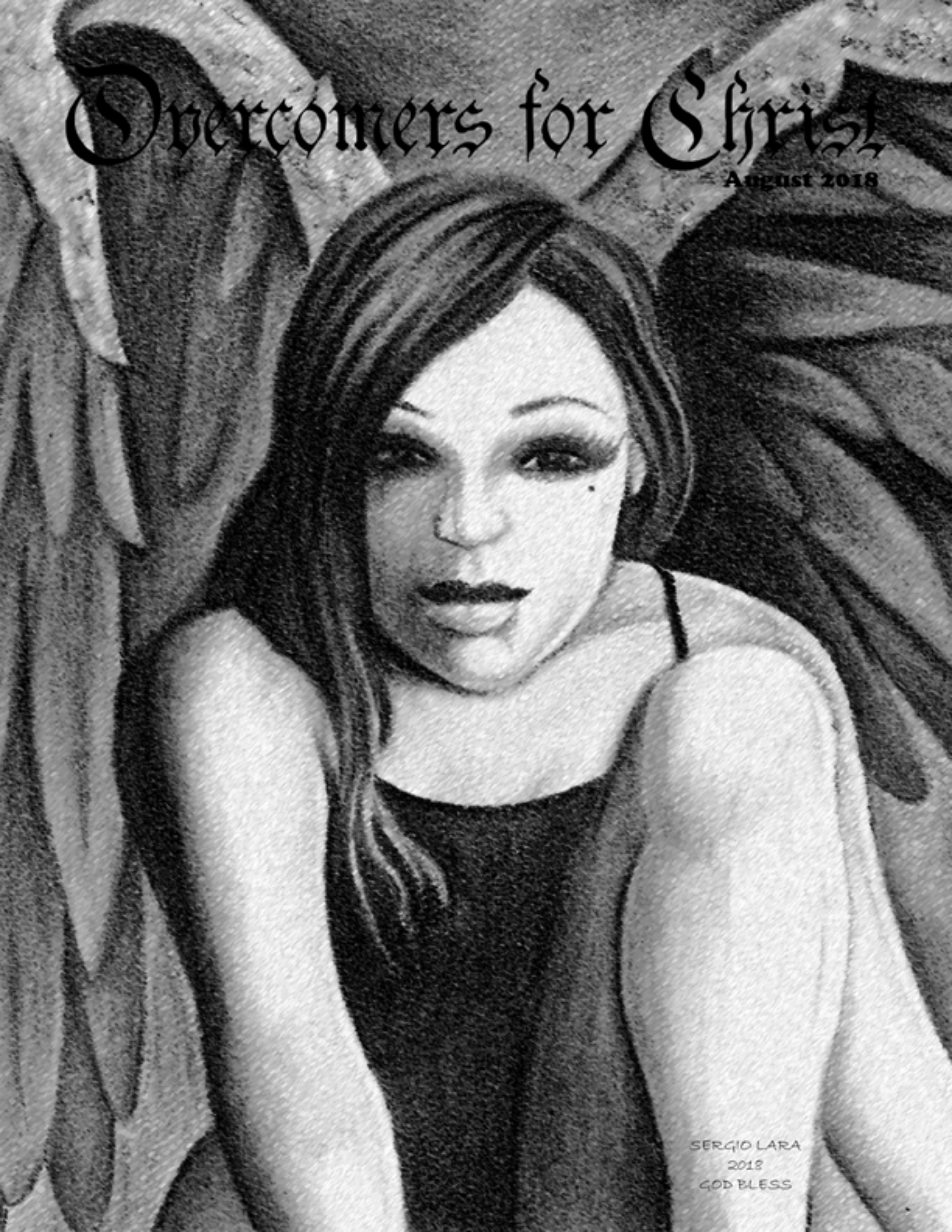


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YOU CAN HAVE WHAT YOU SAY - Part 1

By Wade Anderson

Let's pray: "Gracious and Almighty Heavenly Father, Lord and Savior, we thank You that You Sir are the Creator of ALL things. You created time and set into motion both natural and spiritual laws. We thank You that Your Word is the truth and that You are faithful to Your Word. I invite Your Holy Spirit, the same Spirit that rose Jesus from the grave, to partner with me today. As we search the Word today I ask Your Spirit to be our teacher, to lead us all to a deeper revelation of how specifically and precisely important our 'spoken' words are in our lives. My prayer is always for more of You, Lord, and less of me. I pray that Your Blood wash over all of these words and only truth be revealed. In Jesus' name I pray. AMEN!"

As I've been listening and studying over these past few months I've felt an urgency to write about the power of our spoken words. Many of us 'say' so many different things throughout the day that do NOT line up with the Word of God and then wonder, "Why does my life seem to have so much chaos in it?" If you're one of those people let's get into the Word of God together and find the answer to the 'why'. The words you speak are seed that have the power to create what grows in your tomorrow and your future. So how do we fix that? BY CHANGING THE WORDS THAT WE SPEAK TODAY!

There are several different spiritual laws/principles that are always in effect. It's recorded in **Genesis Chapter 1**, from **verses 1 to 30**, where God 'spoke' the universe and ALL of creation into existence. In every verse where 'God said' directly after that we find, 'And it was so'. This in and of itself gives us the idea that 'spoken words' have the power to create what has been spoken. I bet some of you are saying to yourselves, "Sure they do, it was God that spoke them."

Okay, let's take a look at that and go to **Genesis 1:26**, where God said, "**Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over ...**" When God said for Adam to "rule over", He wasn't speaking of him ruling over or dominating other human beings. No! Heck, at this point Adam was the only human. What He was giving Adam was His authority and placing him above ALL of His other creations. God created Adam/us in His own image and at that point, when He breathed the breath of life into Adam he became a spirit being, not a god. Separate from all of God's creation He created ONLY us human beings with a spirit. In **Genesis 1:27** we read, "**So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.**" We became the pinnacle of God's creation and the very reason He created the world. He created male and female equally, NOT one above the other. Yes, He created Adam first but as He did, He realized (not that He was caught off guard) there to be an issue, loneliness, and said, in **Genesis 2:18**, "**It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.**"

Everything that God had created He did so to sustain man. That's why everything else was created first. In **Genesis 1:11**, God said, "**Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them; and it was so.**" After everything God spoke we see two things, "And it was so" and "God saw that it was good." That is except for one place. After God created male and female we read, "**And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it ...**" (**Genesis 1:28a**) So what was the very first thing God did after creating mankind? He blessed them. The four things that God said in **Genesis 1:28a** were NOT only commands they were blessings.

I went to the Strong's Concordance and looked up these four words: **fruitful, multiply, replenish** and **subdue**. These four words here, in context, are of Hebrew origin as we find them in the Old Testament.

The first word, **fruitful** is the word: **6509 - parah** pronounced **paw-raw** and it means; to bear fruit literally and figuratively, bring forth fruit, cause to be, make grow and increase.

The second word, **multiply**, is the word: **7235 - rabah** pronounced **raw-baw** and it means; to increase (in whatever respect), abundance, abundantly, bring up and continue to enlarge.

The third word, **replenish**, is the word: **4390 - male** pronounced **maw-lay** or mala pronounced maw-law and it means: to fill or to be filled of, accomplish, confirm and consecrate, fill, fulfill and replenish.

The fourth word, **subdue**, is the word: **3533 - kabash** pronounced **kaw-bash** and it means: to tread down, to conquer, to bring into bondage, keep under, bring into subjection.

Everything I see in the definition of these words puts us above and not beneath anything! But we have to know the pecking order. Even when God said, "**Be fruitful and multiply**" (**Genesis 1:28a**) He was saying that He placed 'seed' in man and He made woman to be the incubator for that seed.

After God gave Adam His authority He blessed him by saying, "**Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it**" in **Genesis 1:28b**, God told Adam, which also now applies to us as well, to, "**Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over EVERY LIVING creature that moves on the ground.**"

Directly after that He shows us some of the ways He has blessed us. Listen, **"Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.' And it was so."** (Genesis 1:29-30) Every other place where God had spoken 'and it was so' this is the only place where it says, **"God saw all that He had made, AND IT WAS VERY GOOD."** It wasn't like God didn't already know that EVERYTHING He created was good. But I believe He wanted 'us' to know that He created EVERYTHING good specifically for us and that all these things He created would sustain us until He returns to take us home with Him.

It wasn't about plants, birds and fish that God wanted me to speak about here in this month's newsletter. In fact this isn't a word that God just dropped into my mind today, yesterday or even last month. This is something that God began in me over a year ago and then for some reason it seemed to go dormant. As you read on you will see how this was all revealed to me. Actually, the first part of this message, I thought, was part of a part 2 for a different message. The 'I thought' indicates that God had me change the title to, **You Can Have What You Say** and continue on.

I'm switching gears slightly ... but not really. You ready? Let's go ...

In April 2017, I was awakened by the sound of my own voice. I don't really know how long I had been talking but it eventually woke me up. Let me rephrase that. It was my voice but the Holy Spirit was speaking to my spirit. As I threw my legs over the edge of the bed and while still rubbing my eyes this is what was coming from my lips, "I will cause them to stand with you even in the face of adversity." Instantly I knew it was God trying to say something to me so I hurried to the living room where I could write it down before it faded away.

To be perfectly honest with you all, still coming out of a sleep, as I was now reading what the Spirit had been speaking to me, I became wide awake. I reached over and grabbed the *Strong's Concordance* and began looking up the only word, at first, that stood out to me. How many of you have experienced God saying something to you and at first, had not a clue what was about to take place? But you knew He was about to show you something specifically for you. Me too.

In **John 16:12-15** we read, **"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify Me because it is from Me that He will receive what He will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from Me what He will make known to you."**

Jesus told us that Holy Spirit was going to come from the Father, to live inside of us, to teach us, to train us, to correct us and to EVEN show us things YET TO COME. Well, just waking out of a sleep 'I thought' that Holy Spirit was coming to tell me that adversity was coming my way. When we look up the word adversity in the back of the Bible it refers us to these other words like conflicts, problems and troubles. Almost immediately I asked Holy Spirit, "What's going on? What are You trying to show me? What kind of troubles or chaos are You warning me about?"

So, I began looking in the *Strong's Concordance* at all of the references on adversity. I began scrolling, eagerly down through them, with expectation for Holy Spirit's guidance. Yet, as I looked up quite a few of them I didn't feel a single one of them speaking to me. So, I stopped for a second and reread what I had written. As I read it this time I was nearly moved to tears. Out loud I said to the Lord, "How could I have missed this? Why did I allow the word adversity to stir 'fear' in me when Your promise was right here in front of me all the time?"

Then, I read it several more times. First one word then listening, then another and listening and then another and another. Again I said, "HOW DID I MISS THIS PROMISE?" In this promise God was assuring me that, 'He will cause them'. So I asked Him, "Who are 'them', God?" And I heard this, "My sheep, those that are listening and hearing My voice. Those that will rise up to prayer when I place it on their hearts. I will cause 'them' to stand in the gap and pray, get up in the middle of the night and pray, those that will be obedient to My voice and pray My Word without having to know the details. These are 'them'."

The word adversity that once had fear attached to it now suddenly was immersed in peace. I knew right then that I may never even know when that adversity might appear or what that adversity might look like because God had 'them' standing at the wall with a trowel in one hand working while others stood behind them with the Word of God flowing from their lips at the same time. (Read **Nehemiah 4**) From that point I rarely thought about adversity. Instead, I kept my eyes focused on His promise and continued forward with what He was placing in front of me to do.

Sometime around June or July of 2017, I began to feel something going on inside my body. Even though, I was doing everything I always did every day, I felt something just wasn't right. I never stopped going to the gym, redesigning our

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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

May the Lord bless you and all your loved ones, and heal you all. May the Lord supply all your needs and may the Lord bless and heal and grant all the prayer requests in your newsletter, and may the Lord bring all the ones locked up their loved ones back to them and me and heal the ones whose family are sick. By Jesus stripes, they all are healed. Where Jesus words are sent they won't return void, His words are sharper than a two edged sword. May His face shine upon everyone and protect all of us, supply every need and give us His peace.

In Jesus name, it is written ... **B.T.**

Brothers and Sisters at *Overcomers for Christ*, could you please send a newsletter to my sister who is in a Federal Correction Institution? Our Lord put it upon my spirit to please ask you to send her a newsletter. Can you please pray for her also? Thank you all ... **L.Z.**

Dear *Overcomers for Christ*, greetings, I hope my letter finds you in the best of health and care. As for myself, I'm doing fine, blessed each day! First and most I want to touch base with you guys to see how everyone is doing. I want to thank you for the B-day card. Thank you Deborah, Wade, Michelle, Maria and Stephanie. I would like to ask that you pray with me for my case, to plan well, and pray that my family is blessed and safe. Also, that you keep me in your prayers to pass my

G.E.D. I thank you all at *Overcomers* for your blessings, support and effort to stay in touch, I am thankful. God bless each one of you guys at *OC4C* ... **M.A.**

First, I want to say, I loved the card you sent to me with the umbrella on it. I don't get a lot of fancy things like that anymore. You seem like a very kind person, and having our mail communication together helps me feel like there are more people out there who care. I can tell what you all do is life changing to a lot of people. I am waiting for my breakthrough to come. I have a lot of work to do. I know one thing I need to do is surround myself with good people. I've made mistakes and now looking for a better future. I like hearing what you have to say and look forward for more. Thank you for including me in all that you do. I could use some prayers please ... **A.A.**

I am currently serving an 8 year sentence. I am very disappointed in myself because of the wrongful decisions I have made, the ways of the world that I chose that landed me here.

Those decisions have separated me from my mother and from my children. Emotionally and mentally it has been so difficult for me. My mother is 65 years old and every time I call home I feel so guilty and hurt to know everything that she is going through. I'm asking, please, if you can lift up my mother, Alicia, in your prayers. For God to bless her health and her financial needs so she can pay her bills. That He help turn everything around in her life. Please lift me in your prayers as I need a change in my own life as well ... **J.U.**

Praise Reports

Thank you for the card, a copy of "Overcomers" newsletter and most of all for your faithfulness in loving and serving all of our brothers and sisters in prison. God has blessed me with an abundance of grace and continues opening doors of opportunity to serve our brothers inside and out. I thank God for His mercy. In my life, God is transforming man's punishment and correction into a divine opportunity. He is teaching me the mystery of being content in any circumstance, with a joyful heart and a peaceful spirit ... **G.H.**

God bless you all! Your faithfulness is such a blessing, and God has promised to bless you in return. You are in my prayers. I thank God daily for the change He has made in my life. He has surrounded me with good Christian brothers, and we are shown favor. God is clearly at work on this yard. Please keep this yard in prayer as God works toward unifying the body here. The devil is unhappy and is trying to divide us. Praise God, the devil will not prevail! Pray that the leadership is willing to move as God calls, and any remnants of "Prison Religion" be cast out. God is doing a new thing. I pray we all step into obedience to His call, bless you ... **R.A.**

I want to thank all of you at the *OC4C* and all the fellowship everyone does, especially for all of us that are currently, physically, locked up. There truly is freedom in Jesus whether you are in prison or wherever you may be. Trust and seek God and live for His Kingdom first, and everything else will be given to you (**Matthew 6:33**). We have an awesome God!! Amen?!? God bless you all ... **D.H.**

OC4C! Praise the Lord for all His mercy and His grace! It's beautiful to be out the gate and even 'probation' freedom looks good on/in for me (smile). I want you all to know that God's plans are perfect and at every step is fruition. I praise and thank the Lord for holding me down as only He could have done. If you would please send my newsletters to the address on this card as I would love to be a continuous part of the *OC4C*. Your newsletters have become an integral part of my focus and encouragement while I was incarcerated. I want to give back by helping alongside this ministry ... **C.B.B.**

I came down in 2005 on numerous charges, including possession of child porn. I have petitioned for clemency, but will be released in 2024 at the age of 69. Prison is an adventure of grace - amazing and inexplicable grace. I worked in literacy and GED programs from 2008 - 2013 before being chosen as an inmate tutor/group facilitator in ADOC's Sex Offender Education Treatment Program. Along the way I've earned a Bachelor's in Biblical Studies, a Master's in Christian Apologetics and have graduated this past May with a PHD in Christian Leadership and Biblical Counseling. This is truly extraordinary and inexplicable grace! Praise God! ... **G.H.**


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


A Letter
By G.B.B.


You don't realize what a letter will do or how much a letter means until you have been where I have been and seen what I have seen. I've been traveling around the world in handcuffs and locked behind bars and walls. It's very hard for you to come visit me and you don't want to accept my calls. I get restless trying to sleep at night, any noise wakens me as I become alarmed. Thinking and worrying about my family and loved ones, have they been harmed! My mind, thoughts and dreams are about home. Then staring out my window and seeing other inmates and barbed wire I quickly snap to my senses as my thoughts and dreams are quickly ended. Then, I begin to hope that today will be that day that my name will be called as they deliver the mail. Then as he approaches he says, "No letters or notes from anyone, not even a small postcard." It's then that I realize he's talking to me and nothing again. Sometimes it makes me think and wonder, "Has society really gotten that hard?"


Each day as I see letters pass by me I try to be brave and strong. Then this funny feeling comes to mind, "Have I really done you that wrong?" Just a few short lines would ease my mind, from anyone out there, I am the one that's locked behind bars. A simple letter would let me know you care, but you truly don't know just what a letter means. It's a feeling like going from sick to well. Until you have gone through what I have been through and lived from prison to prison you'll NEVER know. You don't have to write a long letter, just a few lines is all it has to be to ease my mind and heart, knowing that you haven't completely forgotten about me. I thought you realized that a letter can still be delivered regardless if jail or prison is my home. And you've probably got a mess of reasons for not sending any mail. I hope that you don't think that 'THIS' is where I belong. Remember that I'm the same one you called dad, brother, uncle and friend. By not sending a letter does that mean that our relationship has come to an end?

In all of my time being locked up I've seen a lot of hurt. Things most people will never have to see. For instance, a few months ago a young man who was so alone that he took his own life. His family had stopped writing to him, and his wife of eight years left him. When I heard that this young man had taken his own life that hit me pretty hard and close to home because we used to work together. So I thank you, , for what you all are doing for us. What you are doing, trust me when I say, we need you. God bless you all.

Words that are Uplifting
By B.G.

Hello my  family! May God bless you all and may this letter find you in good health, spirit and all the love I have to offer. In all honesty, I was honored to receive a letter back from you so quickly and with so many words of encouragement! It touched my heart in so many ways that I actually cried! To see honest words from another person, to be encouraged and to see that the  really does care for its family enough to reach out and touch us individually meant more to me than I could ever put in words on paper. Just know my love and respect for all of you and what the  family does went way beyond reach.

Just know that what you all do there really does affect the lives of the ones who really seek the transition for a better life. Especially those longing for God to be a big part of their lives. Your personal words are uplifting and inspiring, especially in an atmosphere like the place this is. A place where so many are seeking an education in becoming a 'better' criminal and learning from those who to have gotten caught. Every time I read **Psalm 51**, King David's prayer of repentance, and I come to the **passages 12-15**, **"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, You who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise."** I think about you all and what the  family does for us in your newsletters!

Never feel discouraged because I feel so grateful for your words. Believe me, they help me and they encourage me. They've opened my eyes and soften what once was a hardened heart! Remember this, God used you and the  family to do this. But it took five years for me to realize and be able to write and tell you all of my gratitude. And I don't care who 'they' are - if 'they' are receiving your newsletters and birthday cards God will touch 'them' as well.

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From the Inside

Gratitude
By J.Y.

DEE, I received your letter for my birthday. My own family didn't remember my birthday. I don't know how DEE found out my birthday, but I am truly touched that there really are people who truly care. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you, I can't even explain how your letter made me feel, except to say I feel loved. God has really blessed me to be a part of the DEE family. I've been studying my Bible more every day. I've been working on Scripture memory. Every morning after my prayer I recite **1 Corinthians 13** and **Psalms 23** from memory, it really makes my day better.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ...

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Psalms 23:1-6 ...

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

I want to share with you another verse that I really love, it's **Proverbs 3:5-7** "**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths; do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil.**" My last celly told me that verse and I just knew that I had to have that locked in my memory.

I want to thank all of you at DEE for letting me be a part of your family and for the letter for my birthday. Everyone at DEE will always have a special place in my heart. I hope I can get to know all of you better through letters and the monthly newsletter. So, thank you for caring about me, I really need people like you in my life. May God bless you all at DEE; you are always in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers, thank you so much.

Job 16:1-22:30

The best comforters are those who know something about personal suffering. **(16:1)**

It is easy to point out someone else's faults or sins. Job's friends accused him of sin to make him feel guilty, not to encourage or correct him. If we feel we must admonish someone, we should be sure we are confronting that person because we love him, not because we are annoyed, inconvenienced, or seeking to blame him. **(19:3-5)**

We should not be impressed with the success and power of evil people. God's judgment on them is certain. **(20:6-7)**

1 Corinthians 16:1 - 2 Corinthians 1:11

In every church, there are problems that create tensions and divisions. We should not ignore or gloss over problems in our churches or in our life. Instead, like Paul, we should deal with problems head on as they arise. The lessons for us in **1 Corinthians** is that love and unity in a church are far more important than leaders and labels. **(1 Corinthians 16:24)**

Many think that when God comforts us, our troubles should go away. But if that were always so, people would only turn to God out of a desire to be relieved of pain and not out of love for Him. We must understand that being "comforted" can also mean receiving strength, encouragement, and hope to deal with our troubles. The more we suffer, the more comfort God gives us. If you are feeling overwhelmed, allow God to comfort you. Remember that every trial you endure will help you comfort other people who are suffering similar troubles. **(1:3-5)**

Psalms 40:1-17

Waiting for God to help us is not easy, but David receives benefits for waiting: 1) God lifts him out of his despair, 2) God sets his feet on solid ground, 3) God steadied him as he walked, and 4) God put a new song of praise in his mouth. Often blessings cannot be received unless we go through a trial of waiting. **(40:1-3)**

Deliver me ... David does not ask for forgiveness of sin, but for deliverance from powerful enemies. David's enemies are all around him, taunting him mercilessly. **(40:13-15)**

Proverbs 22:1-7

This proverb points out that a reputation has more value than possessions or wealth. A name cannot be replaced easily, not even with lots of money. **(22:1)**

This is a general observation that would have been especially applicable to an obedient Israelite living in Solomon's God-fearing kingdom. Nevertheless, some have been martyrs at a young age, and some have given away all their wealth for the sake of God's kingdom. The book of **Proverbs** describes life the way it should be. It does not dwell on the exceptions. **(22:4)**



"Foot" Notes

Hey ya'll! So I was reading this morning before I hit school and ran into some thoughts that I would like to share with all of you. A lot of us here on the 'Inside', at times, feel as we are being tested a bit more than others. Now I can't say for sure but we all endure testing whether 'Inside' or 'Out', ya know? It be's what it be's kids.

We find ourselves asking, "Why?" A lot! Whether it's due to a loss of life, a broken relationship or it could be any number of things. But what we do know is that nothing catches God slipping. We also know that God is good and all knowing. So we may continue to ask "Why?" to the things we fail to understand but we can draw strength in knowing God's Hand is at work in them all. At times such as these I'm reminded of the comforting words of **James 1:12**, **"God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. After words they receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."**

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

kitchen cabinets, going to the county jails, doing the yard work, and of course always spending the summer days with my grandsons in the pool. Some of the things I felt were slightly familiar, something that I'd felt close to eight years earlier when I had been diagnosed with ulcerative colitis. With absolutely no fear and complete confidence I began to 'speak' the Word of God to my body and ALL of its internal parts. Continuing forward I confessed specific Scriptures, not asking God to do anything but instead I was using the authority that He has ALREADY given ALL of us and then seeing myself, walking in divine health.

Even though, there were many, many days my body was not responding, in the natural, that tried to throw me off I chose to listen to what the Word of God said. I continued to look into the supernatural and walk in that truth. I love the way that **Hebrews 11:1** states faith, **"NOW FAITH IS the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."** (NKJV) **"NOW FAITH IS confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."** (NIV) **"The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, IS the firm foundation UNDER EVERYTHING that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see."** (Message) Faith is NOT waiting until we see it before we believe it! In fact, the Scriptures just showed us that FAITH has to start NOW! I had to believe it and see it in the supernatural long before I ever seen it in the natural.

Paul, in **Romans 8:24-25**, shows us, **"But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."** (NIV) And now in the New Living Translation, **"We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)"** (NLT) I love this because Paul says, "we must wait patiently AND confidently" and we WILL see it come from the supernatural to the natural. I'll admit that there were many days when I had to literally close my eyes and reach into the arsenal of ammunition in my born again Spirit and begin confessing that! And even in all of that it was still very evident that something was really going on inside of me. The enemy would come to me from time to time and try to tell me, "You aren't healed. You're sick! Look at you losing all that weight and getting weaker and weaker and you're still thinking God's going to heal you? God's not listening to you." I'd fire right back at those thoughts and say, "You're always trying to tell me what God won't do but let me tell you what He has ALREADY done. He also paid for my healing when He hung on the Cross at Calvary. And by my faith I'm receiving it NOW! I AM the righteousness of God IN CHRIST Jesus! And oh yah, when my Savior hung on that Cross and gave up His life, He rose from that grave defeating you, and in that, I don't have to listen to your lies anymore because I am in Him and He is in me! I walk by faith and NOT by sight!" (**2 Corinthians 5:7**) So beat it!

You do know that 'denial' is NOT faith, right? I wasn't denying that something was going on inside of me and I wasn't waiting for God to personally come from the throne room of heaven, like the story goes, to later get to heaven and find out that He had already sent me two rowboats and a helicopter! I knew it was already mine and I was not letting go of it.

It's now October 2017, and I'm still rolling along even though my energy level is decreasing and 'the symptoms' seem to be increasing. I always wait patiently for Halloween to be over because the next day I start to hang all of the Christmas lights and decorate our home. I never took my eyes off of my healing. My brother, Monty, and I banded together and we put up over half of the lights and decorations. It was a good thing we did because he left shortly after that for Ohio and by Thanksgiving Day I was nearly out of commission.

A few days after Thanksgiving, I went to the church and had Pastor Jason Anderson come into agreement with me, that the symptoms would diminish because I wasn't believing them anyways. We prayed in accordance with **James 5:15**, **"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."** While we were praying God gave Pastor Jason a word of wisdom/knowledge for me. God spoke through him and told me, "The blood issues you have had in the past with your lower legs is GONE! I AM taking that away from you RIGHT NOW!" After he said that Pastor Jason looked at me and said, "Did you have blood problems in your legs? I didn't know that. Praise God that's no longer an issue either!" In fact I had issues of burning and swollen blood vessels. By that afternoon it all went away and hasn't given me an issue since.

I pray that this has begun to capture your attention and help strengthen your faith that our God still hears and answers prayer. I hope you are beginning to understand that the words we speak have the potential to bring the supernatural into the natural. Stay tuned to His voice and we will pick back up next month with Part 2 of *You Can Have What You Say*.

Overcomer's Testimonies

Hello Overcomers for Christ church. I pray this testimony finds you in good health and spirits. I am blessed thank God. I enjoyed reading your newsletter, it was inspiring.

I am from New York City, I have been in Arizona since 2004. I left there to seek a better life and get away from addiction. But, without God that wasn't possible.

On September 11, 2001, I was at work two blocks away from the World Trade Center when the first airplane hit it. I ran down there with my digital camera and two disposable ones and started taking pictures of what I thought was an accident. I then saw the second plane smack into the south tower right by where I was taking these pictures. I prayed, "Our Father who art in heaven," and continued to pray for those who were directly hit upon these impacts. Then the police pushed us back another block and a half or so and barricaded us there. Less than 30 minutes later the second tower that was hit was the first one to fall. It was exactly where I was standing taking pictures before the police moved us ... thank You Jesus!

When that tower fell it turned lower Manhattan into a temporary, dark and smoky hell. I, along with everyone else, was covered with ash but by the grace of God, I was safe. Watching people jump from 110 stories and hearing the sounds of the bodies landing will always haunt me. I still deal with P.T.S.D. till this day. In **Deuteronomy 20:3-4** it tells us, "**Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not panic or be terrified by them. For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.**" Let's all continue to pray for those that were lost and those who were affected that day. And most importantly, in all of this, let's remember to forgive immediately as Christ did with those that crucified Him on the Cross.

I know now that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. But for years after 9/11 I tried doing it on my own (quitting addiction). I now walk by faith and not by sight and in doing so God has since taken the addiction out of my life and has brought me closer to Him.

My dad committed suicide when I was 24 years old, he was only 44 and claimed to be an atheist (R.I.P. dad). Then, while I was in the county jail last year, I was informed that my mom died from C.O.P.D. and I didn't know it until then. I was told that she hung on for dear life and was asking everyone, "Where's Chino?" She hung on thinking maybe that I would show up and be with her on my birthday. When I didn't show up, she let go and died on my birthday while I sat in the county jail. And now that my birthday just passed it was bittersweet. But today, I am 51 years old and drug free! And believe me, it's not because I am incarcerated because there are drugs floating around here from time to time. It's because the Good Lord has freed me from those chains.

Today, I run a Bible study that is getting pretty big. The enemy still keeps testing me though. Like when those hurricanes hit Jacksonville, Florida this past year, where my three sisters live. I still haven't heard from them but I believe that God has kept them safe. Then, once again, the enemy tries again. When the hurricanes hit the hardest in Puerto Rico, where 85% of my family live in San Juan, and I haven't heard from them either. As I've said, my mom and my dad are already gone but the rest of my family is still dealing with the aftermath of those hurricanes. So I ask all of you to join with me in prayer, that God keep us all safe. Thank you for your prayers and God bless the Church. - **A.R.**

What Others Are Saying...

"First of all I want to thank you and everyone there at the Overcomers for Christ for the birthday card that you sent me. Every year you are the only ones that I get a card from. I also really enjoy the monthly newsletters that I get. I think it's wonderful how you guys take the time out of your busy schedule for us here behind these razor wire fences." - **L.T.**

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I want to thank you for your Birthday Blessing you had sent me. You and the ministry are a true gift. May the Lord continue to strengthen you on this journey. May His grace be magnified and His love ever radiate through you. May His presence breath life to those whom He has joined to you. May the readers and hearers of Overcomers for Christ taste the goodness of God. May joy overflow in every step of their life's journey. May they all receive the gift of longing for Him above all! Thank You for your presence in my life and your kindness to remember my birthday. God bless you all! Love in Christ!!" - **C.G.**

"Hello and God bless you! I got your card and it brought a ray of sunshine and positive feel for my future! Thank you. I do my best in here to share with others the truth as I see it from our Father. Even though that is not what some wish to hear. But in this place we all need hope, love and most of all, encouragement to defy these awful hate filled walls. I never really saw myself as a special piece of any family, or for that fact, part of society. But reading the words that you wrote to me, now I truly believe I can do something. Because you all have accepted me for who I am and overlooked all my past wrongs in life." - **J.M.**

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" - Psalm 27:1

Quote Worthy

"My will was perverse and lust had grown from it; and when I gave in to lust, habit was born; and when I did not resist the habit it became a necessity. These were the links which together formed what I have called my chain, and it held me fast in the duress of servitude."

- St. Augustine (354 - 430) - Roman African, early Christian theologian and philosopher from Numidia whose writings influenced the development of Western Christianity and Western philosophy.

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Lost and Found
By C.B.

Once upon a time in a land far away
Lived a man who was locked in a cage,
Because of a short temper and a moment of
rage
There he still sits to this very day.

But the end is near and almost in sight
If it was wrong or if it was right.
When it was quiet and dim was the light,
He prayed for forgiveness in the Lord's sight.

An old black book sits under his bed,
Telling the story of eating more than just
bread.

A heavenly Father and a Son so pure;
An amazing story, that's for sure.

A new day is coming; a sun on the rise,
The Lord's day is coming with fire in his eyes.
I fear naught for I am saved,
A man on the cross then raised from the
grave.

Is that not love with no compare.
To say my life was broken would be true,
You can't go back and change or undo,
But forgiveness is a blessing from you know
who;

Like a babe, fresh and new.
Born again I start anew.
Life still isn't perfect I confess,
The days are long and the nights are lonely,
But how can you go wrong with the Lord as
your big homie?

I don't know exactly where I'm going, only
where I've been,
No man is perfect and lives without sin,
You fall down, but get back up again
And stumble you may
But with that old Book, I'll find my way.



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