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**God is our REFUGE and STRENGTH
an ever-present help in trouble.**

Psalm 46:1

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Whom is This 'God' that I Should Serve Him? And What is His Name that I May Inquire of Him? - Part 2 By Rodger Whisman

Editor's Note: A quick note from 'Duck' ... I pray you all know that even in the midst of multiple part messages for this newsletter it's equally important to follow the Holy Spirit's promptings. In **1 Samuel 15:22** we read this, **"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."** So what I'm eluding to is this. Back in the November 2017 issue of the newsletter we ran Part 1 of our brother Rodgers Whisman's article. For those of you who still have that November 2017 issue get it out and re-read it. Here comes Part 2, and the Holy Spirit will cause it all to fit together perfectly. Ready? Here we go.

Names were at one time primarily the attribute of a person. God's names are the very attributes and nature of Whom 'He is' towards us. There are no magical providences in speaking these words in phrases or even repetition using 'His' names. The only mystery in the Scriptures HAS BEEN revealed and that is 'Christ' our 'Lord and Savior'. Look here to what Paul tells us in **Romans 16:25-26** (KJV), **"Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith."**

Let's read the very same Scriptures but this time from the NIV translation, **"Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, just as my Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed His plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time. But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey Him."**

These names are good for our understanding, study and knowing the attributes and very nature of Whom is this 'God'? In scriptural truth, the very second you speak to God your petition is heard. **Deuteronomy 30:14** reveals this truth, **"No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it."** If our hearts are clear and sure before Him He will always be there to meet our every need. What I've seen through the years that is of significance is simply this; pass all the good on to others, my friends. As you have been blessed or helped, bless and help others.

I had become aware of Whom 'I AM' was and realized and recognize 'Him' as 'God'. At that point I realized how very important it is to have 'Him' involved in every aspect of my life, as 'Father'. The 'LORD' became my Jehovah, the 'I AM' that I AM'. **"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."** (**Psalm 83:18**)

I had literally lost everything at this point in my life. I most certainly needed help in many areas of my life. The 'LORD' became my 'Jehovah Jireh', 'the LORD that will provide'. **"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen."** (**Genesis 22:13-14**) And provide for me, 'He' did! He provided for me in many surprising ways, as well in items I needed to help myself in transportation and care.

The hurt I felt as I dealt with circumstances and issues was deep. The hurt I felt over my own ignorance was even deeper. The 'LORD' became my 'Jehovah Rapha', 'the LORD Whom heals'. **Psalms 147:3** reveals, **"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."** At times, in our healing, God will have us confront and consider our own issues. Even that is a healing process. As 'Jehovah Rapha' covers many areas in 'Christ's' crucifixion for your healing consider these Scriptures. **"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."** (**1 Peter 2:24**) And from **Psalm 103:1-3**, King David said, **"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."**

During these hurtful and challenging times in my life many friends turned tables and as usual a lot was deliberately taken out of context on my case and several times issues became confrontational, in the beginning. 'Jehovah-Nissi' quickly became 'My Banner' and gave me victory over my enemies that came in like a flood. **Exodus 17:15** (KJV) - **"And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:"** And **Exodus 17:15** (NIV) - **"Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner."** This is also where I became reacquainted with **Psalm 91**, where 'Jehovah-Nissi' and 'Jehovah-Sabaoth', which means 'A victory by no other means' became my ever source of hope. I encourage you ALL to not only read **Psalms 91** but as well begin to feel for yourselves the strength in God's promises when He says, 'I WILL'.

Yes, in prayer and dedication my 'LORD' cleared those things that were in disarray, brought in by the confusion and drama

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of others. **Ephesians 6:10-12** brought these revelations, **"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."** It was then that I realized I was in a battle with the enemy of my soul, so I chose to overlook those that were actually or supposedly accountable. By this time the 'LORD' had come to my aid and my defense on several different issue. This was God doing something in me so I had to let go of that unnecessary baggage in order to move forward.

All the way through this chain of events the Holy Spirit had become a Guide and Teacher, a Friend and my Counselor. The 'LORD' had become my 'Jehovah Rohi', 'Jehovah is my Shepherd and Comforter'. We experience these attributes when we read **Psalm 23** and **Philippians 4:13**, **"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."** There is so much fulfillment as the 'LORD' gently guides you through the mazes of life itself.

I'd begun to find peace within and in that peace I began caring and sharing it with others. The 'LORD' became my 'Jehovah Shalom', 'The God our Peace, nothing missing broken'. **"Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."** (**Judges 6:24**) It was amazing how God had broken through all of my mess with His Peace. I was reminded of **Philippians 4:7**, **"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**

I had begun to focus more on the Lord, in prayer and dedication of perceiving where and how 'God' was at work in 'His' plans for us and 'His' creation. The Lord had separated me unto Himself and putting me around others that were dedicated to Gospel of Christ. By family I became active in the attendance of Living Word, where I met Wade Anderson. And through this process he and I have become true brothers in the Lord, accountability partners.

The 'LORD' had become my 'Jehovah - M'Kaddeash', which means 'He' is 'The One who sanctifies', makes me whole, and sets me apart for holiness, for His plans and goals. NOT my plans and goals. Look at **Leviticus 20:7-8**, **"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you."** The Message paraphrase expresses it simply as this, **"Set yourselves apart for a holy life. Live a holy life, because I am GOD, your God. Do what I tell you; live the way I tell you. I am the GOD who makes you holy."**

Yes, the 'LORD' had begun to change my life and order into 'His' plans and order for me. In **John 17:15-19**, Jesus said, **"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."** God was reestablishing me. The changes in my life, life style and walk with the 'LORD' had become evident, but this evidence that was at work in me was not of my own BUT because of 'His' righteousness in me.

The 'LORD' became my 'Jehovah - Tsidkenu', 'The Lord my righteousness'. Jesus expresses, in **Matthew 5:6**, **"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."** Paul shares this truth, in **1 Corinthians 5:21**, **"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."** I want to go back a couple more verses, **1 Corinthians 5:19-21**, again from the Message paraphrase. **"God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given 'us' the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you. How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God."**

So in all of these years of my life and believing as any Christian, reading, studying and thinking of the Kingdom of God, I ask myself, "Where did I go so wrong?" How did such a mess fall in my own back yard? I had dreams and hopes and had even worked in several different ministries and had even been a Chaplain at the American Legion Post.

One is an easy answer. I greatly lacked in a deeper personal relationship with the Lord. I lacked in prayer/communication as prayer is NOT words alone, but it actually defines who you are in 'Christ our Lord'. I was literally going to battle with nothing to fight the enemy with. Which I'll add, is a guaranteed loss every time.

I'd forgotten whom I was and what consecration and dedication was. My zeal was in my behalf, not for the Lord. This exposed 'whose' goals and plans (though good) was I running on? I had lost focus on where God was at work. I had become deaf on listening to the leading of His Holy Spirit. And NO GOD DID NOT BRING ALL OF THIS MESS ON ME for punishment of failure! God gives us free will and choice. I chose my path and did it my way and in doing so 'I' slipped

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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

Please pray for my family. My girlfriend left me as soon as I caught this 10 1/2 years and I'm being tested by wannabe gangsters here in prison. I'm 46 years old but in my younger days, a handful. I'm walking my walk and some days are like the devil is running wild. I rebuke him constantly and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to give me all I need to stay focused on my walk. It's an uphill battle, but God don't make losers, only satan does and I run with my Lord and Savior all day and night. I ask for **OC** to come in agreement with me. I need a prayer warrior to please set alarm and everyday at 8:30 p.m. stop everything and meet me in prayer. I'm a big prayer warrior. I love you guys. God bless and reach out to your brother in Christ ... **B.E.**

I have a prayer request, not for me but for my bunkie. She has a lot of years left to go and she is having a rough time right now. It seems she is depressed a lot and always negative. Please pray for her happiness and to find the Light on a long road of darkness. Please join me in agreement that her heart be opened and softened to give her a peace and comfort and that she grow closer to God like she once was. Thank You, God, for hearing and answering this prayer. AMEN ... **J.P.**

First, I want to thank all of you for your prayers for my brother and sister. My sister has passed away but my brother is doing much better. I would like it if you would continue to prayer for my brother, Juan Jr., as he has cancer on his liver. Wade 'Duck' Anderson, I pray for you every day and I ask God to heal you of anything that is NOT of Him. I ask all of the **Overcomers** for Christ family, inside and out, to continue to pray for my brother, my family and my sisters family as well. I want to thank all of you for the continued support and encouragement that you all give to me and so many others, to get through another day ... **E.G.**

I am new to your publication and would love to be placed on your monthly mailing list. I would also like to place a prayer request. Please pray that Christ be with me during my stay here at Perryville ... **D.C.**

My walk with Christ in here from day to day is a real test of my faith. The more I grow in Christ, the more satan attacks me. I was re-baptized on June 25, 2017 and I ask for you all to pray for the Holy Spirit to dwell inside me forever. We must get in the Spirit. God is the same today, tomorrow, and yesterday. His Word is true and forever ... **T.W.**

I want to start off by thanking you for your newsletter that I get from you. I really enjoy everything that is written in them. Plus the photos you all take. Can you please pray for my family as they are having hard times. Also, can you pray for me to have the strength to get through the rest of my time in Perryville and for safety. September is going to be hard for my family and me that's when my mother went to be with our Lord. Thank you again, you mean a lot to us who are away from our families and loved ones ... **S.T.**

Praise Reports

Well, the Father has been blessing me, He moved me out of the faith-based dorm on my unit, and it has been a blessing ... **R.G.**

Thank you for the newsletter. I enjoyed it very much. The inspirational stories were indeed uplifting. Well, good news, I completed my consecutive sentence. Now, all that is left is the original sentence. I will be going to the Parole Board sometime in February 2018. This will be my third appearance to be released to the streets. I keep my faith, it will happen, as God wills it in His time. Life is good. I am relaxed, at peace and patient. I await God's will, when God manifests His will in my life. I will keep you all in my prayers and know in my heart we will join God in His Kingdom in praise and worship and rejoicing in His everlasting, undiminished and divine love and light ... **M.M.**

I thank you and miss your visits at county jail every week. You built me back up and picked me up and dusted me off and taught me to love on our brothers and how to be disciplined and listen and absorb the Lord's Word. I was shown mercy and avoided the 25 year stretch and was given the 10 1/2 years and with back time and 85%; my out date is July 2025. God is good and has carried me forever and now it's time to walk my walk and praise God for all He's done for me and my family. My dad beat four types of cancer and is doing chemo and radiation weekly and was cancer free and after CAT scan 2 new types of cancer were found and he's wanting to give up. I have limited communication with him. The day after my release in 2016, my 23 year old son got in that terrible car wreck, 24 hours after my release I'm at my son's bedside as he's fighting for his life. As I was speeding to hospital, he was in air vac lifeline helicopter. I still had all my prison paperwork in backseat of car and I reached over and grabbed the newsletter and got your phone number and called you as I was in route to hospital and you calmed me down and we prayed and you told me next time we talk I want good news and you called me three hours later to check on me and my son, and I told you he's alive but in a coma, but he's gonna live. If you were not there for me, I would have lost it and I would have not been any help to my son and rest of family. Today, he's 75% back to his self but dealing with traumatic brain injury and needs special care and my ex-wife and other son and daughter stepped up and are so good. God is good ... **B.E.**

I am pretty excited because I only have two birthdays left in this place ... Praise God!! God is an awesome God and provides for His children with all His riches on glory ... **T.C.**

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From the Inside

Why We Seek the Lord
By M.D.

We seek the Lord because God knows the pressure the world puts on us ...

God knows that the pressure of the world is powerful. It's so easy for us to lose our focus upon the Lord because the devil is always attacking us with temptations. Unless we seek Jesus constantly, we will be tempted away from seeking the Lord. We will never lose our salvation, but we will lose the focus of our attention and our desire for God. Therefore we must seek God constantly so that we can live obediently before Him and experience this victory over the world and its pressure.

John 16:33 - *"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

We seek the Lord because anything else we seek will only disappoint us ...

If we seek anything else in life other than Christ, the deepest needs of our heart won't be satisfied. Only Jesus Christ can fill our most profound needs.

Psalm 145:16 - *"When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing."*

We seek the Lord for our own protection ...

If we do not deliberately choose to seek the Lord, we will do evil. Why? Because if we don't seek God we'll drift away from Him and the pressures of this world will succeed in tempting us. We cannot fight temptation on our own; rather, we can only fight our sin nature by maintaining a close relationship with Christ.

Romans 7 ...

Now, dear brothers and sisters—you who are familiar with the law—don't you know that the law applies only while a person is living? For example, when a woman marries, the law binds her to her husband as long as he is alive. But if he dies, the laws of marriage no longer apply to her. So while her husband is alive, she would be committing adultery if she married another man. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law and does not commit adultery when she remarries.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God. When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death. But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.

Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet." But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power. At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, and I died. So I discovered that the law's commands, which were supposed to bring life, brought spiritual death instead. Sin took advantage of those commands and deceived me; it used the commands to kill me. But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good.

But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God's good commands for its own evil purposes.

So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I

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hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

I have discovered this principle of life-that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

We seek the Lord because we become what we focus on the most...

If we don't lose our focus on negative things, we will become negative, if we focus on sensual things, we will become sensual. If we focus on material things, we will become materialistic. Whatever we focus on the most that is what we become.

3 John 1:11 - "Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God."

Therefore, we seek the Lord my Overcomers, love Him, focus on Him, and become like Him. Seek Him every day of your lives, for as long as you live. He will be like an oasis in the dry times of our lives, and like David, we will say, **"My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips."** (Psalm 63:5)

Seek the Lord Overcomers! He loves you and so do I!

There is Time to Change

By C.S.

I pray that this letter reaches you all and that it finds you in good spirits and in good health. I'm writing you to let you know that I moved to another cell. You cannot always change your circumstances that come your way, but when you endure it patiently God is pleased with you, Amen!!

Please continue to send me your newsletter. I really enjoy reading them, it keeps me from being close-minded and gives me the opportunity to hear a variety of ideas from many different sources. I have been around some inmates that have done some heinous deeds, unmoved by evil or injustice. But I believe that those who have done horrible deeds still have a conscience, but over time they have learned to tune it out and then it becomes dulled or inactive, so they feel like they can do whatever they want without remorse.

They say to themselves, it's just a little sin no one will ever know. But it's just like being a little pregnant, sooner or later it will begin to show itself. I have witnessed a lot of inmates come back to God and repent and receive God's mercy. Confession restores your relationship with God, and this renews your strength and spirit. So, we must not assume that people can't change, you may miss out when they want to give their best to you. Like Paul (aka Saul) even the worst sinner can become a great Christian leader, Amen! God bless you all!!

Stay Focused on the Cross

By J.G.

Hello and God bless you all! My walk with the Lord has been a rocky one. I have been in and out of jail from age 12. I draw near to God and have the peace and love, and each time I get out I get blinded by the world and addiction, and slowly lose sight of the Cross. But Praise God as His Word says, "Pride comes before the fall." So, back I come and well that's the short story. So, I am here on a 14 year sentence and it is so powerful how our Lord and Savior works on us in His time. I'm not worried about how long I am here for. I know I am in the hand of the One True God and His plan for me is coming true. So, I hope you guys keep up the good work, may the Lord God bless you. Thanks for the light of God in your ministry.

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Ezra 8:21-10:44

When we take time to put God first in any endeavor, we are preparing well for whatever lies ahead. (8:21-23)

Don't allow emotion or passion to blind you to the importance of marrying someone with whom you can be united spiritually. (9:2)

Even when we sin in the worst imaginable way, we can turn to God with prayers of repentance.

True repentance does not end with words of confession ... that would be made lip service. Instead, repentance must lead to changed attitudes and behavior. When you sin and are truly sorry, confess this to God, ask His forgiveness, accept His grace and mercy. Then, as an act of thankfulness for your forgiveness, make the needed corrections. (10:3-4,11)

God is able to restore and rebuild the lives of people today. No one is so far away from God that he or she cannot be restored. Repentance is all that is required. No matter how far we have strayed or how long it has been since we have worshipped God, He is able to restore our relationship to Him and rebuild our lives. (10:44)

1 Corinthians 6:1-20

While Christ has taken away our sins, this does not give us the freedom to go on doing what we know is wrong. The New Testament specifically forbids many sins that were originally prohibited in the Old Testament. (See Romans 12:9-21, 13:8-10) Some actions are not sinful in themselves, but they are not appropriate because they can control our lives and lead us away from God. Some actions may hurt others. Anything that we do that hurts rather than helps is not right. (6:12)

Psalms 31:1-18

David called upon God to deliver him. He wanted God to stop those who were unjustly causing trouble. Therefore, David made his requests based on what he knew of God's name or character. Because God is righteous and loving, He loves to deliver His people. (31:1)

In describing his own feelings, David writes of the helplessness and the hopelessness everyone feels when hated or rejected. But adversity is easier to accept when we recognize our true relationship with the sovereign God (31:14-18). Although our enemies may seem to have the upper hand, they ultimately are the helpless and hopeless ones. Those who know God will be victorious in the end. We can have courage today because God will preserve us. (31:9-13)

Proverbs 21:2-3

People may mistakenly think they are doing right, but God sees the motives of their hearts. We often have to make choices in areas where the right action is difficult to discern. We can help ourselves make such decisions by trying to identify our motives first and then asking, "Would God be pleased with my reasons for doing this?" God is not pleased when we do good deeds only to receive something in return. (21:2)

Sacrifices are not bribes to make God overlook our character faults. If our personal and business dealings are not characterized by justice, no amount of generosity, when the offering plate is passed, will make up for it. (21:3)



"Foot" Notes

69 Cent Blessing ...

Hello to ya'll. I just wanted to share a short story with ya'll. So, I spend my spare time painting and I was fortunate enough to find a big piece of cardboard to use for my latest work which is a birthday present for my Amigo Kim. Coming to the end of the work I knew I was going to have to buy a banker box to cut up for the mailer of this painting. The box was going to cost me 69 cents. Well, the other day as I was leaving for chow, there in the hall was an empty paper towel box. So

I'm thinking in my mind that this could possibly work for my mailer. So on the way back the box was still there. I guess there's one thing I need to mention, we NEVER have boxes just sitting in the hall. So I pick it up and bring it back to my cell where I size it up with my painting. And yep, you guessed it. With very little effort it will be a perfect mailer for my art. I just laugh to myself and say, "Thank You Jesus for the blessing that saved me 69 cents."

Ha! I guess the moral of the story would be that you never know how God will bless you. But He gives you what you NEED even if it's just an old cardboard box.

Vaya Con Dios ... P.S. Don't ride faster than your angels can fly.

away from the Shepherd of my soul, a long way off from the Kingdom of Heaven.

My friends, if you stay in God's plans, in God's goals and listen to the Holy Spirit as your Guide, God WILL certainly bless you and yours. If you disobey and do things your way 'He' will correct you; but God, our Lord Christ Jesus will NEVER REJECT YOU! And yes, He will even use the sad state of affairs 'you' made to correct you.

In all of this time and new realization I was treated with love, care and respect by the Holy Spirit. Not once was I judged, belittled, put down or disgraced by the Lord. In fact I was constantly encouraged and built up by the Holy Spirit AND those that the Lord had put me around. And yes, I am busy about again in several ministries doing what, and where and how the 'Lord' directs my path in 'His' work, in 'His' kingdom.

My wife and I are reunited in open communication and share like we never have. Yes, I got all of my stuff back and ride my Harley again. My billfold was found with ALL my ID's intact. It is good to be home again.

Somewhere in the name of 'God' there is an attribute to meet any need you have. It is within God's divine nature to care over you and your every need. Yes God has many names and many attributes in your behalf, as children of the Most High God. In this study I only named a few that were active in my own life at the time of those trials with the judicial system. That piece of my life is now behind me and a new journey has begun in 'His' name and 'His' plans.

What Others Are Saying...

"Hello *Overcomers for Christ* family! First of all I love you all and I send my blessings to all of you. Thanks for writing me and for continuing to send the monthly newsletters. They are so good to read and I share them with the others here. I truly love the 'Glory Meeting' picture pages, they're great." - **M.A.**

"I want to thank all of you for sending me the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletters and the cards. They all mean a lot to me. I never expected to be so loved like this while behind these gates and fences. The newsletters really grab my attention with all of the things Wade has been through. The things that he shares helps me to realize that bad choices turned over to God can still be used, with the new life He gives us He also gives us the strength to help others. A special thanks to whomever reads all these letters. It's because of what you all do that helps keep us believing. I thank you personally for helping me to get through these rough times. God has used you as His servant to send His message." - **V.P.**

"You know how we do it - every day IS a blessing, know that! I want to thank all of you for the birthday wishes and all of the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletters. You may have no idea how much it all means to me/us. It's so great to read all of the testimonials, see all of pictures and read the inspirational quotes. Trying to learn all of the time - baby steps for a baby Christian - I even look up all of the Scriptures for myself. I'm always moving forward and I will get there one step at a time - know that in your hearts. Sometimes I feel like I'm all alone and then I get one of your newsletters and you always put a smile on my face ... just like the night I KNEW that I was saved" - **R.F.**

"I know that I must put God first and foremost to stay in line with His will for me. I pray every day, and I write in my 'Dear God' journal often. I know I don't read my Bible near enough, so that's what I need to make more time for. I appreciate the reminder. Before I forget, I want you all to know that I do write some of the poems and prayers from the newsletters in my journal and then I share the newsletters with the other women around me. Please thank the editors for such a wonderful newsletter and please keep them coming. You ALL are such a blessing to us with the love you send our way" - **D.D.**

"I just received the 10 year anniversary newsletter and my jaw dropped - It's hard to believe that it has already been 10 years that you all have been sending hope and blessings through our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. I also want to thank everyone for the birthday cards the *Overcomers for Christ* family has sent me. Your cards are the only ones I get, regardless they're the ones that matter the most. I honestly don't know what path I would be on now if I hadn't been introduced to Christ through the *Overcomers for Christ*. But what I do know is that I'm on the right path now and have been since you all have come into my life and touched me through the grace of our Lord. I just turned 60 years old and never thought I would live this long. Now I can't wait to celebrate the next 10 years with the *Overcomers for Christ* on the streets" - **A.M.**

"First off let me say, 'Thanks to all of you for the birthday wishes!' Actually you are the only ones that sent me anything for my B-Day, and that really made my day - 'THANKS!!' I have the latest newsletter in my hands and it really is a good one. I really like the pictures at the front, they kind of make it like a personal letter, you know what I mean" - **R.G.**

"I want to thank you for your monthly newsletters. I get a lot of enjoyment from the wonderful testimonies. I would like to tell you that you are doing an amazing service, and you touch a lot of people's lives. May the Good Lord bless you all" - **G.W.**

Overcomer's Testimonies

Precious Overcomers family of Christ,

Thank you so very much for your letter!!! The letter Michelle wrote on the card was so perfect. My favorite is polar bears! I just love how the Holy Spirit works in all our lives. I just wanted to share a little about myself. I grew up in a family that loves the Lord, but my mom wasn't really wise in the men she chose, but I love her. I never met my dad. Well, my mom died one week after I turned 17, and we were really close. It hurt so very bad. I went to drugs to cover up the pain and suffered majority. I've been smoking cigs since I was 9 years old. I started injecting meth and ended up in prison. I got out after 2 1/2 years and met my wife; got her pregnant and so I thought I had to marry her. Well, I did alright for about 2 years, and then had Jade, my baby daughter.

I got my own business going and thought I could use drugs again and control it, which was so wrong!!! Thank God. Well, I ended up devastating my marriage, which was really soul wrenching. I lost everything and ended up back in prison for 2 1/2 years. During the end of the sentence, my wife and I started trying to work things out, but come to find out she was already with someone else. All along lying to me, not that I am any better. She was seeing a child molester that was molesting my daughter. She found out and freaked out on him and ended up in prison.

So, I didn't find all this out till I got out! I lost my mind when that happened, which caused me to start using Percocet pills, then crack, weed and shrooms. Well, for the record none of that junk helped or did me any good. I ended up totally 100% broken. Broke, hopeless and on the streets of Tucson, living in the tunnels, committing crime, using everyone I came in contact with. Then I went to jail for 10 months, I found Jesus and got baptized after I got down on my knees and asked Jesus to save me!

After my release, I didn't have anywhere to go, so I went to my old friends and was high the first day. That led to 2 years of drug addiction again. I was involved with many women; my main one was a married woman. I almost did myself in from not being in control of anything in my life, being a slave to heroin, meth, and crack. Then I was arrested, again, and I was in a very serious mental state because I was involved with someone who talked to the dead, and she lured me in. I was seeing demons and they tormented me, making me do crazy things to myself like staring at the sun and more serious things that I don't want to talk about. But I said to Jesus that I want Him to fix my life and take away the desire for drugs, cigs and sexual immorality. My lawyer filed Rule 11 on me, which is when they found me mentally incompetent to stand trial. I was very severe and determined to trust in Jesus, and I'm blessed to say, one year after my arrest I am totally restored to sanity and I'm physically healthy. I've been in prison 4 months now and I haven't even desired cigs or drugs!!! All glory to God. It's wild too because my soul is so hungry for "Truth". I'm almost done with this 2 1/2 year sentence, but I've gained my sanity and am experiencing the peace of God. I'm free inside and am learning the things of God!!! Amen!!!

I really can't even say how joyous I am with Jesus. The transformation was so very hard, I felt like I was walking through Hell!!! But I'm through that hardest part now, thank God! I'm so blessed now, it's surreal. I'm so thankful and I want to help out as much as God allows me to when I get out. I think my testimony will help some people that can relate. And show them the way to total freedom is Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God!!! My Savior! It's true and very real and He broke my chains from addiction, demon power and blessed me with every spiritual Blessing in Christ Jesus!!! Amen !!!

I just want to add that all the suffering I've done doesn't even compare to the love I feel in Jesus. The hope I have is amazing and I can honestly say that I would do it all again, because it all brought me back into a loving, intimate relationship with the living God, and Jesus, His Son! So, to all those people out there, don't give up! Look to Jesus, He has power to save. To all those transformed, we have a whole world to introduce to Jesus, so get on your Heavenly Armor and let's look to Jesus, and be sensitive to the Spirit and rock this world. In Jesus name, Amen.

I love you family and thank you in Jesus name. - J.I.

Riddle Me This ...

My physical presence is hard to ignore
So I believe you must have seen me before

The use of me creates a distinctive sound
On my surface many triggers can be found

Oddly, my feet make no contact with the floor
I may need them in order to match the score

When used competently, the ears I delight
My most critical features are black and white

What am I?

I start spring and end winter's snows.

I end dark nights and bring sunrise.

I start smiles, put an end to woes.

I'm part of your start to surmise,

So what am I?

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The Adventures
of

ULTRA TONY

By A.D.



Ultra Tony watches over the streets and sees a "Stealing Monster" and Ultra Tony defeats the "Stealing Monster".
Ultra Tony knows that God does not like stealing. In the Ten Commandments it says, "You shall not steal." - Exodus 20:15

"You know the commandments ... Do not steal ... Do not defraud" - Mark 10:19

Quote Worthy

"Doomed are the hotheads! Unhappy are they who lose their cool and are too proud to say, 'I'm sorry.'"

- Robert Schuller (1926-2015) an American Christian televangelist, pastor, motivational speaker, and author.

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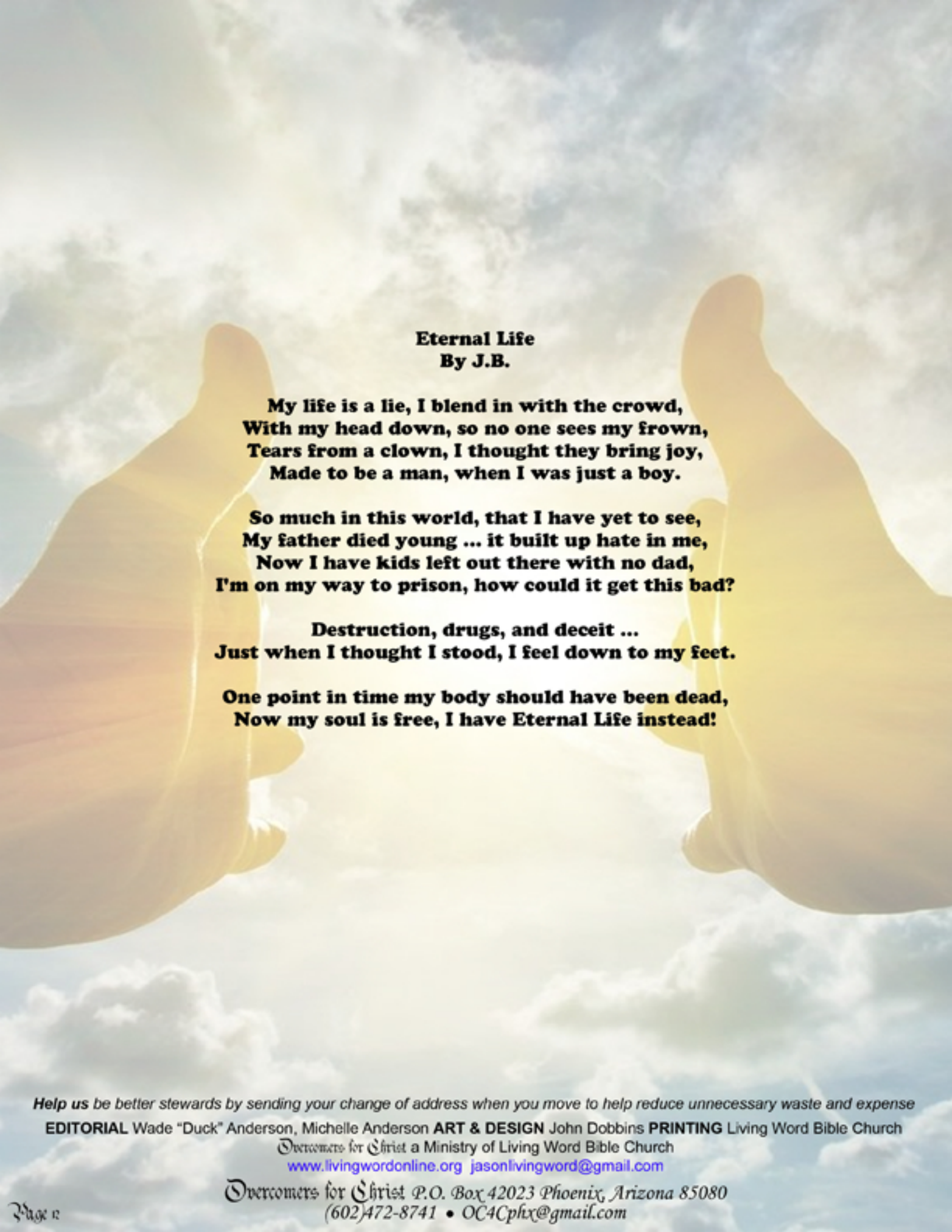
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Eternal Life
By J.B.

**My life is a lie, I blend in with the crowd,
With my head down, so no one sees my frown,
Tears from a clown, I thought they bring joy,
Made to be a man, when I was just a boy.**

**So much in this world, that I have yet to see,
My father died young ... it built up hate in me,
Now I have kids left out there with no dad,
I'm on my way to prison, how could it get this bad?**

**Destruction, drugs, and deceit ...
Just when I thought I stood, I feel down to my feet.**

**One point in time my body should have been dead,
Now my soul is free, I have Eternal Life instead!**

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