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Praise the Risen Lord! Praise the Living God! Praise the Coming King!

By L.P.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. ***"To shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."*** (Isaiah 9:2 and Luke 1:79)

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'Tis another glorious day the Lord has made, so let us choose to rejoice and we will be made glad. Let us embrace His abundant grace and enjoy His great favor as richly blessed sons and daughters of a loving and merciful God! So, let us be thankful in all things, no matter our circumstances, that this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus – Praise the Lord! I always pray for true children of God, especially for you true servants of Christ; that each of you are as healthy in body and soul as I am strong in spirit and faith. As a greatly favored son of a gracious and patient Father, it's my eternal privilege to be His "ambassador" on earth; as a man of God and disciple of Christ, it's also my daily responsibility to walk faithfully each day upon this path of light the Lord has prepared specifically for me. Thus I can fulfill His purpose and bear much fruit for His pleasure. It's only by the grace of God that I can joyfully declare, "I am still alive and well, a son of God and servant of Christ, I remain nothing short of spectacular." – Yahoo! and Praise the Lord!

When last I wrote it was to give a brief testimony to the power of God and the truth of Christ, as He has transformed this wildly rebellious one into His lovingly obedient son. He continues to bless me far beyond anything I deserve, and as I look back upon this wayward journey of life, I behold how greatly favored I've always been. I'm also cognizant, with the certainty of divine hindsight, that our Glorious Father put this reluctant son through what I think to be "the discipline of darkness", in order to teach me the "spiritual reality" of who I truly am, along with the true meaning of life for every chosen son! Let me assert in unequivocal terms that it was the Word of God, pure and true, which became my shining light in the darkness of circumstance; brilliantly illuminating the stygian mindset of this (once) wicked one about the fallacy of my Aryan "existence" AND the necessity for immediate repentance! It was the Word of God that enlightened the opaque heart of this dullard son with the luminous truth - I belong to our Father in Heaven - period! And with this eternal blessing comes a crucial obligation to build/maintain an intimate relationship with my Creator and Savior-period!

Aye, laddie, tis the Word of God, pure and true, which ultimately instructed this fortunate son that I'm also a "Servant of Christ" here on earth to fulfill the Father's purpose and to bear much fruit for His pleasure. The meaning of life for every true son of God, all for the honor and glory of Almighty God! Praise the Lord! For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, and find out what pleases the Lord. Wake up sleeper! Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

"For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." - (Ephesians 5:8-14)

Once upon a wasted life ago, this lawless one was confined to a "Death Cell", lost in the darkness of unbridled arrogance and descending into the abyss of impotent nothingness. With no hope for secular reprieve and little regard for spiritual reality, I was wasting away in abject misery, killing time by plotting "fantasy revenge", as that bitter time I was doing was actually killing me!

Understand, I deserved nothing but the wrath of God, yet the grace of our Lord was poured out upon me ABUNTANTLY! Our Gracious Father gently interrupted the vile fanaticism of this "worst of sinners"; lifting this very reckless one from the virulent pit of rampant violence I wallowed in. Rescuing me from the enemy who was too strong for me. Almighty God created me, then saved me; adopting this grateful son through Christ Jesus, according to His will and to the praise of His Glorious Grace. Then our infinitely generous Father offered this most undeserving son a new life, with true purpose, providing I was willing to heed His Word and OBEY His truth! Aye, laddie, what could a poor boy do, sing in a rock-n-roll band?!? Yahoo! The voice of God called out to His slumbering son, rousing this senseless one from the stupor of sect and sin. Sadly, there had been decades of arrogant rebellion against God and government, foolishly thinking I was too smart and strong to submit myself to anyone or anything, whether it be the Lord Jesus or especially any man! There had been too many years of being too self-confident as I ran amok on the wild streets AND then in this dark land of shocking evil; where the scepter of death was all too real and which I was responsible for!

Man, I had become willfully blinded to the Light of Christ and woefully obtuse to the truth of grace. Such dulling opacity produced monumental self-deception, precluding this delusional one from ever perceiving the spiritual reality of who I truly was. Ah, laddie, then the Glorious Epiphany: This Aryan brother was nothing but a "poser" – Ha! The very worst of pejoratives and "the thing" I most hated! Man, it hit me, I was a true "son of God", pretending to be someone other than the man our Father had created me to be! Thus, the imperative for His "Discipline of Darkness". When I heard the Father's call, my simple response was a sincere vow - To seek the Lord with all my heart AND to surrender my "self" completely to His power and purpose for me.

I took my first step upon this present path of light by reading His Word of Truth AND praying throughout each day-believing that open and honest dialogue is the basis for every intimate relationship. As days became months, the Holy Spirit began remaking this wildly rebellious one into a willingly obedient son. Understand, it was the gospel message of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen that inspired this remorseful one into coming home to the Cross and humbling myself before our Father, then embracing His grace and professing with gratitude, "Jesus, Son of God, I accept you as my Savior and now surrender all to you, my Lord and my God." I took several oaths, including living wholly for the Holy One who gave everything for me, and was raised again! Praise the risen Lord!

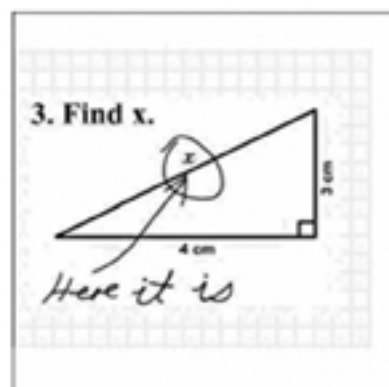
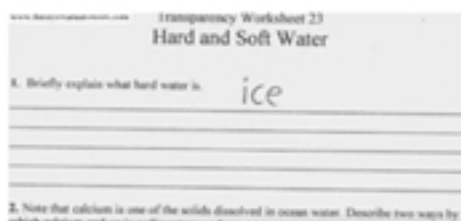
"What I tell you in Darkness, speak in Daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the rooftops." (Colossians 1:13 and Matthew 10:27) For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves! It's virtually impossible to properly convey the stultifying silence of old school, solitary confinement OR to accurately describe the enervating effect upon the human psyche produced by interminable isolation AND intended to induce irreparable damage to any "wild one's" body and soul; to cause "madness" in those who may be "sane"! That last time that I was buried in the belly of the beast (a dozen years ago, yahoo!), my divine dialogue with our Father in heaven taught me to accept the quietness of solitude as His "Discipline of Darkness" AND as my time to listen ... To hear the voice of God deep in my soul, as I studied His love letter to me; and to heed His Spirit of Truth to teach me the message of grace.

The stillness of solitary was that spacious place of spiritual reality, where I learned to fully utilize the time of discipline, as our Lord began preparing my heart and mind to live for Him and "proclaim from the rooftops" that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, crucified and risen, my Lord and Savior! The darkness of circumstance became my solemn time of spiritual awakening, as I received my Father's perfect gift of precious grace. It took His "Discipline of Darkness" for me to become the man of God and servant of Christ, his loving and obedient son that I was created to be. Praise the Lord!

The Holy Spirit of God continues to inspire this greatly favored son, enabling me to celebrate every day by walking long and strong this path of light He has created especially for me. I was recently informed that my parole date has been moved up to, my first chance for daylight in 30 years-Yahoo! But as you know well, true men of God live fully-surrendered lives to the purpose of God. So I may be released this year, if not now, then in 6 months, and if I'm denied again, then I max-out next year. Whatever happens, I simply bow before His throne of grace and gratefully avow, "Not my way Abba, Your will be done." I am who He wants me to be, I go where He wants me to go (and stay where He wants me to stay!), as I do what He wants me to do and say what He wants me to say. My life and times are in the perfect hand of Almighty God, and to Him alone be all the Honor and Glory! Praise the Lord!

Christian Comedy

Why Teachers Need a Summer Vacation ...



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

Prayer Requests

I would like to ask for prayer for my daughter, she has fallen into drugs. She told me the last night I talked to her on the phone that she didn't have a father, boy that hurt more than you know. I know with as far as I have come in my walk with God, I have to put this in God's hands. I have come a very long ways on this road. God has shown me where my life truly needs to be. As for my daughter, I must keep faith and remain in prayer. Jesus will heal her and show her a road to love and peace, away from drugs. As for my son, I'm still working on trying to get to write him since he is in a state prison. I don't have a birth certificate to prove he is my son, but I have faith, if it's meant to be, it will be ... **G.B.B.**

God bless all of you, thank you for the card and songs. I am writing to give you my new address. Please pray for me, my peace of mind. I just got moved to a new place with a new celly and I'm not happy. I'm trying to stay cool and focus on the Lord, but I can only take so much. I look forward to getting your newsletters; please keep me in your prayers. Lift me up that the charges I'm still going to court for will run concurrent with this sentence - in Jesus' name - Amen. God Bless you all ... **K.C.**

I have not written in a while but this last year and a half has been very hard all around. Everything is coming back into place though. There will always be tough times but that's when we need to lean and trust on our Father God more. It's hard and a struggle at times but we need to! I do have a prayer request. Lord, free my sister from all addictions, heal her from her 6 year addiction and release her from that bondage. Protect and guide her to the right people to comfort and guide her. Also, my nephews are protected of these ways and the bondage of addiction is cast away from them. Heal my father's back and no more pain progresses. Give my mother favor in her finances. Keep me and my fiancée's love bonded through Your love Father God, and continue to guide me and heal me to do Your will Father. Please forgive me of all sins known and unknown for I am not perfect, Amen! ... **B.W.**

I have been informed that I'll be here at least until sometime in July 2016. That's when my next classification hearing is to be held. Please help me pray that at that hearing my score is lowered and I am, or will be, transferred to a level three yard. Thank you for your prayers ... **J.H.**

Health and mental issues and prison life sometimes get or try to get the better of me. Fighting my issue is a daily task as life is, but you can't keep a blessed man down. So, I don't allow the negatives to disrupt my day completely. A lot of prayer is my most and only hope of keeping my sanity. Please add me to your prayer list; I have just three more months of this ... **A.C.**

Praise Reports

I just regained my composure after reading your beautiful card. My heart is filled with so much joy right now. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for finding me. You truly make me feel so special, and have since day one, when we first met. I would have written sooner, but when my paperwork arrived, they had taken your newsletter with your information on it. I've been here for four months now, every night when they hand out mail, I hold my breath, hoping, someone will remember me and write to me. Well, my guardian angel, Duck, did just that. For the last ten months, you prayed with me and glowed like an angel, telling me how much God loved me. I have the most respect for you because you're a true man of God and it shows. Since I've been here, I've read over twenty religious books, and am currently studying a book that explains over 100 words from the Old Testament. I'm taking a pre-baptism course and going to be baptized. I am walking with God every day and realizing that all things do work for good and to bring God all the glory He deserves ... **M.S.**

My favorite cousin came to see me for the first time, other than one of my graduations. He brought me some food; we talked for almost six hours. I thought I was going to cry, because I haven't seen anyone since 2012. I believe by the grace of God that this is going to be a good year. With that said, may God bless you ... **D.D.**

I can say that I see the end of the tunnel and the Light is so lovely, no more darkness in my life. Having brothers and sisters such as you all has honestly helped me to find change and to turn my life over to the Jesus Christ. I also want to let you know, I remember when I was 21 years old and my dad told me I wouldn't live to see my 40th birthday, well this year, I'll be 55 years old. I'm not alone, never have been and I feel so great today. The Lord has brought my ex-wife back into my life. He knows just what we need and when we need it ... **G.B.B.**

I received the monthly pamphlet that you've sent me; it again found me with great spirit and even better when I started reading it. Thank God for all of you, may He keep blessing you all! As you may or may not know, I have health issues, but my loving God keeps my health and mental issues in check ... **A.C.**

Just a few lines to let you know that God still hears and answers prayer! Praise God, my surgery went well and I'm doing okay. It's been 3 weeks now and I'm already feeling better. They fused my 2nd and 3rd disks - put rods in them and I'll be going back for surgery on my 4th and 5th disks next month ... **W.R.**

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From the Inside

What Matters Most

By T.F.

Let me open up with these two foundational Scriptures.

"No matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I am bankrupt without love ..." (1 Corinthians 13:36 Message)

"Love means living the way God commanded us to live. As you have heard from the beginning, His command is this, Live a Life of Love." (2 John 1:6 NCV)

Brothers and sisters, life is ALL about love. Because God IS love (1 John 4:8, 1 John 4:16), the most important lesson He wants us to learn on earth is how to love. It is in loving that we are most like Him, so love is the foundational command He has given us. Jesus told us in **John 13:34-35**, **"A new command I give to you: LOVE one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another"**

Learning to love unselfishly is not an easy task. In fact it runs counter to our self-centered nature. This is why we are given a lifetime to learn it. Of course God wants us to love everyone, but He is particularly concerned that we learn to love others in His family ... other brothers and sisters in the Lord. And as we've already seen, this is the second most important purpose for our new lives. Peter tells us, in **1 Peter 2:17 (ISV)**, **"Honor everyone. Keep on loving the community of believers, ..."** and the Apostle Paul echo's the same message in **Galatians 6:10 (NIV)**, **"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to ALL people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."** Why does God insist that we give special love and attention to other believers? Why do they get what seems to be priority in loving? Because God wants His family to be known for its love more than anything else. Jesus told us, above, in **John 13:35** (my paraphrase) that it's our love for one another, not our doctrinal beliefs, that will be our greatest witness to the world.

In heaven we will enjoy God's family forever, but first we've got some tuff work to do here on earth to prepare ourselves for an eternity of loving. God trains us by giving us family responsibilities, and the foremost of this is to practice loving each other right here in the now. God wants us to be in regular close fellowship with other believers so that we can develop the skill of loving. Love cannot be learned in isolation. We have to be around irritating, imperfect, frustrating people just like ourselves. It's through fellowship that we learn this important truth. **"The Best Use of Life Is LOVE"**

Love should be our top priority, primary objective and our greatest ambition. Love is not a good part of our life; Love is the MOST IMPORTANT part! Paul encourages us, in **1 Corinthians 14:1 (Message)**, **"Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it - because it does."** It's not enough to say that 'one' of the things I want in life is to be loving, as if 'loving' is on our top 10 things to achieve list.

Relationships MUST have priority in life above everything else. Why? Life without love is worthless! Paul makes this point very evident in **1 Corinthians 13:1 (NLT)**, **"If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn't love others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal."** In the **Message Bible** it reads, **"I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate."** Often we act as if relationships are something to be squeezed into our schedules. We talk about 'finding time' for our children or 'making time' for people in our lives. That gives the impression that relationships are thought of as, or like, many of our other tasks. But God says that relationships are what life is all about. Four of the Ten Commandments deal with our relationship with God while the remaining six of them deal with our relationships with other people. So ALL ten of them deal with relationships! In fact, Jesus was asked by the Scribes, in **Mark 12:28 (NLT)**, **"Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"** Jesus' reply was, **"The most important commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.'" (Mark 12:29-31)** So we all can see right here, from the lips of Jesus, learning to love God is our first priority and our second priority should be learning to love others.

Love will last forever ... Another reason God tells us to make love our top priority is that love is eternal. In **1 Corinthians 13:1-7** Paul is sharing with us all of the things love is supposed to look like in our lives and the things love is not supposed

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to look like in our lives. I encourage you all to read those verses for yourselves. After Paul's explanation of 'God's kind of love' he goes directly into **1 Corinthians 13:8** and tells us, "**Love will last forever...**" Now drop down a few verses to **1 Corinthians 13:13**, and listen closely, "**So these three things continue forever: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is LOVE.**"

Love leaves a legacy ... How we treated other people, not our wealth or accomplishments, is the most enduring impact any of us can leave on this earth. Mother Theresa said, "It's not what you do, but how much love you put into it that matters." Love is the secret of a lasting heritage. When life on earth is ending, people don't surround themselves with objects or material things. What we want around us in these times is people - the people we love and have had relationships with. In our final moments we all realize that relationships are what life is all about. Wisdom is learning that truth sooner than later. Don't wait until you're on your deathbed to figure out that nothing matters more.

One of the best expressions of love is time ... The importance of 'things' can be measured by how much time we are willing to invest in them. The more time we give to something, the more we reveal its importance or value. If we want to know a person's priorities, just look at how they use their time. This is why 'time' is our most precious gift, and we only have a set amount of it. It's easy to make more money but we can never get back or make more time. When we give someone our time, we are giving them a portion of our life that we'll never get back. In fact, our time is our life. This is why one of the greatest gifts we can give someone else, is our time. It is not enough to 'say' relationships are important; we must prove it by 'investing' our time into them. Why? Because words alone are worthless. My children, brothers and sisters, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in actions. Relationships take time and effort, and the best way to spell love is TIME!!

The best time to love is NOW! The best use of life is LOVE! The best expression of love is TIME! And once again, THE BEST TIME TO LOVE IS NOW!!

Sharing God's Word

By G.B.B.

God has made it possible for me to share His Word with around 30 inmates, at this time, out of 164 here in the SHU. I trust God that I will be able to touch a lot more here with His Word, His love and a helping hand when I can. All for the glory of God that my life has helped others! At first I thought I was all alone until I let God take over in my life. And today I have a lot to live for. Honestly, your newsletters bring me to tears each time I read them.

This past year went by so fast. I have 4 years, 7 months and some days left and all of this will be behind me. Sure, I might have to do another 12 months in the Kansas county jail but I'm okay with that too because I'm getting my past ALL behind me.

I gave my life to our Lord back in 1981 but then walked away from Him and went back to drinking and running the bars. Shortly after this I was picked up for running guns. Then one day my wife and 3 daughters were coming to visit me and a drunk driver hit their car head on and they all past away. It has been a long hard road BUT God has been faithful to pull me through it all.

Take the High Road

By J.M.

Well, me and my old cell mate had our finale' time. He decided to sucker punch me in front of the officers at medication call, and I decided not to fight back or have him harmed, due to what happened. Even though it ain't looked good upon in here just to allow another to sucker punch you and not react. I feel the Lord will bless me. But in here other inmates ain't got anything for me, and I myself feel weak for not acting in return, but it is what it is and I feel I chose right, due to my heart's desire of the Lord's will in my life.

2 Kings 23:31-25:30

The **Book of 2 Kings** opens with Elijah being carried to heaven - the destination awaiting those who follow God. But the book ends with the people of Judah being carried off to foreign lands as humiliated slaves - the result of failing to follow God.

In **2 Kings**, there is an illustration of what happens when we make anything more important than God, when we make ruinous alliances, when our conscience becomes desensitized to right and wrong, and when we are no longer able to discern God's purpose for our lives and start over. And that is just what would happen in the book of Ezra. When the people acknowledge their sins, God was ready and willing to help them return to their land and start over again. (**25:30**)

Acts 22:17-23:10

As Christians, we are to represent Christ. If someone around us says, "I didn't know you were a Christian," we have failed to represent Him as we should. We are not merely Christ's followers; we are His representatives to others. (**23:2-5**)

Psalms 1:1-2:12

The imagery of this verse presents an ideal righteous person - one who is in the world, but quite unaffected by the world. (**1:1**)

Instead of finding enjoyment in entanglements with wicked persons, the godly person finds his or her deep enjoyment in the things of God, particularly the Word of God. (**1:2**)

God laughs, not at the nations, but at their confused thoughts about power. It is like the laughter of a father when his three year old boasts that he or she can outrun him or beat him at a wrestling match. The father knows the boundaries of the power of his, and God knows the boundaries of power of the nations. Every nation is limited, but God is transcendent. If you have to choose between confidence in God and confidence in any nation, choose God. (**2:4**)

Proverbs 18:13

This **Proverb** tells us how foolish it is to give advice about anything before listening to all of the facts, another one of what I call common sense proverbs.


“Foot” Notes

Hello, everybody, may God's blessings be upon you all.

After reading the motorcycle helmet testimony in the January 2016 newsletter, I'm prompted to share a story that happened to my close friend "K". During the holidays, she was planning to take a road trip to Kansas to visit her grandkids. When she went to fill up for gas her debit card was denied, not once but twice. Calling the company she found out someone had stolen her info and spent all her money on jewelry (over \$1,000). All she had saved for her trip. So, she had to cancel her trip. Just so happens the time she would have been on the road she would have been caught in that deadly winter storm that killed so many around New Mexico and Oklahoma and of course she would have been driving all alone. The only thing that would have stopped her was no gas money.

You can notice God's work here. So, to wind it up she was kept safe and her money was replaced due to the fact she could prove it wasn't her who was buying the jewelry. You just never can tell how God will intervene in your life to keep you safe. Love to ya'll short and tall ... Vaya con Dios!!

What Others Are Saying...


"God bless you all!!! I am truly blessed to have been introduced to your ministry. Every month, I am given new hope reading your newsletter. As you know it can get very lonely here and each month getting to see pictures of the  family really helps." - **T.P.**

"I totally enjoy your *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter and I am looking forward to the next one. I know that you and your newsletter are very important to many inmates. Thanks!" - **J.H.**

"Hello, dear friends, let me thank you all for standing beside me and sending me newsletters that honestly helps me grow to be more like our Father. Thank you all for opening the door to my heart that I closed so many years ago." - **G.B.B.**


"Let me begin by thanking you for the thoughtful card, along with the birthday greetings from the brothers and sisters in Christ. This endearing gesture put a smile on my face and charmed my heart with the power of spiritual love. Thank you, each and every one of ya's! Praise the Lord!" - **L.P.**

"I thank you all for the love and the testimonies God has allowed you to share with me/us. To think that people in this world still care enough to take time out of their busy life to send a graceful smile our way is amazing. I walk taller, smile wider, listen closer and see deeper because I now know I'm not alone facing uncertainty. Through your newsletters I understand that down in these chains, behind these links and through these bricks that God's light is still visible as His fingers reach with healing hands and pull at ANY to look. Well, I've looked and can't look away. I have very little in here and your letters of faith make me feel very rich in deed. God has shown down on me through you and because of that I pray more often now. For the next five years I will continue to pray and help others just as you have helped me" - **L.R.**

"I was truly excited and it warmed my heart when I received the newsletter and read that Megan is doing so well with her blessings from the Lord. So many times in my own life I have a hard time allowing God's will to guide my decisions in life. Why? I guess because I chose to live for the moment. I guess in the past, I trust God as long as it's my way. That's why it's truly a blessing and inspiration to read the mail I get from you all there at  - **L.H.**

"Thank you so much for the card you sent, I'm just blown away that you would personally take the time to write me and welcome me with such encouragement and fellowship. Brother Wade's testimony in these newsletters have given me such hope and help me see so clear. The thing of it is, so much of his story is similar to my own experiences. But without reading that testimony I would have just assumed that the person writing most of the articles was someone that must have had a good and healthy upbringing, someone who's always known Christ. I was simply basing those thoughts off the fact that you are a part of a ministry. WOW! How off was that thinking?" - **W.O.**

"Thank you so much for the blessings you provide for so many of us who are currently behind these bars and walls. Through your testimonies and tireless service you help us remember the hope we too have in our Lord Jesus. Please accept this tithe to continue the work for the kingdom " - **R.W.**

"I wanted to thank you all there at the . I recently picked up an older newsletter with the message Believe pt.3 by Bob Small and it blessed my spirit so much." - **A.P.**

"First let me express, that I am very thankful for you all being here for me through all these years. Every time that I'm sitting here in the dark, you all bring me back into the light. I know this may sound crazy because I've never written you before but I had just been talking with a friend here about what I was going to do when I'm released. He had just told me, 'Get involved in the Word and stay grounded in a church,' and the next thing I know I'm getting another letter from you all right then! So I took that as a sign that perhaps I should write." - **A.A.**

"Hello everyone at the *Overcomers for Christ* work shop. I have been receiving your newsletters since June of 2012. I really enjoy reading what other people have to say about turning their lives over to the Lord Jesus Christ. I also enjoy getting you all's birthday letters/cards. I just wanted to send these words and love to you all." - **R.K.**

"I am currently incarcerated and a good friend of mine in here recommended your ministry highly. I have read some of the newsletters you all have sent to him and he speaks of you all as people who have been there and understand our situations. Your support and Christ likeness in not judging us for our crimes has convinced me that this is a ministry I should be supporting. Please accept my tithe and deep gratitude for what you all are doing for us here. It is my intention to tithe regularly to your ministry for the foreseeable future in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Please know that what you all are doing in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is reaching into the hearts of more people than you may even realize!" - **C.K.**

Overcomer's Testimonies

I know that God has placed this testimony on my heart to share with all of you.

Somewhere in the middle of May of 2013, my girl friend, Becky, and I were living at the Budget Suite on Yorkshire and the I-17 freeway. I'm not going to lie; we were both very active in our drug addiction. I was smoking speed and Becky was shooting heroin. One morning Becky woke up and was crying. I knew at that point it was all going wrong for me that day. I told Becky, "Hey, you have got ulcers all over you and they could rupture and send poison to your brain and kill you. So you ARE going to the John C. Lincoln Hospital." While this was going on I also was in real bad shape mentally. I didn't know what to do and I won't lie, I panicked like I never did before! I thought and I thought and I still could not come up with a solution.

Once I got Becky to the emergency room the doctor and nurse seen her and rushed her right away into a room. They couldn't believe how bad of shape she was in. Right away they had to put her in a coma and put an IV of antibiotics to begin working on the infection. The head doctor looked at Becky and did not think she would make it out of the hospital alive because she had so many ulcers.

Honestly, at this point I lost all hope. I couldn't do anything except cry and cry and cry over her bed, as she lay there fighting for her life! As I was crying, I guess I was in their way, one of the nurses told me there was a chapel downstairs. "You can be alone there and pray if you like," she said.

As I got into the elevator to head down to the chapel I thought about my friend, Wade, who is also a pastor and used to mail me the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletters when I was previously in prison. I remembered that I had logged his phone number in my phone so I quickly called him. He answered right away and as I was sobbing, crying and trying to explain to him what was going on he immediately told me, "Pull it together! Stop crying! Have faith in Jesus Christ, pray for her and believe and she will be alright! I'm on Deer Valley Road with my youngest grandson. Where are you at? I will be right there and we'll pray for Becky." By this time I was at the chapel so I got down on my hands and knees and did just what Wade told me to do, "Pray, and believe in Jesus!"

About 15 to 20 minutes later, I went back upstairs to Beck's room in ICU. As I entered the room, I instantly felt this great HOPE come all over my heart. There was Wade laying his hands on Becky and praying in the Spirit (in tongues) to Jesus Christ for Becky's healing! At that point, Wade seen me enter the room and came over and hugged me and said, "HAVE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST!!" After a few more minutes of prayer, Wade left the hospital. From that point forward, I somehow felt relief in my heart that Becky WOULD BE HEALED!

Something changed, even the doctors and nurses changed from what they were telling me to, "It might be days or even weeks before she would be able to come home from the hospital." But I knew that God was healing Becky right then because of the great faith that Wade has in Jesus Christ!

The next day something amazing happened. Becky was taken out of ICU! The doctors and nurses couldn't believe what they saw. ALL of Becky's ulcers were GONE and they released her to leave the hospital to come home in my care!!! I know this much for sure, Becky was going to die the day she came to hospital had not my friend come using his faith in Jesus Christ and prayed for her. Had Becky died that day I also wouldn't have had the beautiful daughter that God gave Becky and me in January of 2014! My beautiful little baby girl is now 2 years old! Today I KNOW the POWER of prayer works in the name of Jesus Christ. I'll always be grateful to God and thankful for my friend and brother in Christ. This miracle has increased my faith and made me much stronger. - A.P.

Riddle Me This ...

I start spring and end winter's snows.
I end dark nights and bring sunrise.
I start smiles, put an end to woes,
And I'm part of your start to surmise,

So what am I?

Relinquishing Prejudice

By Steve Arterburn

"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble." - 1 Peter 3:8

Have you allowed your upbringing or experiences to prejudice you against a particular group of people? Women? Men? The poor? The rich? Asians? Jews? Black or White?

Prejudice leads to hatred and a lack of compassion toward others. To the contrary, God's people are to be known for their love and compassion. Surrendering your life to God means recognizing and relinquishing your prejudices.

Take a look at the Old Testament figure, Jonah. He hated the people of Nineveh for their cruelty toward his people, the Israelites. He would've loved to have gone to Nineveh and declare God's judgment against them. But God told Jonah to go and warn them of destruction so they might avert God's wrath. Jonah wanted no part in this mission of mercy. He tried to run away, but God placed him in difficult circumstances. When he reluctantly obeyed and preached to the Ninevites, they changed their ways. And not surprisingly, Jonah was upset at God's mercy on the Ninevites.

God practically had to force Jonah to let go of his prejudice and hatred. This was necessary so he could share God's mercy with the people he hated. Your spiritual transformation will be stunted until you let go of your prejudices toward any people group. Seeing your own prejudices doesn't come easy. You need to ask God and those close to you to help you see areas of prejudice in your life. Once you see them, confess them and ask God to change your heart.

"We allow our ignorance to prevail upon us and make us think we can survive alone, alone in patches, alone in groups, alone in races, even alone in genders." - Maya Angelo

"Prejudice is a product of ignorance that hides behind barriers of tradition." - Jasper Fforde

Quote Worthy

"Facing our deepest fears means making peace with our seen self and with our unseen self." - Sheila Walsh - a Scottish-born contemporary Christian vocalist, songwriter, evangelist, author, inspirational speaker, and talk-show host.

Answer to "Riddle Me This" on page 10: The letter "S"

Ministry Tithes & Offerings ... 2 Ways to Give

It takes the body of Christ working together to create, print, and mail this newsletter. None of this would be possible without the faithful support of many people who believe in this ministry. The vision of this ministry is to offer hope, love, and encouragement to those who are incarcerated. You are investing in spreading the Word of God to lost souls, and encouraging and mentoring believers.

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Mother's Love

By M.L.

**You came to me when I was broken,
When nobody else was left,
Facing 35 years in prison, you said,
"Son, we'll give it our best."**

**You visited and wrote me letters,
You always stood by my side.
When I said, "Mom I just can't do this,"
You then held me as I cried.**

**'Son you can do all things!
For it is Christ who lives in you.**

**No matter what life's hardships are,
God will always bring you through.'**

**So the moral of the story, is that
Your strength comes from above.
But it was demonstrated and made real to me,
By my mother's unfailing love.**

**The heart of God is a mother's love
Happy Mother's Day Mom ...
I love you with all my heart, and
I will always Honor and respect you.**

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