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WORDS
By Amanda Wolfe



If you think of every word you speak as a seed you are planting that will grow and produce what you just said, would you still say what you just said?

Would you say what you just said about how you feel?
Would you say what you just said about how you look?
Would you say what you just said about that person or TO that person?
Would you say what you just said about your spouse?
Would you say what you just said about your child?
Would you say what you just said about your country?
Would you say what you just said about your finances?
Would you say what you just said about that situation?
What are you SAYING? Because that's what you're sowing.

Like seeds, words produce after their own kind. Speak life. If we want to see something different, then it starts by SAYING something different.

God saw darkness and called it light. He didn't say: "Oh it's so dark out there!" "Oh, it's always so dark." "The earth is always behaving so darkly." "The earth is always dark, it will never change." "It's too hard for light to ever shine there." "Why is it so dark?" "That's just how the earth is." "The earth has always been that way." "The earth was born that way." "There's nothing I can do." "It's out of my control."

God spoke to that formless, empty place and said, "Let there be light!" And then there was light!! He understood the power of His words and spoke what He wanted to see into existence.

God saw the sick and called them healed. God saw a barren land and called it blessed.

When we speak about a problem, it just keeps growing, but when we speak life words, then we change what we are sowing.

The power of life and death is in YOUR tongue. (**Proverbs 18:21**) Speak what you WANT to see, feel and experience in your children's behaviors, your marriage, your self-image, your business, your country...not what you're currently seeing (if what you're currently seeing isn't good). Think of your life as a garden and consider what you're planting in it.

Speak life into your children. Speak life into your relationships. Speak life over your body. Speak life to the dry bones and desolate places. Speak light into the dark places you encounter. Speak blessing over the neighborhoods you drive by that don't look so good. Speak life over God's church (not just the particular group of people you like the most or the particular building you personally worship in, but over ALL your brothers and sisters in Christ.)

The world needs your voice. The dark places need your voice. Your family needs your voice. Your friends need your voice. The stranger on the street or in the marketplace needs your voice. Use your voice, but only if you're using it for good. If not, you're better off being silent. (**Ecclesiastes 9:17, Proverbs 17:27-28, Mark 11:22-24**) Imagine what the earth would look like if every single person only spoke the good. Take 30 seconds to consider what that might look like ...

If you encounter a time when you WANT to speak the good and just don't feel like you have anything good to say, ask God to give you HIS words to speak, and HE will fill your mouth!!

Psalm 81:10 - "I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it."

Life confessions:

Psalm 45:1 - My tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

Psalm 45:2 - He anoints my lips with grace.

Proverbs 31:26 - I speak with God's wisdom on my tongue.

Psalm 49:3 - My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.

Personal Prayer:

Lord I thank You for empowering me and my tongue and for filling my mouth with Your words of wisdom. I rely on You to fill my mouth and thank You that you do. I thank You that You anoint my lips with grace and that I speak only that which You would have me to speak - no more and no less. Empowered by Your gift of grace, I choose to use my tongue to speak life-giving words over every person and every situation, no matter how bleak things look or what my emotions are feeling. I submit myself to Jesus who is my head and my covering, and I submit myself to You, Father God, who brought me out of the place of slavery and bondage in "Egypt." I open wide my mouth unto You to fill it and to give me Your words to sow, to reap and to eat. I ask and receive help from Your Holy Spirit and declare that through You who empowers me to do good, I will only speak death to those things that You would have me to speak death to like weeds that have grown in my heart and lies of the enemy. I thank You Lord that You love me the same even when I mess up, and also that Your Word is teaching me, training me, correcting me and rebuking me in Your way of righteousness so that I can also enjoy a better quality of life. I thank You that You have placed my feet on solid ground in Christ Jesus and that I will love my tongue and eat its fruit! (Proverbs 18:21)

God is love and God is faithful! I believe Him and I receive Him.

Christmas Blanket

By W.R.

They carried their gifts from a far,
to honor the King who created the stars
They were wise men from the East, these men of old
Who traveled a great distance with their frankincense
and gold

They traveled across deserts and rough terrains
In their search for a King, who they said would reign
They said it was prophesied, where He would be born
And that He would be beaten, crucified and scorned

I longed to go with them, to honor this King
But I had no money, or gifts to bring
So I said my goodbyes, and went my own way
For I had to get to Bethlehem, by the next day

Rome was taking a census all around,
And I was told to report to my home town
I was tired and weary, from my journey abroad
So I hurried to get there, to find a place to lodge

Finding no vacancies at the inn, I was filled with despair
For all I had was a blanket, to shelter me from the cold
air
So I searched the town over, for a place to stay
And finding a stable, I laid down in the hay

I was cold and hungry and needed to rest,
then I heard a child crying off to my left
So I got up to investigate, for it was late in the night
And I saw a young couple off to my right

They told me their Baby, was recently born
And that He was crying, because He was not warm
So I gave them my blanket, it was all that I had
They thanked me before leaving, and I felt kind of sad

For the blanket I had given them,
would have brought a good price
I was just a poor merchant, trying to start a new life
I had woven the blanket with threads of gold,
and it was fit for a king or so I was told

Soon I departed and went on my way,
back to Jerusalem for that's where I stayed
Now that I'm older, the memories begin to fade
But I'll always remember, my encounter that day

With the three wise men, and their search for a King
So I spent my life seeking, the peace He would bring
I searched the world over but I did not find
The King that was foretold in ancient of times

Now that I'm older, and in the Autumn of my life
I find my search ending, with no King in sight
So I gave away my riches, all my treasures of gold
For I had prospered well, from the blankets I sold

Then one day I grew weary, and closed my eyes to rest
And the doors of heaven opened, oh how I was blessed
When I saw Jesus approaching me, with a robe a cross
His breast

"Welcome to the new Jerusalem," He said with a grin,
then he extended His hand and invited me in
I thought I was dreaming but now I could see
That a mansion was waiting, which He had prepared for
me

I saw gates made of pearl and streets paved with gold
And walls made with jewels wherever you go
I saw His hands move slowly up to His breast
As He removed the robe that covered His chest

"You gave Me this blanket when I was cold,
in a stable in Bethlehem a long time ago
But it was so beautiful with its stitches of gold,
that I had it sown into a robe
Now I'm returning it but I want you to know,
that I wore into Jerusalem the night I was sold
The soldiers took it from Me, when I was whipped,
and on My way to Calvary I feel and I slipped
But the blanket you gave Me cushioned My fall,
so I got back up and died for you all
The blanket you gave Me was sown in love,
and those kinds of gifts come from above!"

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

Hello to you all ... I'd like to put in a prayer request. First I'd like prayer for my brother. He's had liver problems for like 10 years or so from some bad choices he has made in his life. Praise God he has been clean from drugs for a minute now. But, I am told that he will be needing a liver transplant. If this is the case I just want prayer that he receives the treatment that he may need and all that are involved are guided by the Lord's will and hand. I'd also like prayer for my wife who is also incarcerated while our kids are with my mother and stepfather. They are all well, praise God, and I pray they all continue to be. Also, add my oldest daughter and my loving mother as well. Pray for mom's continued good health. The strength she has showed all of our lives. She continues to be a blessing to all of us. And lastly, lift all of us here in this new program in your prayers. Pray that we all make it through the program and to the yards so we can see our families ... **E.G.**

Please pray as my wife is starting to look for a place that we can live together, as most places won't accept felons. We might have to live with my mom for a few months until we can rent a place, but my mom and wife don't get along. Also pray for my youngest son, 19 years old, as he just found out that he is going to be a dad. I started a family at 19 and I know how hard it is going to be. He's excited and he knows the Lord but his girl friend is Buddhist. I'd appreciate it if you all would lift them up. And that she'd be brought into the family of God ... **B.M.**

Overcomers for Christ prayer team ... Please pray for my complete healing and deliverance in my entire body, especially in my stomach. I believe that the Lord's protection is around me but please pray with me that the host of enemies would STOP spreading lies and coming around my home. Pray that there are NO weapons the enemy tries to fashion against me will EVER prosper. Please pray for the salvation and protection of my grandsons and that the Lord will return them back home to me ... **I.A.**

My brother, Luis, just got 11 years in prison and I would like prayer for him, that God would give him the strength, knowledge and wisdom to trust God. Pray for his relationship with his girlfriend, Desiree, to work out. Please pray for my ex-husband, Joel. He is doing bad, he's on drugs and drinking too much. We're not together but I do love him and don't want anything bad to happen to him. We have not been together for 9 years now. We do have two beautiful daughters together and I love him, it's hard to get over him. Pray that our relationship and marriage be restored. We also have a son and my ex is basically keeping him away from me. Pray for my son's health and for God to touch my ex to become kind hearted and allow me to have communication with my son ... **C.A.**

Praise Reports

All is well and God is always good. Me and my family are doing great. I was happy to hear from you and to know that you're feeling much better. I'm doing great. Reading the Word and staying focused. I have a job!! I've had two visits, going on three visits with my wife and kids. I'm all smiles. Tell the **OC+C** family I send my love and let everyone know that God will always love us and will never leave us nor forsake us, no matter where I am I will never stop talking about our Lord ... **T.T.**

I'm doing a lot better, sorry to sound so down the last time we talked. Just a lot going on in my heart and soul. Thank you for your continual prayers, especially for my mom and dad, as my mama is doing pretty good. She got through chemo okay and now is doing radiation. I thank our Lord Jesus for His protection in our lives, amen!! I was moved to another prison. This place should be better for me. I'm getting into the programs here. I have my own cell (1 cellie, instead of 7). It's up in the mountains with trees all over. God was listening ... **R.E.D.**

I thank God for your ministry, and your partnership in this work. I am truly blessed. These 12 years have been an example of God giving me the right people, in the right place, and most certainly His provision. My life and ministry is the story of the abundance of the mercy and grace of an extraordinary God in the life of an ordinary man who got himself in an extraordinary amount of trouble. Yet God rescued me because He delighted in me. **Psalm 18:19** states, **"He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me."** What a blessing to live in His amazing grace ... **G.H.**

I hope these few lines reach you all at the **Overcomers** for Christ blessed beyond measure. AMEN!! I continue to receive my newsletters and I thank you. As always they are full of great insight and answers to questions I may have. Even though I haven't written I just wanted you to know that I am doing great and all is well. Praise the Lord! I actually have some good news and I want to share this praise report with all of the **Overcomers**. I have been in super max units since 1999 and have not been allowed to be on an open yard, where we are allowed contact visits with our families. Well, two weeks ago I was accepted into the program they have here for us to work towards that. Come next December 2019, I should be on an open yard! Praise Jesus! I can hardly wait until I can hold my kids. I haven't even seen them or their mother since 2016 when they used to come visit me in the county jail. Just wanted to share the good news/praise report with you ... **E.G.**

Overcomers for Christ

From the Inside

Armor of God
By R.M.

I'm breathing again a life of sin, I tell you a story, I fight within
Of thoughts I harbor as I put on God's Armor
Trials I face I've got more to conquer, a spiritual war day and night, it's on
A child of God and His Son it's won, I know I can talk but I mumble
The forces of evil surround me, when I'm spiritually lifted they ground me
Obedient behavior He asks of me

Forgiven for sins now that's LOVE, I'm completely righteous
I might just do a good deed and clear some dust
I've come a long way I'm not going to stay, the Holy Spirit will show me the way
I'm tempted to do what is wrong, I reflect my love with a song
A product of our environment, to destroy is not for what I was meant
I always felt the presence of something, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit are one thing

To protect yourself from lies, the Helmet of Salvation is wise
To this point our life is a mess, till we put on the Chest Plate of Righteousness
Does a Christian with a sword sound odd, it's our weapon ... the Word of God
With sweet footgear to move swift on my feet, spreading the Gospel to everyone I meet
An eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth, was the Law, before putting on the Belt of Truth
A Shield of Faith to defend you not offend you

If you can save a soul the Lord will commend you ... we've got to bring them all home
Herding our sheep never letting them roam, the devil will pull you in but he won't win
A deception in the form of a full pull of heroin, a temper is lost, a line is crossed
Jesus crossed the finish line with a Cross
To live or to die, I want to live, eternal life is what He will give
The smoke from meth is the devil's breath, Jesus IS life, the devil promotes death

I'm swinging my Sword I ain't nothing nice, the homie fell for the lie ... it's just some spice
And now you're all twisted feeling boxed in, homie fell for another one ... it's just suboxin
But I got you homie stand your ground, we're gonna fight the devil pound for pound
Hit him with Scripture while he's drunk on liquor, thinking he's quick but God's speed is quicker
In boxing you got the rope a dope, you might have dope but I got some HOPE
For that one black sheep that was lost, I'm going to save you no matter the cost

The Body of Christ can endure any body blow, the full Armor of God is what I know
Just look in **Ephesians**, Chapter Six, you'll find the power to overcome any fix
We're on God's team now fighting for Jesus, it's ALL for God ... not to please us
Getting dope to put in the body is so simple, so why is it so hard defending the Lord's temple

Put God first and don't ever lose your grip
The weight of burden will make your grip slip, give it to Jesus cause His yoke is light
I was yoked to my homie but his yoke wasn't right
I know you love me but come on bro, you've got to let it all go ... I won't give up on you it takes time
The Lord is calling and He said "This one is Mine."

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From the Inside

The Father's Forgiveness

By C.S.

Dear D&S, I pray that when you receive this letter that it finds everyone at D&S in good spirits and in good health. When I suddenly, foolishly and selfishly pursued worldly desires I became my own "god", determined to create and control my own desires, lusts and addictions. Gradually I became a morally bad sinful person. **Romans 1:24-32** refers to me, **"Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them."**

As someone who once had it all, I never dreamed I would end up in prison, branded as a sex-offender, doing 15 to life. I have been down 8 years now and I still struggle. I definitely do not blame God. He didn't cause this to happen, He didn't leave me or forsake me, I was the one who left Him. I gave myself over to worldly temptations, pursuits and pleasures. My addictions to marijuana, crack, meth, gambling, sex and porn only made matters worse. For many years I was severely in deep depression and often contemplated suicide, in spite of everything I tried, nothing seemed to fill the void in my soul.

I believe that sometimes God allows extreme circumstances like prison or other hardships in your life to get our attention. Now that I've been in the Word, I now realize God does not see one sin worse than another. At that time, my hopelessness caused me to see it only in the way it is viewed by society, but when I finally surrendered to God and cried out in true humility and brokenness, He heard me. He lifted me out of the miry pit of hopelessness and despair. He placed my feet on His Rock, Jesus. **Psalm 40:1-3** says, **"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him."**

After I had truly accepted the Father's forgiveness, He began to show me the importance of forgiving myself, so that my past would stay in my past, so I could move forward and be unburdened of guilt, shame, regret, remorse and embarrassment that I have been carrying for so long. What saddens me is that for 8 years my journey has been a lonely one. Nobody in my family, even my children have all abandoned me. They turned their backs on me and looked the other way. When they locked me up, I was out of sight, out of mind.

Even when my mother passed away last year, they couldn't even show me a little compassion to write me, my counselor had to tell me. That was in November 2017. There is nothing worse than dealing with the death of a loved one alone. For the most part, I was feeling worthless because my family despises me and think I am not capable of change. I feel that when we hold un-forgiveness towards someone it causes a root of bitterness in us, a stronghold for the enemy.

A "seed" of un-forgiveness planted in a "ground of hurt" gives us a "harvest of pain". Throughout the Bible, time after time we find God using the most unlikely people to accomplish His will to advance His Kingdom; some were murderers, adulterers and even thieves. Regardless of what my family thinks, God has changed me so miraculously inside and out, His work in me is relentless. Why have I chosen to be this embarrassingly direct and transparent with you? Because the Lord wants to use my example, my story and my testimony to bring others to Him. To confess one's faults is not an easy thing to do, in fact it is one of the hardest lessons to learn, for it requires the grace of humility, as well as that of sorrow and true repentance. Thank God, I have a God who hasn't given-up on me. God bless all of you who are truly Kingdom builders.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22

If we try to find meaning in our accomplishments rather than in God, we will never be satisfied, and everything we pursue will become meaningless. (1:1-11)

We must not build our life on perishable pursuits, but on the solid foundation of God. Then even if everything we have is taken away, we will still have God, who is all we really need anyway. This is the point in the book of Job. (2:16)

The secret to peace with God is to discover, accept, and appreciate God's perfect timing. The danger is to doubt or resent God's timing. This can lead to despair, rebellion, or moving ahead without His advice. (3:1-8)

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13

God brings us back to Himself (reconciles us) by blotting out our sins (Ephesians 2:13-18) and making us right with Him. When we trust in Christ, we are no longer God's enemies or strangers or foreigners to Him. Because we have been reconciled to God, we have the privilege of encouraging others to do the same, and thus we are those who have the task of reconciling people to Him. (5:18-19)

God offers salvation to all people. Many people put off a decision for Christ, thinking there will be a better time, but they could easily miss their opportunity altogether. There is no time like the present to receive God's forgiveness. Don't let anything hold you back from coming to Christ. (6:2)

Psalms 45:1-46:11

This beautiful section of poetry pictures Christ's bride, the church, with the richest blessings as she unites forever with Him. (see Revelation 19:6-8; 21:2)

War and destruction are inevitable, but so is God's final victory. At that time, all will stand quietly before the Lord Almighty. How proper, then, for us to be still now, reverently honoring Him and His power and majesty. Take time each day to be still and exalt God. (46:10)

Proverbs 22:14-15

This proverb takes us back to the "immoral woman". Her mouth is an open pit, destruction to anyone who falls there. (22:14)

Young children often do foolish and dangerous things simply because they don't understand the consequences. Wisdom and common sense are not transferred by a parent's good example alone. Just as God trains and corrects us to make us better, so parents must discipline their children to help them learn the difference between right and wrong. To see how God corrects us read Proverbs 3:11-12. (22:15)



"Foot" Notes

Hey ya'll, thought I'd better check in, the Lord has me so busy with education that my observation time is not as frequent but that being said, how often have those of us become complacent or impatient with God? I've experienced those both enough to state, "What has God done for me?" Are you kidding me? He gave the life of His only Son so we could be forgiven and rescued from sin. He filled us with His Spirit. He promised eternal life. It's crazy how we forget these things and waste time on petty desires that amount to nothing at the end of the day. On days like that we truly need to remember to be in awe of the majesty of our God.

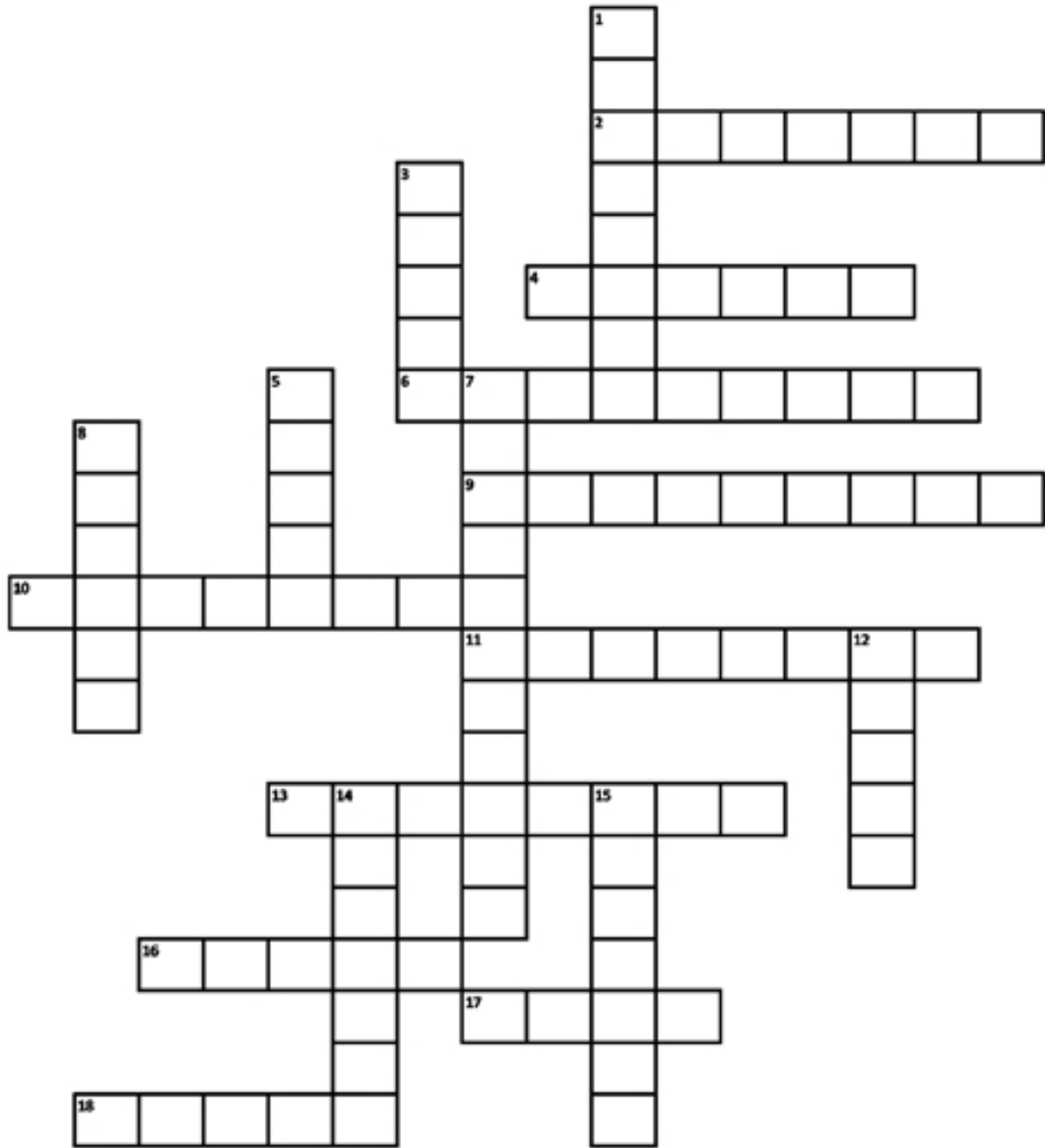
I can only speak for myself but since giving everything to the Lord, He has kept me so busy moving forward that I don't have the time to think of or write on petty desires.

God has my days full and complete. Praise to our God who has the ability to keep all who come to Him lives full to the brim. Just remember you can't get full of Christ if your cup is full of junk. Ya gotta dump the junk out to let Christ fill your cup with His will.

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

The Promised Baby

You will find the answers in *Genesis chapters 17, 18 and 21*



Across

- 2 And the LORD _____ Sarah as he had said
 4 and thou shalt be a _____ of many nations
 6 And he said, I will _____ return unto thee
 9 but my covenant will I _____ with Isaac
 10 and I will make thee exceeding _____
 11 and if you are Christ's then are you _____ seed
 13 I am the _____ God
 16 God hath made me to _____
 17 Is any thing too _____ for the LORD?
 18 and he _____ by them under the tree

Down

- 1 And I will make my _____ between me and thee
 3 And Abraham circumcised his son _____
 5 and Abraham made a great _____
 7 all the land of Canaan, for an _____ possession
 8 and make cakes upon the _____
 12 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of _____
 14 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and _____
 15 And Abraham was an _____ years old

Overcomer's Testimonies

No More Excuses

Greetings to you, my Overcomers for Christ family. Let me introduce myself, I'm a Hispanic male and I'm 65 years old. I have made the choice to make Jesus my personal Lord, Savior and Master of my life. I lived a life that I had made a mess out of by living it full of drugs, alcohol, stealing and almost killing someone. Most of my life I have been in and out of prison and now I got my 3rd strike on a blackout I didn't think existed. I never used to believe in such a thing as a blackout. I thought that people just said that because they didn't want to remember the things they'd done or hurting the people that they may have hurt. And then, maybe, hopefully they'd get a lighter sentence! I always thought that it was just another excuse. An excuse like everybody uses all of the time to blame it on something or someone for all that happens in their life. I know. I use to be one of those people that always made excuses. Excuse like ... if it hadn't been for him I wouldn't have gotten caught or if it weren't for her I wouldn't be in here. If it weren't for this or for that my life wouldn't be like it is today. Excuse after excuse.

Blackouts really do happen because that is how I came back to prison. After my 3rd drink of Brandy and Coke my mind went blank. That was December of 2011. In this blackout, I got mean and violent with the best woman that has ever come into my life. We'd been together for 5 years and everything was going beautiful for us. We got along just great and even her son and his wife and 3 kids liked me and accepted me into their lives. Her son even pulled me aside one day and told me, "I like you. You're a good man and I see my mother is really happy with you. Seeing the both of you happy makes me and my family happy for the both of you."

But I truly don't remember anything at all. It all just went blank and black. I feel like I let everybody down. I felt ugly, hateful and angry at everybody, the devil, myself and yes even God. I even thought that killing myself would set me free from all of this hatred and pain. Somehow Jesus didn't let it go that way. Two different times He prompted the correction officers to find the sheets that I'd cut into thick strips and braided together to hang myself. I just wanted to get it all over. And the sooner the better off I would be. I thought to myself, what could I lose, everybody dies anyways right?

Like I already said, I've been down since December of 2011. And even though I caught my 3rd strike and they wanted to strike me out with giving me life, I fought it for a year and a half and they ended up giving me 11 years with 85%. As much as I was determined to self-destruct Jesus had other plans. I believe that it was Jesus who sent those God fearing Christian brothers my way to talk and to give me God's message of love, hope and His sacrifice for me. God wanted me to live so that I wouldn't be destroyed for all of eternity in the pit of hell, to be tormented forever and ever. Ever since I made the decision to make Jesus Christ #1 in my life He has given me a new Christian family. My new brothers have given me hope, peace, joy, happiness and comfort through my ups and downs. Most of all He has made Himself real to me over and over with His presence and His unconditional love in a place that I thought I couldn't find it. I know now that Jesus is real and He's alive and He lives in me and I in Him. Praise God, He is EVERYWHERE! I found that He is even in these prisons transforming lives. Praise Jesus!! - P.H.

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"Oh no. No daughter of mine is going out dressed like that!"

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ULTRA TONY

By A.D.



Ultra Tony knows why Christmas is so important. It is because Christ is in Christmas. Jesus' birth is what we celebrate, the presents are a bonus.

*"... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)*



To Showers for
Jesus
From
FOOT

A Blessed Christmas
By C.J.

**Again I'm not there to share in the Christmas glee,
And I must say, I will be missing everybody.
But it's my love that I send to you all,
Promise me, that you will have a ball.**

**Then New Years will soon arrive, another year,
That our dreams and ambitions have survived.
We shall reflect on yesterday as we enjoy this Christmas day,
The day of our Savior's birth, when our opportunity for repentance was on earth.
How blessed we are to know the Living Star.**

**Jesus, a present given to all of man, an intricate part of God's plan.
On this Christmas day, we should bow our heads and pray.
Because Jesus is preparing us for another year,
And joyous should be our tears.
Merry Christmas to all friends and family, as we stay on the path to eternity.**

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