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"I am the vine;
you are the
branches. If you
remain in Me and
I in you, You will
bear much fruit;
apart from Me
you can do
nothing."
JOHN 15:5

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Vision/Imagination - Part 10

By Wade Anderson

Let's pray: *"Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your infinite wisdom. I thank You that You have supplied **ALL** of our needs, according to the finished work that Jesus accomplished on the Cross. I thank You for Your most wonderful Holy Spirit, the One that not only brings the pages of Your Word alive to us, but as well, lives on the inside of us to teach us, train us, correct us and even show us things that are coming our way. You, Sir, are our Rock, our sure foundation and the anchor that holds us steady, even when we make choices that could potentially cause us harm. Father, we're so grateful that You love us **EVEN** in our ignorance to not listen intently to Your Spirit. I praise You, Lord, that You love me enough to continue to correct me and teach me how to be the man You created me to be. It's in Jesus name that I pray and believe, **AMEN! AMEN! And AMEN!**"*

As we concluded last month's newsletter message, I realized God had taken me deeper than I first thought 'I' was headed that morning I sat down to listen to His Spirit. I told you that we would pick back up, this month, to unpack some more of **Revelation 12:10**. We have a few more things to go over before we get there. So ready or not, here we go.

Let's first look at, **"Now the Salvation, and the power, and the kingdom (dominion, reign) of our God, and the authority of His Christ have come."** (**Revelation 12:10a**). Let's take a look at **Colossians 2:15**, where the Apostle Paul shares that Jesus **DID** defeat the devil, **"When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the Cross."** It's important to note that Paul wrote the Book of Colossians while he was in prison, in Rome. Because Paul had never visited the city of Colossae, one might conclude that this church was a direct result of other converts from Paul's mission travels that started this church. Even in prison, Paul had heard that this church was coming under attack, yes even with believers, attempting to wrap paganism, and secular philosophy with Christian doctrine. As Paul points to **Colossians 2:9-10**, **"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority,"** he states this to confront these false teachers **AND** points them towards where their sufficiency is found in no one else, but Christ!

I've shared this in other newsletters, but I'll do it again to help paint this vivid picture Paul is telling us about in **Colossians 2:15**. We might not fully understand the full level of what Paul was saying here, but these people were very familiar with what he was saying. In those days, the kings would go to war, in battle with their troops. When this happened, the kingdom under the rule of each king would be in suspense of what might happen to them **IF** their king lost. So, we could gather that they were more than likely on edge. They knew that if their king lost, they would automatically be under a new rule. This was the reality that they knew ... the winning king would cut the thumbs and big toes off of the losing king, leading him through the streets with a rope around his neck. This showed each kingdom that 'this' king, the loser, had been stripped of his authority. After all, no king would allow such a display of defeat unless he were completely defeated.

The reason the big toes and the thumbs were cut off was to show the people that 'this' king would **NEVER** be a threat again. He would never be able to hold a sword in his hand again, nor would he ever run in battle against anyone. The people in each kingdom not only understood, **"When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession],"** but many times dreaded the outcome. This was the picture Paul was showing the church in Colossae. Sure, we did receive His authority when we first believed and asked Jesus into our lives. But it was because Jesus triumphed over the grave, at His resurrection, that brought the final blow to satan. Our real power came to us on the (AD) side of the Cross! Even if 'you' don't believe you have the power to stand against the liar, that doesn't change the Word of God that clearly states, **YOU DO** have the power and authority to stand against **ANYTHING** the liar brings before you! You just have to realize this truth and begin to operate in it! Listen how John affirms this, **"Little children (believers, dear ones), you are of God and you belong to Him and have [already] overcome them [the agents of the antichrist]; because He who is in you is greater than he (satan) who is in the world [of sinful mankind]."** (1 John 4:4 AMP)

Now, in **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** (AMP), Paul tells us, **"But even if our gospel is [in some sense] hidden [behind a veil], it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing; among them the god of this world [satan] has blinded the minds of the unbelieving to prevent them from seeing the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."** First, the Greek word for hid/hidden is **KALUPTO**, which actually means; to cover, to hide, to hinder the knowledge of a thing. From this text we can see that it's satan's work to hinder, hide and cover the truths of the Gospel from all peoples. From my own previous experiences, living deep in the belly of worldly things, **I NOW** know first-hand that satan was hiding, through my own submission to his lies, the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus! **I WAS** one of those who was perishing.

In the New Testament, satan is depicted, in this above verse, as being the **"god of this world"**, the prince of this world in **John 12:31**, **14:30**, and **16:11**, the prince of the devils in **Matthew 12:24**, the prince of the power of the air in **Ephesians**

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2:2, and that old serpent, called the devil, as we've already seen, in **Revelation 12:9**.

Look for a second at, **"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places."** (**Ephesians 6:12**) Here in **Ephesians 6:12**, the Apostle Paul emphasizes, **"Against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places"** as spiritual warfare!! But this in **NO WAY** indicates that the devil has rule over the believer! Whether you believe it or not, God has allowed satan the authority, with his remaining time here on earth, to actively do his best to not only blind the minds of those who do not yet believe, but also do his best to hide or steal God's truths from the 'so called believers'. I say it like this to get your attention! Saying we are a believer doesn't scare the devil. Not at all!! The devil watches our actions and listens to the words that we speak. The devil **KNOWS** if you are a true follower by what he hears coming out of your mouth **AND** the way you live your life! Either way, he's coming for the Word, not you. It's sort of like Pooh Bear trying to get all of the honey out of a jar. At one point he knows there's more honey inside the jar and breaks it against a rock to get it all. Pooh only broke the jar to get **ALL** of what was in the jar. He didn't have anything against the jar, he just wanted the honey. Likewise, the devil comes to steal the Word that you have in you. If you don't believe this, then you are of no threat to satan, and he's probably already stolen most of what you once believed and is okay in leaving you alone, just saying.

In **James 4:7**, it tells us exactly how to combat his lies, **"Submit yourselves therefore to God. RESIST the devil and he will flee from you."** Brothers and sisters, I cannot over emphasize the importance of our submission to God and His Word! It's literally when someone is straddling the fence, hanging on to their so called 'worldly wisdom', that opens, and keeps open the door for satan to come in and just blindside them at every turn! And those people, when this happens, attempt to lay the responsibility on God, saying, "Where was God when I needed Him?" Surrendering to Him in submission to His Word is where we begin to understand the servanthood God has called us **ALL** too! **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT satan HAS AUTHORITY OVER GOD!!** God and His Word **ARE** the final authority! And with that being the truth, we **ALL** need to fill ourselves with the Word of God and stay alert for the attacks of the enemy. If you have the Word inside of you, let me assure you, you **WILL** come under attack! But don't be alarmed by that statement, because the liar, like any bully, can't take anything from you that you don't release to him. **STAND FIRM IN YOUR POSITION! STAY SUITED UP WITH HIS ARMOR!** And remember, Jesus has already won the war, these are just the battles that we **ALL** face. We are already victors **NOT** victims!

ALL of what I have already written in these previous paragraphs is very relevant to not only the picture we've painted in our minds of who we are in Christ, but also equates to whether we see ourselves as victims or victors. And finally, this next verse is the answer to the earlier question, "Why is he telling us about all of these obstacles and trials?"

"And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death." (**Revelation 12:11**) The 'him' that was overcome refers to the devil. We, as believers in Christ Jesus, overcome the devil by the blood of Jesus and the words of our testimonies. The blood of Jesus doesn't accomplish this alone. We all have a testimony of how that blood has affected our lives since making Jesus our Lord and Savior. (**Romans 10:9-10**) Many people might believe this is only speaking about us bearing witness of the initial event of Jesus coming into our lives. And if you believe that, then the liar has deceived you yet again! **EVERY** single time that Jesus has healed you, blessed you and kept you or your family from the clutches of the enemy is a testimony! It's all the seemingly small things that the liar is trying to keep you from sharing with those around you. It's like you building a wall of defense against the enemy with your testimony, each and every brick is important to lay to fortify that wall. It's not only your defense but it helps provide a place for others to witness, and build their wall, of truth! And the more times you tell your story, the stronger you become and the easier it is to see God was right there beside you all of the time.

Once we've given our old lives to Jesus and received these new lives, we **SHOULD BE SO ALIVE INSIDE THAT ALL WE WANT TO DO IS TELL OTHERS ABOUT THIS AWESOME JESUS, THAT HE NOT ONLY FORGAVE ALL OF MY SINS, BUT AS WELL, LOVES ME IN SPITE OF WHAT I'VE DONE!!** Brothers and sisters, we are called to be streams of living water, **NOT** stagnant ponds! Streams bring life to the things around them! If you are reading this, and you have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you have His life-giving power on the inside of you just waiting for you to open your mouth and share it with the world around you! This is exactly what "the word of their testimony" means.

Brothers and sisters, this is exactly what I did when I heard His Spirit tell me, "I'll **NEVER** remember your sins again." I knew the things that I'd done in my life that no one else knew. When I found out that Jesus knew it **ALL** and was giving me the invitation to empty that plate and never remember **ANY OF IT AGAIN**, that was the best news I'd **EVER** heard! That was when I knew I wanted everyone to hear about this Jesus also! Once I started to learn and understand how much the devil had lied and deceived me for so many years, I turned into a 'snitch'! Don't look at me like that! What I mean is; the

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What Others Are Saying

"I love you all. I eagerly await the day we all can worship and gather together as one body in Christ Jesus. Please convey my heart and love to the **Overcomers for Christ** family there with you." ... **J.S.**

"First, I thank you for the very heartwarming greeting card. It's always a good feeling to receive a greeting from the free world. Yes, brother, that would be great to correspond with you via Securus emails. I praise God for giving us who are locked away, the privilege to have this type of access to interact with loved ones and the family of the Church." ... **I.S.**

"Good afternoon my servant brother in Christ! Well, how's life? For me, I am doing great! Lately at our church services the brothers have been talking about helping and being there for each other. That stuck in my mind, and I couldn't figure out why. Then Sunday morning, standing in the breakfast line GOD decided to have a chat with me. He told me, "I see you complaining about large groups and that you do better with one or two others at a time. Instead, you could keep your eyes and ears open when you're on the yard or out playing sport's. You could be conscious to check on brothers. Talk with them, pray for them, or simply listen to what's on their minds and hearts." So, that's what I am going to do from now on! I felt like I needed to share this with you and the **Overcomers for Christ** family. Your friend in Christ Jesus." ... **M.G.**

"Hey there Brother Harold (Wade), God Bless you. I appreciate your words always! I'm doing well and I'm going to sign up for that free Bible College you speak about in the newsletter to get my knowledge and wisdom up. We must seek God, in doing so our lives and days will be prolonged. I love my relationship with my Father God. It's so amazing! I'm learning to apply Him in all that I do throughout the day. When I clean my room, I do it as if I were doing it for Him. I'm learning to catch myself and rebuke my unholy thoughts! I'm also learning to love my enemies. He has truly prepared a table for me in the presence of them, but my heart is at peace and I'm doing my best to train my mind. The very same way I was once quick to do wrong, I'm equally working to do good. I'm in the Word daily, and constantly running to God in all matters! I know you're a busy man so you taking the time to write me and the rest of our brothers and sisters is truly a blessing, thank you. Brother, I know that God showers you with His blessings and you have a barn full of treasures in heaven that will never rust or decay! Keep up the good work. As we continue fighting the good fight of faith, God is faithful to fight the battles on our behalf!" ... **A.H.**

"Hello, my friend, guide and servant in Christ!!! Thanks for your kind words. It's very easy for me to understand your guidance! I like the way you explain things to me, and just like you said I would, I have felt the anger and pain leave! I am very willing to give it all to Jesus and run away from all of it! Forgiving people is and never has been a problem for me! Right now, I am trying to understand why it is that sometimes I feel all gung-ho about reading and studying, and other times not so much, and afterwards I feel like I didn't put in enough effort! I don't understand why it's like that, I love Jesus just as much on my off days as my bursting with love days. I know that I need to start reading more but my 'get up and do it' is not around. Regardless, if I feel like it or not, I'll NEVER let those 'feelings' stop me from doing my best! Some time's I have trouble finding the enthusiasm to do things in this place, that's why I can't wait to get out, but then I will have to learn to slow down." ... **M.G.**

"Hey Brother Wade, just wanted to say - Happy Sunday!! Jesus loves you VERY BERRY MUCH...!!! Have a blessed week! Thank you for reaching out and sharing with me about the revival and all. I love you all as my extended family, one I look forward to meeting!!" ... **J.L.**

"My brother, I just got the newsletter, and I feel honored that you have put words I've written in there. Thank you! It's very uplifting still to this day. I still remember the first inside page I used to have, and my grandparents helped with the first one. It had mine and J.T.'s photos in it!! It's crazy to think that was almost twenty years ago!!! I love you brother I pray your weekend is blessed and victorious!!" ... **M.M.**

"I hope this finds you all well and resting in Christ. Even though it has been some time since I last wrote to you, please know that I am and have been blessed through all of your smiling faces in every issue of the **Overcomers for Christ**, Glory Meetings! My time has finally come to go back to the free world as a new creation in Christ! I am forever grateful to all of you for putting legs to the Gospels and reaching out to all of us inside. Just know, you all are always in my prayers AND Jesus IS Lord! He has us and His will be done!" ... **J.W.**

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From the Inside

It's Not but Us – Part 2

By P.G.

We cannot let our faith be controlled by the storms of life or motivated by fear or failure. If we allow this to happen our faith becomes limited and restricts the power of God. One thing we have to remember is that the Word of God says, **"He did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power of love and self-discipline."** (2 Timothy 1:7). Our faith must go beyond reason without understanding why, we must take God's Word as the final authority. What it says will come to pass. The Word of God says His Word will not return to Him void, the purpose it is sent out for will be fulfilled (**Isaiah 55:11**).

We must come to Him with a childlike faith to enter the Kingdom, and sometimes as mature believers we have to return to Him with a childlike faith, because the knowledge that puffs us up makes us prideful.

Childlike faith: **"Assuredly, I say to you, who ever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."** (Mark 10:15) The phrase 'assuredly, I say,' is saying be careful to listen to the truth about to be spoken. Childlike faith, childhood is the learning stage, a stage all believers want to remain at, a teachable stage. As we grow and mature, we get prideful and think we know it all, but to tell you the truth we are just scratching the surface. Childlike faith is a trusting dependence stage, where a child trusts every word, the parent tells the child. It is also where the child starts to show lots of affection toward the parent for all his or her accomplishments. The child could not have done it on their own, giving glory to the parents. We must at all times remain humble like a child, having the attitude that we achieve nothing of value in the Kingdom on our own. It is a gift from our Father, for His will and His glory alone, all we do is reflect it, and it is not of ourselves, so no mere man can boast. We have a helper, a guide, and a teacher that comes along side of us. It's important for us to always remember who we are doing this for, and that the throne our King Jesus sits on has room for only one, Him, Amen.

Samuel is a good example of a child with a childlike faith. The boy Samuel was born in answer to a prayer here in 1 Samuel 1:11, **"And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'"** Samuel's name means 'asked of God'. And as we see in Scripture, he was dedicated to the Lord before birth and was taken to Shiloh to be trained by the priest while very young. **"After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, and she said to him, 'Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.' And he worshiped the Lord there."** (1 Samuel 1:24-28). In 1 Samuel 2:11 says, **"Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under Eli the priest."** His duties were of an assistant or a helper, like opening the doors of the tabernacle (1 Samuel 3:15), and it says in 1 Samuel 2:18, that as a boy he wore a linen Ephod that priest only wore. But he remained humble, teachable, and stayed in the position God put him in until his time. We can exalt ourselves or allow the Lord to exalt us in His time. The Word of God says that **"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."** (Luke 2:52) Jesus waited for His time and was about the will of the Father even to the point of death.

Now I want to share 1 Samuel 3, from the Message Translation. Let's begin:

"The boy Samuel was serving 3rd chapter God under Eli's direction. This was at a time when the revelation of God was rarely heard or seen. One night Eli was sound asleep (his eyesight was very bad-he could hardly see). It was well before dawn; the sanctuary lamp was still burning. Samuel was still in bed in the Temple of God, where the Chest of God rested. Then God called out, 'Samuel, Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Yes? I'm here.' Then he ran to Eli saying, 'I heard you call. Here I am.' Eli said, 'I didn't call you. Go back to bed.' And so he did. God called again, 'Samuel, Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, 'I heard you call. Here I am.' Again Eli said, 'Son, I didn't call you. Go back to bed.' (This all happened before Samuel knew God for himself. It was before the revelation of God had been given to him personally.)

God called again, 'Samuel!'-the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, 'Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am.' That's when it dawned on Eli that God was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, 'Go back and lie

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down. If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, God. I'm your servant, ready to listen.'" Samuel returned to his bed. Then God came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak. I'm your servant, ready to listen.' God said to Samuel, 'Listen carefully. I'm getting ready to do something in Israel that is going to shake everyone up and get their attention. The time has come for Me to bring down on Eli's family everything I warned him of, every last word of it. I'm letting him know that the time's up. I'm bringing judgment on his family for good. He knew what was going on, that his sons were desecrating God's name and God's place, and he did nothing to stop them. This is my sentence on the family of Eli: The evil of Eli's family can never be wiped out by sacrifice or offering.'

Samuel stayed in bed until morning, then rose early and went about his duties, opening the doors of the sanctuary, but he dreaded having to tell the vision to Eli. But then Eli summoned Samuel: 'Samuel, my son!' Samuel came running: 'Yes? What can I do for you?' 'What did He say? Tell it to me, all of it. Don't suppress or soften one word, as God is your judge! I want it all, word for word as he said it to you.' So Samuel told him, word for word. He held back nothing. Eli said, 'He is God. Let Him do whatever He thinks best.' Samuel grew up. God was with him, and Samuel's prophetic record was flawless. Everyone in Israel, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, recognized that Samuel was the real thing—a true prophet of God. God continued to show up at Shiloh, revealed through His word to Samuel at Shiloh."

Disappointed, of Course but I Continue to Believe

By C.S.

For months I have been working on my parole packet, and finally went to my second Board of Parole Hearing. And unfortunately, I was denied another 3 years. I was in front of a panel of two commissioners and a D.A. for 3 hours, and by the time they were done picking my brain, I was mentally and emotionally drained. Was I disappointed? Of course, but I continue to believe that a denial is only a delay with the Lord. I just have more room to grow. I am aware that I've done a horrible thing, and imprisonment has given me the opportunity to understand the severity of the harm I have caused to reevaluate the direction of my life, and to sincerely begin addressing my need for change. And for the past 14 years I have been doing that. I'm sure that there are some people that don't believe I deserve my freedom after the ugly thing that I have done. But we do not need to look at anybody else's, let's look at our own transgressions. How many times do we violate God's will in what we think, say, or do? Our problem is sin, and the Bible says, **"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."** (Romans 3:23) God does not allow selective obedience, so to those who were trying to justify themselves by thinking they sin less than others has already stumbled.

The other day I was in the Book of Colossians and remembered the Apostle Paul saying, "I rejoice in my sufferings." Can we even imagine ourselves saying that? It's a difficult claim for me to make, much less to do it day after day in a place like this. In fact, it is impossible to do. The Apostle Paul was able to have such an attitude because he drew from Jesus' strength, and the same has been done for me. All through my 14 years of incarceration I've learned to live a spiritual life. And although my faith is strong, I still have to be aware of my surroundings if I want to survive in prison. I do this by minding my own business and keeping to myself. I don't think about the years, months or weeks like normal people. I think about **TODAY**, how to get through it, how to survive it. When I wake up tomorrow another day is behind me. The days add up, the weeks run together and before you know it the months become years. I then realize how tuff I am, how I can function, adapt, and survive, only because I have no choice. So, if you've ever met a loner, such as me, no matter what they tell you, it's not because they love solitude. It's because they have tried to blend into the world before, and people continue to disappoint them.

What matters to me is that I **KNOW** God loves me. He sees the good in me that others can't see. He sees what I am becoming and is not overly concerned about my faults or what others think or say. He's invited me to be in an intimate relationship with Him. All He wants is my willingness and open-mindedness to change and grow in Him. I believe that happiness is the consequence of personal effort, even in here. I fight for it, strive for it, and if I could, I would travel around the world for it. But, since I can't do that, I have to participate relentlessly in the manifestation of my own blessing. So regardless of the decision at my parole hearing, I will continue in my daily walk with the Lord and always keep you and everyone else at the **OC&C** in my thoughts and prayers and strive to be the better version of myself so that no one will ever suffer such evil from me again.

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Foot's Bible Study

Joel 1:1-3:21

God urged parents to pass their history down to their children. Telling them over and over the important lessons they have learned. One of the greatest gifts you can give young people is your life's story to help them repeat your successes and avoid your mistakes. (1:3)

Those who trust in God will be forever fruitful. (3:18)

Jude 1:1-25

The "last times" is a common phrase referring to the time between Jesus first and second comings. We live in the "last times". (1:18)

Psalms 128:1-6

The psalmist wrote that a good family life is a reward for following God. The values outlined in God's Word includes love, service, honesty, integrity, and prayer. Those help all relationships, and they are especially vital to home life. Is your home life heavenly or hectic? Reading and obeying God's Word is a good place to start to make your family all that it should be. (128:1)

Proverbs 29:18

Divine guidance refers to words from God received by prophets. Where there is ignorance of God, crime and sin run rampant. Public morality depends on the knowledge of God, but it also depends on keeping God's laws. In order for nations and individuals to function well, people must know God's ways AND keep His rules. (29:18)



"Foot" Notes

MERRY CHRISTMAS OVERCOMERS, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Hello Family, as another year comes to an end my daughter, Nicole, has brought an issue to my attention that I have been watching grow lately in the church. In my opinion a lot of churches are preaching to keep butts in their seats instead of **ALL** the truths the Bible holds. You know, preaching just the kum-by-ya stuff. The thing is we are told in the Word itself not to add or subtract from what is written or cherry pick what you teach to conform to worldly desires. **Revelation 22:18-19** comes to mind **"If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this Book. And if anyone removes any of the words in this Book, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this Book."** Another example is found in **Deuteronomy 4:1-4**, **"Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you."**

The Bible needs to be handled with respect and care and not distort what is written to appease worldly desires. Brothers and sisters, pay attention and don't be afraid to look up what's being preached to you. Validate that you are being told **ALL** of the truths. The Bible is the Book of Truth. It is not a constitution where amendments are added to appease those in charge.

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

devil had lied to me, like he has all of us, for so long, and sadly I believed most of it. But now I knew the truth and I wanted to reveal his lies to anyone and everyone that would listen! And I firmly believe this is why God gave me this platform, the newsletter, to share with the world. Because I'd found the truth, I was going to spend the rest of my life 'rattin & snitchin' on the devil! Jesus said, in **John 8:31-32**, *"If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* He goes on to say, in **John 8:34-36**, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."* Just by believing and committing our lives to Jesus, that fast, we go from being slaves to sin to a 'sons and daughters' of God! **HALLELUJAY!**

The worldly ways that I once followed, before following Jesus, the Bible just affirmed that I was a slave to sin. In that sense, the devil had 'pulled the wool' over my eyes ... I was in his service. I remember, right after I had this life change in 2007, I went back to visit my then 95-year-old grandmother. She was in a care facility at that time, and I hadn't seen her in close to 20 years. Sad, I know, but the truth. Grandma was the one person I knew for sure who had prayed for me my entire life. Setting down next to her, now with long hair and a big beard, she didn't recognize me. So, I leaned over and whispered in her ear, "Grandma, I love you." She asked, "What?" Again, I leaned in and said, "Grandma, I love you!" This time she pulled back to take a good look at me and said, "Oh yes, you gotta love Jesus to get to heaven! Where have you been 'sweet pea', off in the service?" She had no idea how true those words were. I had trapped myself in the 'service' of the liar for over 37 years, **BUT NOW I WAS FREE!** I went back a couple of other times to visit her after that. She couldn't see to read anymore, so we would go out on a bench, in the sun, and I read the Bible to her. A couple of times, she would reach over to hold my hand and stop me for a second. At that point she would unpack, to me, the truth she knew in her heart about what I had just read to her before we could move on. Even though her physical sight was dim, her spiritual sight was sharp as a razor. Grandma did abide in His Word; she was truly His disciple **AND** she was definitely **FREE INDEED!** My grandma had lived to see the answer to her **MANY, MANY** prayers for me. She went home to be with the Lord at 96 years old. Let's get back to **Revelation 12:11**.

Notice also that those who overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony also loved not their lives unto the death. The *Amplified Bible* says, *"And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death."* The *Message Bible* says, *"They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ."*

ALL of the visions and stories I've written about in these newsletters, since 2007, are a witness to the Glory of God! They are my testimony, covered in the blood of Jesus, of how God **ALWAYS** gives me the strength to persevere, as long as I continue to believe in His Word. The upcoming message, next month, is where I 'thought' I was going as I started this message months ago. With yet another trial that I was able to overcome. It's these testimonies, covered by the blood of the Lamb, that His Word promises to help others overcome the devil and his many lies.

**THE GIANT IN FRONT OF YOU
IS NEVER BIGGER THAN
THE GOD INSIDE OF YOU!**



FUN FACTS

December 11th – In 1972, Apollo 17 touched down on the moon, which set records for the longest lunar surface exploration and the most lunar material collected, remains the most recent manned lunar mission.

December 28th – In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first U.S. Vice President to resign his office.

December 28th – In 1846, Iowa was admitted as the twenty-ninth U.S. state.

December 28th – In 1912, San Francisco's first municipally owned streetcars began service.

December 28th – In 1973, U.S. President, Richard Nixon, signed the Endangered Species Act into law.

December 28th – In 1981, the first American conceived via in vitro fertilization was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

Quote Worthy

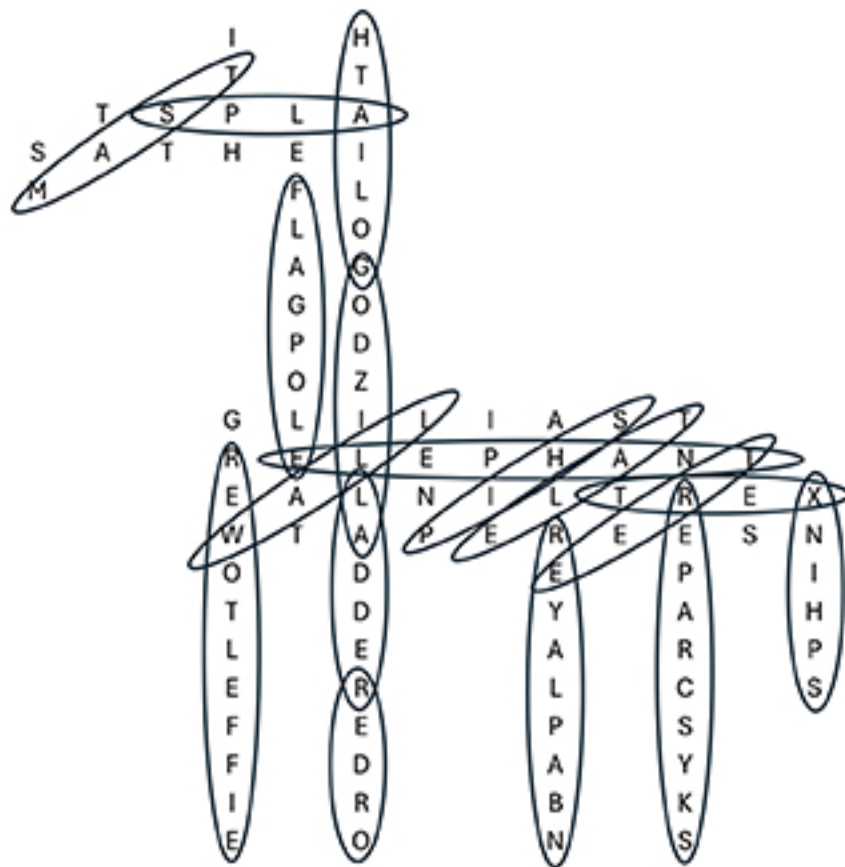
"Each time we face our fears, we gain strength, courage, and confidence in the doing."

– Theodore Roosevelt (1858 – 1919) - Often referred as Teddy or T. R., Teddy was the 26th president of the United States, serving from 1901 to 1909. He previously was involved in New York politics, including serving as the state's 33rd governor for two years. He was the vice president under President William McKinley for six months in 1901, assuming the presidency after McKinley's assassination. As president, Roosevelt emerged as a leader of the Republican Party and became a driving force for anti-trust and Progressive policies.

A Tall Tale Word Search SOLUTION From Last Month

Which National Football League team is the tallest?

Answer: Its the Giants



Editor Note: 'Tale' should have been in the Word Search list in the November newsletter

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WORD OF THE MONTH

Lenitive

Pronunciation – len-i-tive - le-nə-tiv

Adjective – Alleviating pain or harshness; soothing

"The air ... is melancholy with the sweet memories of childhood, and the promises it breathes are prayerful and lenitive." – Howard Jacobson, The Independent (UK), August 2, 2008

Did You Know ... Lenitive first appeared in English in the 15th century. It derives from the Latin verb *lenire* (to soften or soothe), which was itself formed from the adjective *lenis*, meaning "soft" or "mild". *Lenire* also gave us the adjective *lenient*, which usually means "tolerant" or "indulgent" today but in its original sense carried the meaning of "relieving pain or stress". Often found in medical contexts, **lenitive** can also be a noun referring to a treatment (such as a salve) with soothing or healing properties.

Did You Know?

2.2 million acres of land owned by media billionaire, John Malone, making him the largest private landowner in the United States.

Joke of the Month

A group of chess enthusiasts were standing in a hotel lobby recounting their biggest tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?" they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

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SOLDERS OF THE CROSS

By W.R.

I am enclosing a few lines I wrote for the brothers and sisters working for the Lord, and for us lepers, the Untouchables of society today!

You may go unnoticed in this life, but God is watching from Heaven with delight

He saw you reaching out to the lepers, the prisoners of today and answering their letters without delay.

And God saw you yesterday out in the street feeding the homeless and comforting the weak

And He saw you at the prison visiting a friend when no one else would go in.

And it didn't go unnoticed when you were on your knees praying for others, for God to fulfill their needs.

And you may think that no one sees, but The Lord is watching, and I know He's pleased

He saw you comforting your neighbor late one night, and He watched from Heaven in delight.

Your kindness may go unnoticed by the world it seems, but God is watching.

And I know He sees the work that you are doing out in the street,

For the poor and downtrodden, and the rich and elite

And I know God is smiling as if to say, "Well done good and Faithful Servant", for what you did today!

Help us be better stewards by sending your change of address when you move to help reduce unnecessary waste and expense

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