

# Overcomers for Christ

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worth it is to live  
my life FOR GOD

- saint patrick

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## A Living Sacrifice

By Arthur Lovato

**Romans 12:1 – “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”**

Paul's letter to the Romans takes a shift in chapter 12. In the previous chapters Paul breaks off doctrinal position. For example, he talks about sin, and how sin affects mankind. He talks about the consequences of men coming under the wrath of God or judgment of sin, then he introduces the grace of God, and the promise of Salvation for those who will believe in Jesus Christ. Then he takes a shift with the word therefore in our foundational text. I think it's safe to say chapters 1 through 11 Paul speaks of what God has done for us, and then he flips it in chapter 12 to what we must do for God. I think it's safe to say this verse is a call to total consecration in response to God's mercies. Let's break it down.

Our text begins with, **“I beseech you therefore brethren.”** Paul pleads; it's not a command. Yet he pleads as a spiritual brother. I want to look at the word 'beseech' parakaleo (par-ak-al-eh-o). It means to urge, to implore, to plead, to exhort, or entreat. Daniel Webster defines 'beseech' in the English in his 1828 edition of the Webster's Dictionary as: To entreat; to supplicate; to implore; to ask or pray with urgency.

So, Paul is saying I'm begging you, I'm pleading with you, I implore you in the most urgent manner my brothers. He's saying take heed to this. I'm letting you know it's of vital importance. I feel that it expresses Paul's tone of compassion and appeal. Paul is urging believers to respond voluntarily to God's mercy.

Question: Why does Paul plead the Romans rather than command the Romans?

**Romans 12:1 – “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”**

I want to look for a moment at that word “therefore”. It serves as a prompt for believers to apply the spiritual truths they have learned to their daily conduct and behavior.

Question: What does “therefore” connect to the previous chapters of Romans?

In New Testament Scripture, “therefore” is used to connect a logical conclusion or a call to action with preceding statements of theological truth or doctrine. It signals that the following instruction is a direct result of what has just been explained, transitioning from belief to practice. Let's get back on track.

**Romans 12:1 – “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”**

The next thing I want to look at is the statement **“by the mercies of God”**. Paul bases his appeal on God's mercy, not human effort. The believer's response to Salvation should be gratitude, not obligation. These mercies include Salvation, justification, sanctification, adoption, forgiveness, and eternal life.

Question: How does God's mercy motivate you to live differently?

**Romans 5:8 – “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

God's love is not based on human merit but is demonstrated through the sacrifice of Jesus for sinners. It emphasizes that God sent His Son to die for people while they were still “sinners,” meaning they were in a state of rebellion against Him. This act proves His love is unconditional and active, providing a way for humanity to be reconciled to God. That's Mercy.

Question: Can we truly offer ourselves to God without understanding his Mercy?

**Romans 12:1 – “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”**

The next thing we want to talk about is **“present your bodies a Living sacrifice”**.

Question: What does it mean to be a living sacrifice?

Old Testament sacrifices were dead and they were temporary. In the new covenant, God calls us to be living sacrifices, continuously dedicated to God, in body, mind, and spirit.

I want to look more closely at the word **“present”** in the original Greek. **“Present”** is *paristēmi* which means ‘place beside, dedicate, or surrender’. The term carries the sense of offering something as a sacrifice, a technical term from the Old Testament, and is used by Paul to urge believers to consecrate their physical bodies to God’s service. Daniel Webster’s 1828 edition defines ‘consecrate’, adjective Sacred; consecrated; devoted; dedicated. In layman’s terms I would say set apart for a holy purpose.

**Matthew 16:24-26** – *“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?’”*

My commentary reads like this, **Matthew 16:24-26** is a call to discipleship that requires self-denial, cross-bearing, and following Jesus, which involves prioritizing Him above one’s own life. Commentaries emphasize that to “save” one’s life in the worldly sense is to “lose” eternal life, while to “lose” one’s life for Christ is to find true, eternal life, no matter the cost. This passage is a stark contrast to the desire for earthly power or security, urging a radical reorientation of one’s life around self-giving love for God and others.

**Galatians 2:20** – *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*

The old man is dead; I have surrendered the rights to my life. I may be living and breathing but it’s Christ who lives in me. I may still be walking in this flesh, but I live by the faith of Jesus Christ my Savior. If you’re going to be a disciple, it’s going to cost you your life.

Question: Why is daily surrender an ongoing act rather than a one-time event?

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Next, I want to look at **“Holy acceptable unto God”**.

God desires offerings that are pure, devoted and pleasing to him. Holiness is not perfection, but a conscientious separation from sin and dedication to God’s purposes. We must be intentional. Understand, making right decisions does not make you saved, Jesus makes you saved by believing in Jesus. However, we honor Him by our behavior and our conduct.

Question: What makes a believer’s offering pleasing to the Lord?

**1 Peter 1:15-16** – *“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’”*

Question: What does holiness look like in practical daily life?

**1 Peter 1:15-16** commands Christians to live a holy life because God is holy. The commentary explains that this means abandoning sinful behaviors and reflecting God’s character in all aspects of life, not just in isolated actions. This pursuit of holiness is not a way to earn Salvation but is a response to God’s grace and is made possible through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Next, I’d like to look at the text that says, **“Which is your reasonable service”**.

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## Prayer Time with Chaplin Thibodaux

Father is reminding me of my first seminary. It was a rest home, back then we called it an old folk's home. At any rate me, my beautiful bride with our children, went faithfully every Sunday morning to preach. My bride is telling me to let you know that I was considered a wild man in the pulpit, and most churches didn't like my delivery. Lol!!!

Back to my first seminary, I will never forget the lesson I learned from four beautiful ladies.

One who met me every Sunday morning and would say the same thing to me each time, "Run boy run and work because the night soon comes when no man can work!!" She taught me to take advantage of every moment because you never know when "The Night Comes!!"

There was another little lady who while I was preaching would cry out loud, "Preacher, my God, an all-powerful God, He holds the power of this world in His Hands!!! She continued, "My God can make a way where there is no way." Then she would say, "Don't forget that preacher!!" I never did.

The next two teachers were never in the service; they were both bedridden unable to walk. The manager of the home asked me if I would please visit "little old Annie". The first time I went to her room, as I walked in the door little Annie said, "Preacher one of these days my Lord Himself is walking through that door and say, 'Annie let's go home.' I'm going to say, 'I'm ready Lord.'" Then I would pray with her and talk with her for a little while. As I began to leave, she always asked me to pray with her roommate. I always walked to the other lady's bed, and she always cussed me out and told me to leave. I would tell her that little Annie asked me to pray for her and she said, "Go ahead but it won't do no good." It was the same every Sunday. Then one Sunday I went to preach, and the director told me that little Annie was gone, and her roommate was asking for me (tears in my eyes). I went into the room and the lady said, "Preacher man could I know like Annie knows?" She accepted Jesus into her heart. Little Annie taught me that you can be a witness no matter what your circumstance. The other lady taught me never give up, just keep being faithful and leave the results to God.

My four beautiful seminary teachers.

## What Others Are Saying

"I just read your testimonial in the September issue regarding your healing and the vision you had of Jesus on the Cross and what He said to you. (I did all of this for you.) I know from my own experience the love and intimacy you felt in those moments when you were crying, for I felt that same love when the Lord showed me that vision of the crucifixion, where Jesus looked down at me from up on the Cross, and told me, "I love you". It broke my heart then, brother. I think about that almost daily and when I do, I cry like a baby. I had that vision over 25 years ago, yet I remember every detail of it all these years later because it's something you can never forget! I thank God for His mercy, and for His love. That is something, brother, that I don't think we will ever be able to fully understand until we are with our Lord and The Father." – **W.R.**

"Hello family! First and foremost ... All Glory Goes to God!!! for an ol' tramp's answered prayers. I just received an email from Nicole yesterday, last Sunday she was behind the pulpit preaching at her church! These ole eyes are getting blurry just repeating that brother but wait for it... this past Mother's Day, Nicole will be behind the pulpit again at another church, and my grandson Matthew (15) will be behind the pulpit preaching at his church as well as on Mother's Day!! Brother I truly do not deserve blessings like these, to live to see my heirs change course, breaking the chains of the ones who came before them." - **Foot**

"I want to acknowledge that our brother 'Foot' has been blessing us Overcomers for all these years with his Foot Notes and Foot's Bible Studies, and I for one am grateful!" – **M.D.**

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## From the Inside

### Is There Any Unforgivable Sin?

By W.D.

Greetings in Christ Jesus! It's been some time since I've written to the O&C family. I'm choosing this time to pose a philosophical question to you and possibly an editorial for the newsletter ... in hopes that it might help 'someone' that reads it.

First, let me ask you this. Is there any unforgivable sin short of blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? I personally so, no. Every sin is forgivable except for blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

Second, I am a convicted sex offender. Some so-called Christians would prefer to do harm to a sex offender rather than show them the love of Christ. In fact, one of those so-called Christians told me that God must be showing me favor, because he had had plans of killing me, but his son told him not to!

While I don't expect people to leave me alone with their children, I do expect that Christ's sacrifice covered this sin too! Which by the way, would've probably never occurred had it not been for Meth. That poison lowered my inhibitions. When Moses was running from God, God took him to the back side of the desert. Well, I believe that prison is the metaphorical back side of my desert! Once before, 23 years ago, here at this complex, I had a strong walk with the Lord. Then upon my release in 2002 I allowed life to get the best of me, and I started my downward spiral and backslid. Now, God is once again using this complex to get my undivided attention.

However, in my opinion, this is my final chance. How many chances does God give one person? I 'might' have another chance, but then again, maybe not!

### Real Life/ The Real You

By C.S.

My prayer in submitting these words to the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter is that while many eyes are reading it, it reaches the heart of someone, and His Holy Spirit will bring them hope.

As incarcerated people, it's for us to feel anonymous, fearless, and invisible. After all, there's little in this environment that sets us apart from one another; we all eat the same food, wear the same clothes, and live in the same cells. This kind of sameness can instill a sense that there is nothing special about us as individuals, that we are just a DOC number stuffed into a state issued set of clothes.

Because of this, many people lose their motivation to better themselves 'as individuals', and instead, wait for the day of their release to start their "Real life". We've all heard it a million times, people talking about all of the things that they are 'going' to do once they're out. They'll "work hard, get clean, be a good father or mother, and take care of their families. Yet, while they are here, incarcerated, they sleep in, avoid self-help groups, and tell their families they're hungry in order to get canteen money ... just so that they don't have to walk to chow. But the truth is, the "Real you" is the person that you are right now, in this very moment. And 'if' they are waiting for some future opportunity to be the "Real you" and start living a healthy responsible life, odds are that they are **NOT** doing it **NOW!** And 'if' they can't be that person while they're in prison, you can bet that they most likely won't be that person out there.

I say all of that to say this ... The parole board is looking for honesty, change, and the "Real you". I too have recently gone to a parole board, where unfortunately I received another 3-year denial. But, even in that, the good news is that I can now go back in 1 ½ years, after I complete all of the self-help groups that they have told me to take. This setback is not the end of the world; I've been here before. Besides, a denial is only a delay with the Lord. As the saying goes, "A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor". This is a simple but wise

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saying that reminds me about the importance of the hardships in my life. Without challenges, none of us will ever learn new skills or gain the spiritual strength needed for us to endure.

I believe this is why the Apostle Paul teaches us to ***“Celebrate in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance, proven character, and with proven character, hope.” (Romans 5:3-4)*** I'm sure that many of you would agree with me that everyone faces difficulties. For some it might be financial challenges or the loss of good health. Others might know the pain that comes with the breakup of the family or a death of a long-held dream. The question is not 'if' one of these things will happen but 'when'. Rather than worrying, I put my faith in God, the One who tells us, ***“Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will carry you.” (Isaiah 46:4)***

It's so comforting to know that there is someone who loves us without conditions and beyond measure. Even though I've been here for many years now, and been to the parole board 3 times, I've learned to wait patiently because I understand that God's delays have always led to something better than I could have imagined. Let's look at Leo Tolstoy, a Russian novelist, philosopher, and moral thinker acclaimed as one of the greatest authors in history. It took Tolstoy at least seven drafts to complete his novel, War and Peace. This novel still stands as one of the greatest literary masterworks of all time. And what about Ludwig Van Beethoven. He waited even longer to bring his first composition, Symphony No.9, to the stage. It took him a whopping three decades! What if these men gave up? What if they hadn't pushed through all of the frustrations and setbacks?

Brothers and sisters, it's so important for us to travel through life with patience and confidence, and to always remember that part of the blessing is the trust and wisdom gained while ... waiting. And for those of you that are 'waiting' until you are released to be the "Real you", your fruit is being revealed daily. Keep in mind that Jesus said, ***“You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.” (Matthew 7:16-20)*** with this, my question to us all would be, "Does our fruit reveal our trust and faith in God?"

### God is with Me

By J.R.

I have been going through a lot over the last years. But I've come even closer to God in my plight. I know I'm a sinner and this time of my life is a penitence for the sins that I have committed. At first, I am sad to admit, I blamed everyone but myself and cursed God as if He forced my hand Himself. I have come to see the truth and the lies, and I've grown so much I don't even feel like the same man. I came to prison a boy of the world, but I am glad to say that I will leave a man of our most gracious God.

At this time, I am in lock down cell and I am being persecuted for nothing. But I tell you with a humbled heart that I have put my issues in God's hands. I trust in Him to not lead me astray, as in ***Psalm 40:12-17, “For troubles surround me, too many to count! My sins pile up so high I can't see my way out. They outnumber the hairs on my head. I have lost all courage. Please, Lord, rescue me! Come quickly, Lord, and help me. May those who try to destroy me be humiliated and put to shame. May those who take delight in my trouble be turned back in disgrace. Let them be horrified by their shame, for they said, ‘Aha! We've got him now!’ But may all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, ‘The Lord is great!’ As for me, since I am poor and***

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

I know it must seem like I have forgotten to write to you all. It is a big transition coming to prison! All kinds of moving here and moving there. Schedules! Nice people, mean people, rude people, mean people playing like they're nice people. A lot of hurry up and wait. But now I'm much more situated and my poor drug-abused mind is not swimming in as much utter chaos as it was in the beginning of things. I guess that's the way I'll start this first letter from actual prison ... a hopeful beginning. I have received some bad news, I've tested positive for Hepatitis C. I'm scared. But I guess there is a brand-new cure for it. I'll have to wait until I get out of prison to receive it though. Either way it is an opportunity to get closer to my heavenly Father. I continue to read my Bible even though it's really loud in here. It makes it hard for someone like me to focus because I have hyper-active issues. I pray for focus. Don't get me wrong, I have noticed a very significant improvement. Because of years of being told we have something wrong with us, and those things almost become automatic in us. For me, some of these things are hard to completely let go of to God. It's so hard to let go of the fear of backsliding. A moments distraction and we begin to feel like such failures. And then, everything we have already been labeled as comes flooding back until we begin to see ourselves with those labels on our foreheads, saying, "Oh well, it's part of my make-up/my disability!" We have **GOT** to remove those labels and refuse to let the world (devil) diagnose us. Instead, we have to allow Jesus to heal us. As we start to get healed (sometimes that takes a while) we personally have to continue to speak, out loud, health over ourselves. The moment one of those negative thoughts comes rolling in, and they will, it feels like the world is upon us mocking our faith in God and His healing power. I don't want to lose the precious little faith that I have so I continue to speak His Word out loud. I would appreciate it if everyone reading this would lift me in their prayers. Pray that I would overcome the doubts about my future and focus on the future that God has planned for me. – C.H.

Please, all of the **Overcomers for Christ** prayer warriors, keep my sister Phyllis in your prayers for she's having a lot of health problems, and she has to have surgery soon. – W.R.

Keep me in your prayers, and I ask that the **OC&C** prayer warriors pray for all of the brothers and sisters, that through our faith in His Words and promises we would all see our healings manifest into reality! Our Aba has gone to great measures to let us know that we are loved. Also pray that my daughter, grandkids and nieces come to visit when my mom comes to visit me. No matter what goes on in this place, always remember to pray that I make it out of here. – I.V.

Brother Wade and the **Overcomers for Christ** prayer warriors, please, may you all keep me in your prayers. I've got 4 1/2 years left and with God's will, the parole board will grant me my release, if not sooner. – C.S.

## PRAISE REPORTS

"To the **Overcomers for Christ** family, Praise the Lord! I know that this might be a little late but thank you all so much for the Christmas card, addressed with so many names. It was the first card that I've received in ten years of this prison life! I have no family, as I was born orphaned and had a dysfunctional childhood, until God found me here in prison. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior a few years ago. I'm also hoping that someone there in your organization would be interested in discipling me or being the accountability person I so desire?" – D.J.

I just want to give praise to God for the work He's doing on this unit. Every other month the Christian fellowship here gathers under the ramada on the yard offering free haircuts, cocoa drink, and burritos to anyone who wishes to stop by. I was there today to show my support and also get what's left of my hair trimmed up. There were four barbers cutting hair, Christian music in the air with some of the fella's having Bibles and going over Scripture. There was laughter and great fellowship in the air. The weather was beautiful. It's truly a blessing to see how God is moving in the lives of these men here. Thank You Jesus! – Foot

A while back I sent a prayer request concerning my ex-wife's husband trying to adopt my daughter, 85 days from her 18th birthday. Well, as always, confidence in prayer turns into praise reports! I called the courts for that custody hearing, and we were told that it was dismissed! What a blessing! It sure took a weight off of my shoulders, and I can breathe again. I want to thank everyone that prayed for this request and let you know that God heard and answered! – D.L.

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The phrase **"reasonable service"**, *logike latreia* from the Greek means rational worship. In other words, worship is not just an event, or song service. Worship is a lifestyle of devotion that is our reasonable service in the light of God's mercy.

Question: How is worship more than singing or attending church?

**John 4:23-24** – ***"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."***

Question: What does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth?

The commentary reads like this, **John 4:23-24** describes that the true way to worship God is **"in spirit and truth,"** which means worship is not confined to a physical location but is a spiritual and sincere activity of the heart. Because God is a spirit, worship must be spiritual and come from a genuine, truthful heart, accessible through faith in Jesus Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit. This passage marks a shift from worship being tied to a specific geographical place to a personal, internal experience with God. This applies to more than church services; it is applicable to all aspects of a believer's life. True worship should be reflected in one's service and desire to serve God.

**Colossians 3:17** – ***"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."***

Question: How can we make worship part of our everyday life?

**Colossians 3:17** is a command to perform all actions and words **"in the name of the Lord Jesus,"** meaning with Christ's authority, for His glory, and under His approval, encompassing both secular and spiritual activities. This is to be done while consistently giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ, integrating faith into every aspect of life, from mundane tasks to public conduct.

**Romans 12:1** – ***"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."***

**Romans 12:1** is a call for believers to **TOTAL** consecration offering all that we are to God, and that not as a duty but it is the light in light of God's grace God's mercy and God's Salvation. Those things that I am blessed to do for God I do not do so that I can be saved, I do them because I am saved.

In closing I have two rhetorical questions:

1. What area of your life still needs to be fully consecrated to God?
2. Is your consecration motivated by duty or by your love for Christ?

In closing, Keith Green a very famous Christian singer during the Jesus people movement of the early 70s said this in his song No Compromise, "I make my life a prayer to you cuz I want to do what you want me to no empty words, and no white lies no token prayer, no compromise." Remember saints we are called to give our lives as a Living sacrifice.

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***needy, let the Lord keep me in his thoughts. You are my helper and my savior. O my God, do not delay."***

I know my God has my back and does not put me through anything I cannot survive. When I feel lost, I just stop and ask Jesus and God to help open my mind and eyes to see that as long as I try my hardest to walk in His footsteps, that as long as I believe in His Word, that I'm never lost because no matter where I'm at, He is with me!!

# Foot's Bible Study

## Zachariah 4:1-5:11

Many people believe that to survive in this world a person must be tough, strong, unbending, and harsh. But God says, **"Not by force nor by strength, but by My Spirit."** The key words here are, **"by My Spirit"**. It is only through God's Spirit that anything of lasting value is accomplished. The return exiles were indeed weak – harassed by their enemies, tired, discouraged and poor. But actually, they had God on their side! As you live for God determine not to trust in your own strength or abilities. Instead, depend on God and work in the power of His Spirit! (4:6 LASB/NLT) Also, in *Hosea 1:7* I've read, **"But I will show love to the people of Judah. I will free them from their enemies—not with weapons and armies or horses and charioteers, but by my power as the Lord their God."**

## Revelation 14:1-20

This news about God's ultimate triumph should encourage God's people to remain faithful through every trial and persecution. They can do this because God promises us so, by trusting in Jesus and obeying the commands found in His Word. The secret to enduring therefore, is trust and obedience. Trust God to give you the patience to endure even the small trials that you face daily; obey Him even when obedience is unattractive or dangerous! (14:12 LASB/NLT)

## Psalms 142:1-7

Have you ever felt that no one cares what's happened to you? David has good reason to feel that way and he wrote, **"Hear my cry, for I am very low."** Through prayer we can pull out of our tailspin and be reminded that God cares for us deeply. (142:6 LASB/NLT)

## Proverbs 30:21-23

Here the list continues by changing slightly to things that the earth cannot endure, yet still a list that is seemingly unending. (30:21-23)



## "Foot" Notes

Hey Family!! It's quite obvious we are living in ever changing times and things seem to get flipped up and around on a daily basis. Our one saving grace is that the one thing that **NEVER** changes is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He alone is the glue that has the ability to hold us all together and keep us moving forward in this unpredictable world. Without Him we would be hopeless.

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

## Sudoku

Fill in the empty cells with numbers from 1 to 9. Each number must appear exactly once in each row, column, and 3x3 sub-grid. Starting Clues: Some cells are pre-filled with numbers, known as clues. These clues help you deduce the placement of the remaining numbers. The first puzzle is the answer for the prior month.

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## Did You Know?

Bangkok is the most visited city in the world, attracting 22.78 million international visitors, surpassing cities like Paris and London.

## Christian Comedy

Sometimes you get a bad reputation just because of your job. It's not always fair: 90% of lawyers give the other 10% a bad reputation.

## Quote Worthy

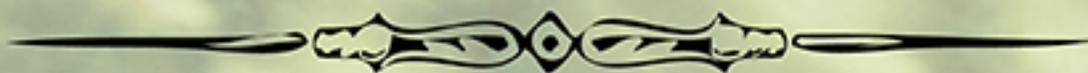
*"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."*

Corrie ten Boom (1892 – 1983) - a Dutch watchmaker and later a Christian writer and public speaker, who worked with her father, Casper ten Boom, her sister Betsie ten Boom and other family members to help many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during the Holocaust in World War II by hiding them in her home. They were caught, and she was arrested and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts and how she found and shared hope in God while she was imprisoned at the concentration camp.



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## And God Said

By J.H.

I said, "God I hurt."  
And God said, "I know son."

I said, "God, I cry a lot."  
And God said, "That's why I gave you tears."

I said, "God, life is so hard."  
And God said, "That's why I gave you family."

I said, "God, my family is MIA."  
And God said, "That's why I gave you strength."

I said, "God, I pray for my family all the time."  
And God said, "I know! You pray for them more than you pray for yourself."

I said, "God, I hurt."  
And God said, "I know son, I know."

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