

Beloved friend in **CHRIST**, it is my prayer that you are **REJOICING** in the **LORD** (Phil. 4:4). These are days of heavy spiritual warfare, battles & attacks that demand a commitment to live a life of **FAITH** (2 Cor. 5:7). **JESUS CHRIST**, the only begotten **SON** of **GOD**, who is the object of our **FAITH** & the **ONLY FAITH** that **SAVES** us (Acts 4:12). **PRAISE GOD** for sending **JESUS CHRIST** & **HIS** perfect plan of salvation **DAILY**. Our celebration of Easter this month is **NOT** a once a year celebration that "**HE IS RISEN.**" We rejoice in **CHRIST'S** victory over the grave. Because of **JESUS**, we have **HOPE**. (Romans 15:13) **HIS** resurrection offers an awesome message of comfort to us believers, & **EVERY believer in CHRIST** is absolutely assured of eternal life beyond the grave.

April was an incredible month of ministry that brought in over 500 who prayed the sinners prayer in 26 services (John 6:44). The **HOLY SPIRIT** moved mightily in these services. A most powerful weekend of ministry, 23rd-26th, took place at Pelican Bay Penitentiary (8 services in 3 days). It was the 5th time that I ministered there. Again God gave me favor. I never got to minister in Yard B which was locked down because of stabbings, fights & gang activity. All of the services were well attended & blessed. So were the L.A. Co. Jail services & the Merritt program for Deputy Bates at Castaic. There were 175 inmates in that service. Chino Woman's also had a packed chapel that again brought in a huge harvest.

I did a 2 hour Bible Study for actress & dear friend Lee Benton that was well attended. I had 2 of my own plus the 8 Skid Row Mission Services. It seems like the population on Skid Row has grown because of the economy. There also has been an influx of gangs selling drugs, which brought more violence. Arrests are forthcoming. These days are **DARK** days, & they are getting darker. It takes strong **FAITH** to make it thru those times. "Everybody has a measure of **FAITH**" (Rom. 12:3), but "we are to increase our **FAITH**" (Luke 17:5). **FAITH & TRUST.**

Flip a light switch to the "off" position & what happens? The circuit is broken, the current stops flowing & the light goes out. Did you know that this same principle applies to your spiritual life? The power of **GOD** is like a current, flowing through you & empowering you to accomplish **GOD'S** will for your life. Your **FAITH** is the switch — & when your **FAITH** waivers (Jas. 1:8), the current is interrupted, hindering you from becoming the person **GOD** wants you to be. I feel there are four "faith barriers" that cause this switch to turn off; four common attitudes & excuses that prevent us from seeing **GOD'S** will fulfilled in our lives. To

understand them, we need to consider Moses, who struggled mightily with issues of his faith.

He experienced each of these four **FAITH** barriers:

1. The first is a poor self-image. Moses' first reaction to **GOD'S** call was to say "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh?" After all, Moses was an ex-Hebrew slave, a murderer & now, a humble servant. He didn't think he was worthy to be **GOD'S** instrument, & all too often, neither do we. (Read Exodus Chapter 3.)
2. The second barrier is ignorance. Moses wasn't sure who **GOD** was, & **GOD** had to educate him: "I am **GOD** of your father, the **GOD** of Abraham." (Exodus 3:6). Just as important, **HE** revealed **HIMSELF** to be a **GOD** who **CARES**. (Exodus 3:7). **HE** is always aware of our suffering. You see, if we know **GOD** for who **HE** is — loving, trustworthy, and full of good intentions for our lives — we will be more willing to follow wherever **HE** leads.
3. Third, our faith is hindered by doubt, the devil's #2 tool of destruction behind fear. Moses was plagued with doubt about whether **GOD'S** plan will work. Then Moses answered & said, "what if they will not believe me, or listen to what I say?" (Ex. 4:1) **GOD** responded to that doubt by giving **MOSES** solid evidence, turning his staff into a snake, for example. And while we must never rely on miracles to sustain our **FAITH**, we should think objectively about all the evidence in our lives & in **GOD'S WORD** that **HE** can & will do just as **HE** says!
4. The final faith barrier is our sense of inadequacy. When **GOD** told Moses he would have to address Pharaoh, he said, "Please **LORD**, I have never been eloquent — for I am slow of speech & slow of tongue." (Ex. 4:10) Now, we all feel inadequate at times & there is nothing wrong with that. It's ok to be humble — as long as you move forward anyway. The good news is that you don't have to move in your own strength. You have **GOD'S** power in you. (Eph. 6:10; Jn. 15:5)

That's what Moses did — & the result was the birth of a nation through which the Messianic line was established & our **SAVIOR** was born!!! Everyone experiences these **FAITH** barriers at some time in their lives. We have to learn to move forward trusting the outcome to the **POWER** of **GOD** (Nahum 1:7). Overcome your **FAITH** barriers, keep the switch "**ON**" & allow the power of **GOD** to flow through your life.

Until next month, may **GOD** richly bless you & to you who sent love offerings, Thank you very much.

In His Majesty's service,