

Beloved friend in CHRIST, I pray that you are REJOICING in the LORD (Phil. 4:4) & are living VALIANTLY for the FAITH. These days of heavy spiritual warfare demands such a COMMITMENT. I sorrow & mourn for the indescribable pain & misery endured by multitudes & PRAY ERNESTLY for those afflicted (Ps. 34:19). Our HEAVENLY FATHER is touched by the very feelings of the walking wounded. The HOLY SPIRIT is pouring out COMFORT to all believers affected. These are days where we CANNOT take PRAYER & SPIRITUAL WARFARE (Eph. 6:10-17) lightly. Think of the expulsion of GOD from our society & the whole world turning to secularism & materialism. Thereís more violence & apathy today than the idays of evilí in Noahís day. Sadly, the BIBLE is no longer being accepted as GODÍS WORD (II Tim. 3:16). The day of the LORD is quickly approaching. Are you ready? Have you invited JESUS CHRIST into your heart as LORD & SAVIOR? (Rom. 10:9, 10). Do it today! (II Cor. 6:2; Prov. 27:1)

August was a tremendous month of ministry with well over 350 coming to know JESUS as LORD of their lives or rededicating to HIM. There were 26 services along with counseling inmates at the L.A. County Jail. Six of the services were at Chuckawalla Penitentiary on the 27th & 28th. Itís a 4 1/2 hour drive to Blythe, & I was blessed to go with Pastor Leo & Lydia Castillo, who had me preach at their services. Iíll comment on these services next month, as I have to get this out earlier because Ím going to Washington & Portland on the 31st. PLEASE pray for me. There are several penitentiaries Ím set to preach (Walla Walla etc.) for Brother Bob Dickenson & Bob & Helen Hagen, who also bless me by staying at their home.

The two services at the Long Beach Rescue Missions were well attended with a large harvest. The same with the L.A. Mission, Union Rescue Missions (menís & womenís services) & the Fred Jordan Missions. I was saddened to see that three of the brothers in the Spiritual Growth Program that I minister to left the program. They were all called to ministry but left anyway. At the L.A. County Jail, it is so tragic to see the young men who made horrible choices in life & are facing 90 years---200 years---or life w.o. parole. I hear stories you wouldnít believe & it all ends in heartache, especially for families.

Pastor-Rabbi Andrew Howard had me on his ìCompelling Evidenceî cable T.V. show again. We did three shows. My home Bible Studies are growing in attendance. Hey, thereís 168 hours in a week, so two hours of GODÍS WORD should fill my home. Amen? I was also invited to be the guest speaker at the Whittier-LaHabra Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Menís Fellowship. As always, any Full Gospel meeting is a BLESSED time in the LORD. Last month, after driving two hours & five minutes to Chino Womenís Prison, there was a lockdown. This month was packed with a good harvest. Ron Zaucha, Lighthouse Prison Ministry, who has me there on the fourth Wednesday has recovered nicely from his heart attack, P.T.L. As always, there were a great number of women, & also the menís services who never forgave themselves. Too many believers are in the same place of NOT forgiving themselves.

How big is your view of GOD? Is it big enough to INCLUDE HIS ABILITY to meet your EVERY need? (Phil 4:19). Unforgiveness is a prison (Matt. 6:14-15). Davidís view of GOD was enormous. When facing Goliath, in his proclamation of FAITH, David said, ìI come to you in the NAME of the LORD of

Hosts, the GOD of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the LORD WILL deliver you up into my hands & I will strike you down.î (I Sam. 17:45-47). No matter what Goliath that is in our lives, GOD says, ìthe battle is MINEî (vs. 47). In Davidís mind, GOD was All-POWERFUL, & that the LORD had ALREADY won the victory. Your perspective of GOD is critical to your FAITH. PRAY in expectation! (Ps 62:5). If your

view is limited, than your FAITH will easily be shaken. (James 1:6)

How we respond to the Goliath in our lives defines our ability to TRUST GOD. If we believe that HE is faithful (Heb. 10:23, 35, 36) & true to HIS WORD, then our FAITH will be unshakable, even in times of extreme trials & testing (Prov. 17:3). Am I going to TRUST HIM when a calamity hits? (Ps. 57:1). TRUST is a key to FAITH (Nahum 1:7; Ps. 91:2; Ps. 2:12B). If you don't TRUST HIM for the victory, you have limited HIS work in your life by yielding to feelings of doubt & fear. Fear (I Tim. 1:7) is Satan's #1 tool & doubt, a killer of FAITH, is #2. (Mk. 11:23).

GOD ALWAYS provides HIS very best for us. David learned the benefits of spending time with HIM in prayer, praise & fellowship. There's a wondrous JOY that comes from praising GOD. (Ps. 18:3; PS. 50:23; Ps. 34:1; Ps. 22:6). The key to unshakable FAITH is a personal relationship with JESUS CHRIST. That kind of FAITH conquers ANY giant that we face.

Please pray for the HEALING of my prostrate.

Until next month, may GOD RICHLY BLESS you & to you who send LOVE offerings, I PRAISE HIM & thank you.

In His Majesty's Service,

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