

**GRACE & PEACE** to each of you from **GOD** our **FATHER** & our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. I pray that “it is well with your soul,” that you are **REJOICING** (Phil. 4:4) in the **LORD** & in **FAITH**, praying diligently (Matt. 7:7, 8). These dark days are crucial times to **SATURATE** our minds with **HOLY SCRIPTURES** & keep our eyes fixed upon **JESUS** (II Cor. 5:7). Allow the **HOLY SPIRIT** to lead & guide. **COMMIT, TRUST & OBEY HIM**.

February, like January, was a down month of **REAPING** the **HARVEST**. The battle to win souls where I minister is intense. In 17 services (lost 2 due to racial unrest), just over 275 prayed the Sinners Prayer, brought in by the **HOLY SPIRIT** (John 6:44). I shall press on!

I’m going back to Pelican Bay Penitentiary on April 25th for 3 days; Vancouver, WA on March 25th for some church services. May 1st, I’ll be in Portland, OR (staying with my daughter Lea & family) ministering at a Full Gospel in Vancouver, WA, Women’s Aglow & Portland Chapter of the Full Gospel & a church. Later in the year, I’m going to Pittsburgh (Steeler Nation), Erie, PA & other destinations not confirmed yet.

The services at L.A. Co jail haven’t been as well attended as in the past. There has been heavy racial tension, fights & lockdowns in January & February. Over 90 services have been cancelled. I was able to do 3 services & the harvest was good in those services. The same with Chino Women’s Prison. As always, we had about 150 inmates attend. Over half of the harvests were rededications (I John 1:9). There are some 50 there who pray for me **DAILY**. That’s a **BLESSING**. Brother Ron Zaucha of Lighthouse Prison Ministry told the inmates of the challenges in my body. “**GOD** is good! A stronghold in the day of trouble & **HE** knows those who **TRUST HIM!**” (Nahum 1:7). Yes **LORD**, that is a key to my faith... **I TRUST YOU!** The Skid Row Missions services were packed. We had some severe rain storms. The harvests were lean, but **GOD’S WORD NEVER** returns **VOID**. (Isa. 55:11).

At Castaic in Valencia, there is an incredible structured program called **MERIT** run by Deputy Bates. It has 3 teachers and 180 inmates who attend school M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. I’m blessed that Deputy Bates has me minister there. I’ve also been going into the high profile maximum security for an hour before my services at L.A. Co. There is a great deal of noise as inmates in the tiers shout & talk. This makes me think about the noises in our minds.

When you first wake up in the morning, what do you hear? Birds, traffic, a clock ticking? If you lie very still & listen very carefully, you may hear something you’ve longed for all your life — you may hear the voice of **GOD**. **HE** communicates with us in a number of ways. **HE** speaks thru **HIS WORD** & thru the **HOLY SPIRIT**, as well as thru people & circumstances. Yet even with all that, there is no substitute for spending time **ALONE** with **GOD** — for being spiritually intimate with **HIM**.

Please **MAKE TIME!!!** This is crucial.

You see, the more you spend time with the **LORD**, the more familiar **HIS** voice becomes. You know it is **GOD** speaking. Once you’ve heard **HIM**, you can face the world (Phil. 4:13; Eph. 6:10). The blessings that come from listening to **GOD** are tremendous — but what happens if we fail to listen? The answer is found in Genesis. **GOD** spoke very clearly to the first man (Gen. 2:16-17), instructing him **NOT** to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good & evil. Adam & Eve understood perfectly (Gen. 3:2-3) but did **NOT** obey. Their disobedience marks the beginning of man’s sin problem, which plagued the human race throughout history. Once we have received **GOD’S** instructions, we too, are accountable for what we have heard or read. Study Genesis 3 so you can **ID** a number of consequences when we **IGNORE** the **LORD’S** communication. Here are 3 important ones.

**BEWARE! 1.** We end up listening to the wrong voices (vs.1-2). Eve unmistakably heard **GOD’S** command. Yet she began to listen to another voice — the serpent’s lying, seducing spirit of deception (I Tim. 4:1, 2). We are **DAILY** bombarded with the many voices we hear on any given day: TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, opinions of friends & co-workers all bring on vain, erroneous ungodly philosophy. We must **CHOOSE NOT** to listen — or we will begin to drift away from **GOD**.

**2.** We excuse our wrong & blame other people (vs. 12-13). **BLAME MAKES LAME**. I get scores of calls for prayer & counseling & I hear: “Oh no, it’s not my fault.” When **GOD** asked Adam why he was hiding, he pointed a finger at Eve, who blamed the serpent. Today, people blame parents, co-workers, society & spouses. We ourselves are responsible to **GOD** for our choices & our behavior.

**3.** We miss out on **GOD’S** best. **GOD** intended Adam & Eve to live in the Garden of Eden, absolute perfection, but they chose to disobey & were cast out of “paradise.” If we fail to listen to **GOD**, we miss out. Life is not always easy (Ps. 34:19), but is filled with the joy of knowing we are living **GOD’S** plan to the fullest (Neh. 8:10). Because of Adam & Eve’s failure to listen to **GOD**, sin has spread to the entire human race.

The good news is that if we constantly refresh our heart & mind with **GOD’S** truth (John 8:32, 36) you can resist the competing voices (II Cor. 10:4, 5). We can experience true intimacy & a personal relationship with the **LORD** of the Universe, **JESUS CHRIST**. Read & meditate on Hosea 6:3. **GOD’S** promises are Yes & Amen (II Cor. 1:20). If we set our hearts & minds to know **HIM**, **HE** will reveal **HIMSELF** in wonderful & unexpected ways. Are you listening?

Until next month, may **GOD** bless you. To you who sent love offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty’s Service,