

Beloved friend in **CHRIST!** I extend warm greetings in the name of our blessed **LORD JESUS CHRIST.** I trust that in spite of the adversities & afflictions of life (Ps. 34:19), that you are pressing on & forging ahead, **TESTIFYING** to the fact that it is "**WELL WITH YOUR SOUL.**"

February picked up where January left off, with 20 services & over 400 praying the Sinner's Prayer, inviting **JESUS** into their hearts or rededicating. I had 9 services in 6 days & spent 2 other days at the High Profile lockdown walking the tiers, cell-to-cell. There were 2 dozen that I led to the Lord & was asked to pray with dozens more. The **WORD** of **GOD** is a mighty weapon & truth that tears down strongholds (II Cor. 10:4) & barriers to salvation. It was sad to see that the choices they have made led to 1-7 life terms. Their lives are forever lost, but I encourage them to serve the **LORD** in prison. One disappointing thing this month was that my Angola Penitentiary (in Louisiana) trip was cancelled when flights were cancelled because of snow & ice. The Chaplain assured me we'll set up another time of ministry there. **P.T.L.**

The 2 services at the **MERIT** program at Wayside were packed with huge harvests. Chino Women's & Lynwood Women's Prison, as always, had women hungry for **GOD'S WORD.** I also led some 75 in a prayer to forgive themselves & let **GOD** "do a new thing in their lives." Both services had a nice harvest.

Fred Jordan Mission has 100 in each service, with 2 dozen outside. Mrs. Jordan asked me to do another service in addition to every Tuesday except the 1st Tuesday. The Union Rescue Mission men's & women's services, were very attentive to **GOD'S WORD**, with scores coming forward. Many asked for prayer. I gave out dozens of Bibles this month.

I always enjoy the "Hope for the Homeless Youth" service for Brother Clayton. They went to the red-light district & led 59 prostitutes & pimps to the **LORD.** What a blessed ministry!

The service at the Juvenile Jail service for Chaplain Sally had boys & girls, 12 to 17. Once in the system, too many come back, time after time. **TRAGEDY!** Since I got my badge there, I'll go to minister 2 or 3 times a month to encourage, edify & uplift them.

My home Bible Studies keep growing.

There is a divine tension that exists between the strength that **GOD** supplies for our tasks & the strength we gather on our own. **WITHOUT** the **LORD**, we labor in vain (Jn. 15:5; Eph. 6:10). The Apostle Paul understood this tension. When he min-

istered, he did so with a committed heart to the "**CALL**" that **GOD** had given him. By day & often by night he taught **GOD'S WORD** to **ALL** who would listen. **HUMILITY** was a cornerstone in Paul's life. It was also one of the reasons he was successful as an Apostle. He did **NOT** view himself as being self-sufficient, or above anyone. He knew that without **GOD'S GRACE** in his life, the gospel message would not be preached. Paul was the **LORD'S** bondservant & this was his greatest goal, to serve **GOD** no matter what the circumstances.

Can you say the same thing? What is your calling? The psalmist wrote, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my **GOD** than dwell in the tents of the wicked." (Ps. 84:10-N.I.V.). Just like this humble servant of **GOD**, Paul was not concerned with position of fame. His greatest **DESIRE** was to **SERVE GOD.** Greatness rarely makes a person humble. In fact, power, fame & position in the eyes of man, often lead to corruption & **PRIDE.** (Jas. 4:6; Prov. 16:5).

GODLY humility, however, **ALWAYS LEADS TO GREATNESS** — not in the eyes of the world, but certainly in the eyes of **GOD.** That's what is important!

I believe there is no greater position to hold than that of **GOD'S** servant. **JESUS** said **HE** came to serve, not to be served (Matt. 20:28). However, **HE HUMBLED HIMSELF** in **OBEDIENCE** to the point of death on the cross; **HE** is now **LIFTED UP & REIGNS** at **GOD'S** right hand (Ps. 110:1). One day we also shall **REIGN** with **HIM** — **NOT** as **HIS** equal, but as **HIS** beloved sons & daughters. **P.T.L.** If **JESUS** is not the **ONE** to whom I am looking for direction & guidance, then there is **NO** benefit in my sacrifice & service. **HUMILITY** begins with a **CHOICE.** We must choose to **SUBMIT** to **GOD'S LOVE & HIS WILL.** It is only when we turn to **CHRIST** in prayer & submit ourselves to **HIS** will that we gain the **PEACE** that comes as a result of true humility. This is where we abandon our human resistance & accept **GOD'S GRACE** as being sufficient for our lives. (II Cor. 12:9) Living a life of humility require 2 things: **HONEST SELF-EVALUATION & COURAGE.** It is essential to our Christian life in order to grow spiritually. Our journey only begins at the foot of **HIS CROSS.** That is where we come face-to-face with the reality of **GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE** (John 3:16).

Until next month, **LORD** bless you & to you who sent a love offering, thank you.

In **HIS** Majesty's Service,