

Beloved friends, I extend you warm greetings in JESUS name. Bathe & bask yourself in HIS AWESOME LOVE today, & EVERYDAY, knowing HE is ALWAYS with you (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5). This really encourages me! As I write this newsletter, my heart is heavy. There are scores of people I know & love that have been killed, back on drugs, back in prison or in the hospital with deadly attacks in their bodies. Ps. 30:5 says, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." It's OK to weep for others. As Charles Hadden Spurgeon said, "It may be all dark now, but it will soon be light; it may be all trial now, but it will soon be all happiness. Yes! "Weeping may endure for a night, but, joy WILL come in the morning." (Neh. 8:10)

I think of what Diane Merritt wrote, "Lord, I give thanks for ALL you have NOT given; for unanswered prayers that make me question my preconceived ideas; for NOT granting my pleas for an easy out, forcing me to grow; for the waiting between the promises & their fulfillment, increasing my faith; for NOT protecting me from sorrow, that I might know your comfort. Lord, I give thanks for ALL you have NOT given." These are anointed words.

July was another fruitful month of ministry with 21 services plus 12 hours of counseling inmates & praying for them at the L.A. County Jail. There were over 300 who either gave their hearts to JESUS or rededicated their lives this month. We also celebrated the 4th of July holiday, & we need to remember DAILY, to PRAY for the many men & women serving in Iraq, supporting them. We should also remember those who fought in past wars that kept us a free nation. Know too that there is a spiritual war we are fighting DAILY that is escalating worldwide (II Cor. 10:3; Eph. 6:10-17). There is an intense battle to win souls in the Skid Row & Prisons, but the HOLY SPIRIT keeps drawing them in (John 6:44).

The services at the Long Beach Rescue Mission & L.A. Mission had a huge harvest at the packed services. The women's & men's services at the Union Rescue Mission also brought forth a good harvest, as well as the Tuesday services at the Fred Jordan Mission. Sometimes a speaker doesn't show up so I do 3 services back to back at this mission. I'm always ready with a sermon. Jacob's Well is always a pleasure to bring the word to those that live there. On July 4th, at a black tie affair that honored Robesha Reyes for his 9 years of prison ministry, I was the guest speaker. Love to wear my James Bond tux.

All the services except one were filled up at the L.A. County Jail. While counseling, I've led 50% to the Lord that I minister to. GOD has their attention. It's a tremendous opportunity to share JESUS CHRIST & SALVATION. I also get them to come to the services that I preach. My home Bible Study is sparse. Many promise to come & don't show up. I've had a Bible Study at my home for 25 years. On July 24th, I spent the day at Donovan Penitentiary, a level 3 maximum Penitentiary that I've ministered at for 15 years. It's always a blessing. I know a lot of brothers who are lifers, or 25 to life. To see them "walk the walk" year after year, knowing they will never get out is a wonder to see. It's all JESUS. The day starts at 6a.m. and I get home at 11:30 p.m, tired but blessed. There are multitudes whom JESUS set free. (Isa. 61:1)

Almost all the calls I get for prayer have anxiety, worry, fretting, stress, tension & fear, which are tools of the devil. In times of conflict & afflictions, it's only natural to worry about our future & feel anxious about our safety (Phil. 4:6,7), but, IT IS NOT BIBLICAL. In John 8:31, 32, JESUS says, "If you continue in MY WORD, then you are truly disciples of MINE, & you will know the TRUTH & the TRUTH will make you FREE." What

type of freedom was JESUS describing? It means GOD does NOT want you living in bondage to fear (II Tim. 1:7) & anxiety, which is a thief of PEACE. HE wants you to walk in the freedom that comes from knowing that you BELONG to HIM. So, no matter how badly things are going in your life, the TRUTH is that GOD is the ONLY security you really have. When JESUS is LORD of your life, you're a child of the KING & you have GOD'S power in your life. You cannot be more FREE, or more SECURE than that. Now, it's one thing to be set free FROM something, but GOD has also freed you TO something. He has freed you to serve HIM (Matt.20:28; MK 10:45), to pursue HIS will for your life (Ps. 32:8), & to have an impact on the world in which you live. That is why we are so BLESSED to live in U.S.A., where we could share JESUS anywhere without danger or imprisonment. I love our country!!! JESUS said in Matt. 5:14-16, "You are the LIGHT of the world. Let your LIGHT shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works & glorify your FATHER who is in HEAVEN." It is our GOD-given responsibility to let our light shine. Is your light shining? Why not start today. You can do it! (Phil. 4:13)

Until next month, may GOD RICHLY BLESS you abundantly, & to you who sent love offerings, I PRAISE HIM & THANK YOU.

In His Majesty's Service,

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