

Dear Child of the KING, grace to you & peace through our LORD JESUS CHRIST. It is my prayer that in the midst of the challenges & opportunities of this hour of history, that you are pressing on for HIS glory during these turbulent days. And, as always, **IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL.** What about you?

July was another incredibly blessed month of ministry with 27 services, a short trip out of U.S.A., all the Skid Row Missions, L.A. Co., Jail, Chino Womenís Prison & Donovan Penitentiary, where I've been ministering for 17 years. Well over 500 prayed the sinners' prayer or rededicated their lives to the LORD. L.A. Co. Jail, as always, brought in a huge harvest of souls. GOD has been giving me favor there as 75 to 120 are allowed to get out of their cell to attend my service. The counseling has also been fruitful. Not many have heard messages about spiritual warfare or prisons without bars. Chino again had a good harvest. Even though the drive to Donovan Penitentiary is 2:40 (without traffic), it is always a good time of prayer, praise & just JESUS & me. Scores there are praying the arsenal prayer DAILY. It was a blessed Sunday.

Long Beach Rescue Mission services are always a good time of so many rededicating their lives to the LORD. About 50% of people who go to rehab will relapse at least once. Prov. 24:16 says, **For a righteous man may fall 7 times & rise again.** It takes a while to overcome a lifetime of problems! **JESUS is the answer & HE is patient!** Jacobís Well, Fred Jordan Mission, L.A. Mission & the Union Rescue Mission (men & womenís) services brought in nice harvests. People are allowing the TRUTH & POWER of GOD'S WORD to penetrate the dark hard places of pain & hurt. GOD'S Word is a mighty weapon against the devil. Only this truth can open up a way of rest & peace beyond anything they have experienced. Some come & share this with me. The Bible studies at Fred Jordan Mission on spiritual warfare that Mrs. Jordan had me start over 20 years ago have been very effective, teaching them to STAND against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:10-17).

I was so blessed to minister in the Cayman Islands. Brother Raphael Bodden & numerous others overwhelmed me with their love. They are sold out & committed to JESUS CHRIST. Ministering at the church service, youth conference, prison or the Cayman Outreach Association monthly dinner was pure joy for me. The LORD sure blessed me with this ministry trip.

Recently I went into a lockdown section of a prison & talked to many **walking wounded** who are reaping what they sowed. Some were wounded by family, friends, words & actions of the ungodly. I encouraged them with Ps. 147:3, **GOD heals the brokenhearted & binds up their wounds,** & Jer. 30:17, where GOD says, **I will restore health to you, & heal you of your wounds.** God is NOT talking about knife or gun wounds. That same afternoon I preached a sermon that included Ps. 56. This WORD of GOD is meant for those who have been wounded by others. It is also for those who love the LORD yet shed tears & carry burdens that seem to grow heavier by the day (Matt. 11:28). Some believers wake up every day under a cloud of fear & despair (II Tim. 1:7; Ps. 27:1).

There are many whom I know & pray for that has serious health battles (cancer) & insufferable pain. Some grieve over family members in deep trouble (Ps. 107:6, 13, 19, 28). Financial problems can crush & terrorize & most of those who call me for prayer have anxiety, worry, fretting, stress & tension (Phil. 4:6; Ps. 37:8). Ps. 56:3 says, **Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in YOU** ñ Vs.4 **In GOD I will praise HIS WORD** (promises; II Cor. 1:20). In GOD I have put my trust. I will not fear. What can flesh do to me? Ps. 56:8 says, **YOU take notice of my wanderings** (sorrow, feelings of loss): **YOU put my tears into YOUR bottle: Are they not in YOUR book?** Ps. 56:9 says, **When I cry out to YOU, then my enemies shall turn back: This I know; for GOD is with me!** (Rom. 8:31). Ps. 56:13 tells us, **For YOU have delivered my soul from death, Will YOU not deliver my feet from falling, so that I might walk before GOD in the light of the living.** Cry out to GOD! (Ps. 30:2; Ps. 34:6, 15-19; Ps. 138:3).

I encourage anyone reading this that are hurt & wounded to pray over these scriptures. GOD surely knows your struggles & pain. HE hears even the unspoken cries that pour out of your broken heart (Luke 16:15). All the LORD asks of us is unwavering FAITH. The promises of GOD are what strengthen our faith. According to James 1:30, GOD does test our faith. "The trying of your faith works patience." If we need wisdom, we are instructed to ask in FAITH. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of GOD, that gives to ALL men liberally, & without reproach; & it shall be given to him. But let him ask in FAITH with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven & tossed by the wind. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the LORD (James 1:5-7).

The hardest part of FAITH is the last half hour, just BEFORE the answer comes. Heed the words given to us: "Whenever I am afraid, I will TRUST in YOU." (Ps. 91:2; Ps. 32:10) GOD hears EVERY prayer of the believer (Prov. 15:29). Even now HE is doing HIS secret behind the scenes work of deliverance. HE will give you mercy & strength to bear it ALWAYS.

Until next month, may GOD richly bless you. To you who sent love offerings, I thank you & praise Him. My prayer for you all is Ps.28: 8, 9.

In His Majesty's Service,

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