

Dearly beloved, REJOICE in the LORD! (Phil 4:4) I extend to you warm greetings in the name of our blessed LORD, JESUS CHRIST. I trust that in spite of the afflictions of life (Ps. 34:19), you are FORGING AHEAD & can testify to the fact that IT IS WELL WITH YOUR SOUL.

June was a most intense month of ministry, yet very fruitful & fulfilling. There were 27 services plus a Saturday at Lancaster Prison (Level 4-max facility) from 8a.m. to 4p.m. I was a platform speaker with the Bill Glass "Weekend of Champions" Prison Ministry. There were scores of teammates that were enthusiastic about JESUS & it carried over to the inmates. There were a total of 71 decisions for Christ. The rest of the month brought in well over 400 who gave their hearts to JESUS or rededicated. GOD IS GOOD!!! (Naham 1:7).

It all started on June 2nd at Donovan Penitentiary with the first two services in yards 1 & 2 very well attended along with a fine harvest of souls. However the 6:30p.m. service in yard 3 was sparse because the Lakers were playing Sacramento :-(. There are brothers there that I've known for many years & they are WALKING THE WALK, which is really encouraging .They are lifers.

One of the highlights of the month was going to Pahrump, Nevada as the guest speaker for the yearly Salvation Army Banquet. Dion & Arlene, two precious saints whom I've ministered for & with in Arizona honored me to come there. Also did a church service Sunday, which ALWAYS blesses me.

Happy Father's Day to you dads. I was blessed to be with my daughters Nikol & Lea, & grandchild Elijah. It was also my birthday so we celebrated both. It is stunning to see the high percentage of "dads" & "moms" in prison. Where ever I go, it's over 80% & the children are also SERVING TIME. As I was on my way to do the L.A. Co. Jail service on this special day, the visitors line seemed a mile long.

Each service at the L.B. Rescue Mission, the L.A. Mission, Fred Jordan Mission & Union Rescue Mission brought forth countless decisions for Christ this month. However, it seems there are more people on Skid Row than ever before. Now I'm told 67% of the Skid Row populations have AIDS, HEPITITUS & T.B. As always the Chino Women's service was a blessing & very fruitful.

The last weekend of the month led me to minister at Stockton Women's Prison & at French Camp with Mark Maciels' team from Calvary Chapel of Downey. Mark got out of the penitentiary 16 years ago on a miracle & we have ministered in prisons & penitentiaries all over the country. It's such a blessing

to see how God changed this brother & is using him mightily.

My Bible studies at my home (23 years) have been very well attended. We spent some intense time in Ephesians 6:10-17 & 11Cor. 10:3-6, because WE ARE AT WAR. We NEED to STAND (Paul says 3 times in Eph. 6:10-17 that we are to STAND) up to life by embracing TRUTH (John 14:6). Some of my calls this month were complaining about LIFE. Where did we ever get the idea that life was made to run smoothly? Probably from Hollywood, NOT the BIBLE. Hollywood makes its money off movies with happy endings. I asked each one, "ever read the NEW TESTAMENT completely ?" It talks about hardships to be endured (Ps. 34:19); the fiery trials of our FAITH (I Peter 4:12, 12); crosses to be carried (Luke 9:23); evils to be conquered (John 10:10); & tribulations designed by God to produce triumph (Isa. 48:10 & Heb. 12:5,6).

Stand up to life through training. God trained me in the furnace (Prov. 17:3)& equipped me WITH HIS ARSENAL to go behind enemy lines to win souls. Check out my website on the front cover & download "GOD'S ARSENAL PRAYER". Be dressed for the battles. Put on your WHOLE ARMOR BY PRAYER & FAITH DAILY. GOD wants to train you, BUT HE demands discipline, duty & determination. JESUS did NOT die on Calvary for OUR comfort. There is no CROWN without the CROSS. There is no BLESSING without the BURDEN. There is no CONQUEST without the CONFLICT. The Bible tells us to fight the good fight of FAITH (II Tim. 4:7). Take a STAND for the LORD. When Paul told us to STAND, it means DEFEND the territory JESUS won for us at the CROSS of CALVARY that satan is stealing or trying to steal, that he has NO RIGHTS TO STEAL. He has NO AUTHORITY OR POWER, but uses DECEPTION (I Tim. 4:1,2). The mind is his PLAYGROUND (II Cor. 10:5). There are burdens to carry & giants to whip. With JESUS in our hearts we can be a 20th Century David, slaying Goliath. We must, in these end times, put our hand to the plow WITHOUT looking back (Isa. 43:18). I told one person who is so blessed to "quit whining about your comfort". We are at WAR with satan & his armies, 24-7. (Hosea 4:6). Christ said in Matt. 24:6,7 "and you will hear of wars & rumors of wars... For nation will rise against nation & kingdom against kingdom". Why will wars be a way of life until JESUS returns? (There are 70 in the world now). Because of satan. (11Cor.4:4). JESUS said,"he was a murderer from the beginning...there is no truth in him." (John 8:44) Satan's objective is to destroy men, but one day SOON , CHRIST WILL DESTROY HIM. When Revelation 19 is fulfilled, CHRIST will return as a MIGHTY CONQUEROR & the nations will COWER before HIM (Ps. 72:11). As COMMANDER, JESUS will wave the blood soaked banner from the crest of CALVARY shouting "FOLLOW ME!" We will be BLESSED (Ps. 72:17-19). With His glory once more revealed, we will spend ETERNITY PRAISING HIS NAME, GLORY TO GOD.

Until next month, may God bless you abundantly & to you who send LOVE offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,

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