

**Beloved friend in CHRIST, I pray you are REJOICING in the LORD (Phil. 4:4) & are living VALIANTLY for the FAITH. These dark days we find ourselves in demands such a commitment. No matter what the wicked currents or godless times are in our world today, we can CONFIDENTLY REST, LEAN ON & TRUST in the LORD. Our PRECIOUS LORD JESUS ALWAYS tips the scales in OUR favor.**

**I write to you today with much JOY & delight as over 270 invited JESUS CHRIST into their hearts (Rom. 10:9, 10) or rededicated their lives to HIM (I John 1:9) in 22 June services. Part of this month was spent ministering in the Pittsburgh, PA. area, my hometown. In all these 21 years of ministry, it was the most blessed time I have experienced. I was up at 4a.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup>, flew to Pittsburgh & preached at ìThe Churchî for Pastor Frank Rocco, an anointed on fire man of God, at 7p.m. that evening. I also preached the word for Pastor Frank on Saturday & Sunday at their Gospel Concert & Revival. It was an incredible time of praise & worship with anointed wonderful singers Dave Boyer, Leroy Blankenship, Samuel De Palma, Lavonna Bowlin, Willis Canada & Gene Higgins. The church family blessed me in so many ways, especially in love.**

**I was on Cornerstone Television, TBN, & was interviewed by Ron & Cathy Hembree. We sure had a good time in the LORD. I met so many loving brothers & sisters in CHRIST. On Sunday, I did 4 services. There were 2 services at the Pittsburgh Co. Jail, then I drove 45 minutes to ìThe Carpenterís Cross Churchî, & from there back to ìThe Churchî. LORD willing, I'll be back there again the last week in October. I only missed 2 local services & on my birthday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, I did 2 services at the Union Rescue Mission. In the Womenís service, they sang ìHappy Birthdayî to me .which was touching. The souls the HOLY SPIRIT brought in (John 6:44) were my gifts to GOD for ALL HE does in my life daily. (James 1:17).**

**The Fred Jordan Mission services & Bible study, the Long Beach Rescue Mission & LA Mission services ALL had nice harvests & were well attended. Many also waited to be prayed for after the services. Jacobs Well, a recovery home in Long Beach is always a blessing for me to go there & minister. As always, the Chino Womenís Prison services are special. I give the Word for Ron Zauchaís ìLighthouse Prison Ministryî. (Read this monthís testimony.)**

**In all my sermons, I talk about (Mark 10:45 & Matt. 20:28) serving & going about our FATHERS business. Itís such a blessing & honor to serve, but the concept of**

**servanthood doesn't fit in today's society. In fact, most people would resist any effort that would put them in a servant's life. In fact, they would rather be in a position of authority & be the master, NOT the server. GOD'S WORD provides us with a different meaning for the principle of servanthood. The BIBLE is filled with examples of the PROCESS of GOD making learners out of the meek & lowly of HEART. HUMILITY is a strength, NOT a weakness! (I Peter 5:6).**

**Most know the story of Joseph. We recall how God had given him a favored position with his father, Jacob. God was with him even though his brothers sold him as a slave into Egyptian bondage(Deu 31:6). We also know that Joseph was aware of GOD'S favor over his life (Genesis 39:2). WHAT was GOD'S purpose for Joseph's life? WHY did HE allow this faithful man to experience such ADVERSITY & TRIAL? WHAT is HE doing in our lives? When trouble comes & we face it VICTORIOUSLY, WHY would GOD not immediately applaud our success & give the promised blessing?**

**In order to uncover the answers to these questions, we must understand the basis of our LOVE for GOD. We must return to the TRUTH that GOD is not interested in us accomplishing great things FOR HIM. HE is focused on our PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. We cannot serve GOD until our HEARTS are fixed ON HIM & TRANSFORMED by HIS LOVE (Luke 16:15). "I want to serve you, LORD" is a prayer I have prayed & many others have also prayed. But service to GOD comes with a price tag that means DEDICATION & COMMITMENT to the course that GOD has mapped out for us to travel & a SINCERE WILLINGNESS to be BROKEN in order for GOD'S greatness to shine through our lives. When we submit to HIS WILL, HE will EQUIP us & take care of our needs (Phil. 4:19).**

**Jesus came to earth with the clear understanding that one day HE would give HIS life for you & for me. Even though HE knew HE would be mocked, ridiculed & betrayed, HE came because HE had a FIXED FOCUS on GOD'S plan for mankind's salvation. "For even the SON of MAN did NOT come to be served, but to SERVE, & to give HIS life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45). GOD has a pattern for servanthood. CHRIST revealed it when HE said, "HE who loves his life loses it, & he who hates his life in this world will keep it to LIFE ETERNAL. If anyone serves ME, he must follow ME, & where I am, there MY servant will be also, if anyone serves ME, the FATHER will honor him."(John 12:25, 26). Our desire for GOD & HIS WILL must be greater than our personal desires. GOD sets the course of our lives &, by FAITH we eagerly follow HIM (Heb. 11:6).**

**Regardless of his circumstances, Joseph SERVED the LORD, & GOD blessed him greatly. You never know how GOD will use you. Ask & TRUST! GOD can use**

**YOU to reach countless people, just like HE did with me, HIS SOUL-DIER for CHRIST in Skid Row & Prisons. P.T.L.!!!**

**Happy belated FATHERS DAY to all you dads.**

**Until next month, may GOD BLESS & PROSPER you (III John 2) & to you who sent a LOVE offering,I PRAISE HIM & THANK YOU.**

**In His Majestyís Service,**

**Mel Novak**