

GRACE & PEACE to each of you from our **LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**. I pray that “it is well with your soul,” & that you are **REJOICING** (Phil. 4:4) in the **LORD**. In tribulations, we must diligently pray (Matt. 7:7, 8) & flood our minds with **GOD’S HOLY WORD**. (Rom. 12:2; Heb. 4:12). We must allow the **HOLY SPIRIT** to lead us & guide us.

June was a most incredible & blessed month of ministry that had 21 services (I lost 2 prison services) with the **HOLY SPIRIT** drawing well over 450 who prayed the sinners prayer (John 6:44). After walking the tiers & ministering at the L.A. Co. Jail on June 1st, I flew to Pittsburgh, PA, my hometown & had a blessed 5 days of ministry. I stayed with my Uncle Laudie & 2 aunts, Mildred & Melva, who have homes nearby. I led an old friend & his wife to Christ, Dubie Lord, who is battling cancer. (Matt. 15:13)

On Sunday, I was a guest at Pastor Frank Rocco’s “The Church.” My brother Robert & wife Frances (Sis) were there from Detroit, Michigan. He is a special brother & it was special to spend 2 days with them. I love Pastor Frank & his church who lift me up in prayer **DAILY**. What a blessing Pastor Frank & his flock are to me. Chino Women’s Prison again had over 140 in the service. **GOD’S WORD** pierced some hard hearts while encouraging others. We had over 100 decisions for Christ. The 3 services at County went well but they don’t allow the 100 to 150 inmates at the services anymore because of racial tension & potential violence. The 3 services at Wayside had some 175 in each at the Merritt Program. Deputy Bates runs & does an excellent job. This program should be added to all of the State Prisons & jails. I believe a huge percentage of those who get released after being in that program will **NOT** return!

I celebrated my birthday with my daughters Nikol & Lea — & grandchildren Elijah & Ali Mae. I was so blessed. It was my best birthday ever. In my home Bible Study, there were 23 who honored me with love, cards & presents. It was an evening I’ll never forget. (Monday before my Wednesday birthday) The Skid Row Mission services were anointed with God’s Word encouraging & giving hope.

Not long ago, I asked the **LORD** for direction about a difficult situation. As I was praying, I thought, “My **MASTER’S** hand is on my shoulder saying, “I am with you **ALWAYS**.” (Matt. 28:20) “This is the way Mel, walk in it” (Isa. 30:21). In that instant, **GOD** showed me that **HE** was in complete control of the situation. I knew that the **LORD** would help me get to the destination **HE** planned for me. I needed to stay focused on the path that my **MASTER** was

pointing me to, and if I would obey (I Sam. 15:22) **HIM**, even when the road seemed dark, **HE** would certainly **BLESS** my faith & trust in **HIM**.

That’s why I want to ask you: Do you need direction in some area? Are you facing a situation that is confusing? (I Cor. 14:33) Do you lack a clear course of action? See **GOD’S** promises in Isa. 42:16. If you are a believer, **JESUS’** hand is on your shoulder & He’s pointing you in the right direction — the right path for your life. Are you listening to **HIM** & submitting to **HIS** guidance?

We all need a reliable guide to instruct us, & **NONE** is more trustworthy than the **SAVIOR** who laid down **HIS** life on our behalf. But perhaps you are unsure about whether you truly can **TRUST** the **LORD** with your life. Here are 2 reasons why I am confident that you can & should.

The **FIRST** reason is that **LORD JESUS** will **NEVER** mislead you. His knowledge of you is perfect — He understands your personality, strengths, weaknesses, joys, sorrows, needs, temptations, desires & **ALL** that concerns you. **HIS** comprehension of **ALL** things past, present & future is beyond compare. **HE** not only has the wisdom to counsel you, but **HE LOVES YOU** & always has your best interest at heart. Deut. 31:8 promises, “The **LORD** is the one who goes ahead of you. **HE** will be with you. **HE** will **NOT** fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” **GOD** will **NEVER** lead you astray, no matter what decision you must make. Just follow **HIM**!

SECOND, **JESUS** should be your guide in **ALL** things because **HE** created you for a distinct purpose, which means the road you are to take will be unique as well. Eph. 2:10 clearly explains this beautifully. When **GOD** formed you, there were special assignments **HE** planned for you to accomplish. Each one is tailor-made for your giftedness & temperament. The path of your life has never been traveled by another. It is important for **JESUS** to set your course — because only your **LORD & SAVIOR** knows how to overcome the dangers ahead & how to arrive at your destination in the safest, most effective way possible. **HE** is the guide you can **TRUST** & **HE** has your best interest at heart. See Ps. 32:8. Will you **TRUST HIM** to fulfill this promise? (II Cor. 1:20). **TRUST HIM** to be your leader in **EVERYTHING** because surely **HE** will bless your faith as you follow **HIM**. **HE** knows exactly where you are & what you need to do in the situation you’re facing

Until next month, **LORD BLESS YOU!** To you who sent love offerings, I thank you & praise **HIM**.

In His Majesty’s Service,