

**Greetings in the MIGHTY name of our blessed LORD JESUS, & greeting you in HIS name is NO small thing. HIS name is infinitely above ALL other names (Phil. 2:9). One day SOON, every knee shall bow & every tongue shall confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD, to the glory of the FATHER (Phil. 2:10,11). Those of us who are born again shall willingly & enthusiastically PROFESS that JESUS is LORD (Rev. 19:16). Unsaved rebels who have by CHOICE rejected the PROVISION of HIS GRACE will be forced to acknowledge HIS LORDSHIP.**

**There is NO bypassing an encounter with CHRIST. Men & women will meet HIM by FAITH (Eph. 2:8) at CALVARY, as the LAMB of GOD who takes away the SIN of the world, OR they will meet HIM, JESUS CHRIST, at the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT (Rev. 20:11-15) as the LION of JUDAH who will JUDGE men & women according to their works. Sadly, because of their CHOICE, men & women will be condemned to ETERNAL JUDGEMENT by the ALL-WISE & HOLY JUDGE. In CHRIST, we are not only on the RIGHT side of history, we are on the VICTORY side. VICTORY IN JESUS.**

**March was a ìtuffî month of ministry battling to win souls. A light harvest of 200 plus (mostly rededications) came forth in 17 services. This month also had many calls from calamity struck brothers & sisters in CHRIST. There were hours of prayer, ministering & counseling. There were also scores of men who either came to a mission chapel service or a spiritual growth program who heard me preach at a prison. I was able to encourage them, give them the arsenal prayer (go to my website & download it) that is powerful & crucial to do DAILY. In the services at the LA Mission, Union Rescue Mission, & the Fred Jordan Mission, there was a heavy spirit of oppression this month, more than normal.**

**The services at the LA Cty. jail & Chino Womenís Prison were very well attended & blessed. In addition to the Wednesday service at the Long Beach Rescue Mission, I did a Sunday church service there which I really enjoy doing. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Ím scheduled to do three services in three different yards at Donovan Penitentiary, (a level III facility). Íve been going there for almost fourteen years & am blessed to know scores who are sold out for JESUS. My home Bible Studies Íve had for 23 years, again has a small attendance, but Íll keep doing them. Itís always uncertain who will come.**

**At this time of writing you this newsletter, there are UNCERTAINTIES about war with Iraq. If so, it is UNCERTAIN how long it will take to win**

the conflict, the peace & how many lives will be lost. We are **UNCERTAIN** about retaliatory terrorist acts against America. We are **UNCERTAIN** about our economy. **BUT** one thing we can be **CERTAIN** of, as believers, is our heavenly **FATHER** knows every thing that is happening & is in perfect control. We who are **HIS** children can rest **SECURE** in **HIM**. Were I unsaved perhaps my heart would be fearful, but as a child of **GOD**, **REDEEMED** through **FAITH IN THE FINISHED** work of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** I have a great **CONFIDENCE** because I have the **BLESSED HOPE!** (Titus 2:13)

True Christians need **NOT** cringe in fear, (II Tim. 1:7) but must use these perilous times of history to witness, to confront family & the world with the **AWESOME** message of the gospel of **JESUS CHRIST & SALVATION**. During these dark days of unrest, I feel sorry for those belonging to cults, the atheists, agnostics & humanists. Without God in their lives, they are in a darkness without hope. They will never know the **PEACE, JOY, & HOPE** a believer has unless we expose them to **JESUS & HIS FORGIVENESS**. The greatest privilege of all eternity is to know the **GOD** of this universe.

In spite of so many blessings & so many benefits, too many are struggling with despair & depression in these difficult times. When they are **discouraged & down** emotionally or mentally, it also pulls them down physically. We **MUST PRAY**, read, study & meditate on **GOD'S WORD**, & dress daily with our spiritual armor (Eph. 6:10-17). **PRAISE** is a mighty weapon against the devil's attacks. That's how we **STAY STRONG** in the **LORD & in HIS WORD**. In the days of Haggai, the people were discouraged (Satan's most worn out tool). **GOD** gave specific instructions to **HIS** people, instructions that can help us. **HE** said first, **BE STRONG!** Then **HE** said **BE STRONG!** After that **HE** said, **BE STRONG!** Mark it in Haggai 2:4. Three times **GOD** says, **BE STRONG!** That is spiritually based emotional resolve. It's **NOT** psychological self-help talk, but **DIVINE INSTRUCTION**. It is also something that one must determine to do, to be **STRONG**. God instructed one other thing: **work!** This was not a **don't just sit there, do something!** kind of instruction. It is amazing how much **HEALING** can take place when we start being constructive again. Always remember, we are **ALL** called to serve (Matt. 20:28 & Mark 10:45). Don't miss the bottom line. God said, **FOR I AM WITH YOU!** **JESUS** promises us the same in Heb. 13:5 & Matt. 28:20. What an encouragement!!! **HIS** presence indeed makes **ALL** the difference. If you have been hit with the deadly **D's**; disappointment, discouragement, doubt, discontent, despair, despondency, disillusionment, demoralization, dejection & depression, make a choice to

**Take up your sword DAILY, (Luke 9:23). BE STRONG!!! Work on it. Seek HIS face, find HIS promises that apply to your need (II Cor. 1:20, & STAND on them by FAITH. We can do ALL things thru CHRIST who strengthens us (Phil. 4:13). ALWAYS remembering that GOD IS WITH YOU & HE LOVES YOU (Jer. 31:3).**

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

**In His Majesty's Service,**

**Mel Novak**