

Greetings in the **MIGHTY** name of our **BLESSED LORD JESUS CHRIST**. Greeting you in **HIS** name is no small thing. His name is infinitely above all other names (Phil. 2:9; Eph. 1:20-23). Those of us who have **HIM** in our hearts as **LORD & SAVIOR** should willingly and enthusiastically profess that **JESUS** is **LORD** (Rev. 19:16). Unsaved rebels, who by **CHOICE** rejected the provision of **HIS GRACE** (Eph. 2:8) will be forced to acknowledge **HIS LORDSHIP** (Phil. 2:10, 11). There is **NO** bypassing an encounter with **CHRIST**. Men and women will meet **HIM** by **FAITH** (Rom. 10:9, 10) as the **LAMB** of **GOD** who takes away the sins of the world; or they will meet our **LORD JESUS** at the **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT** (Rev. 20:11-15) as the **LION** of **JUDAH** who will judge **HIS** rejecters by their works. There is **NO** hope there.

March was an intense month of ministry as the battle for souls behind enemy lines continues to increase, but my **LORD JESUS ALWAYS** tips the scales in my favor. I had 24 services scheduled, but L.A. Co. Jail moved all the inmates from the 4000 floor, and 3 other services at a prison cancelled because of “racial” tension & potential rioting. So I did 20 services with well over 375 praying the sinner’s prayer. The **HOLY SPIRIT** is awesome as **HE** moves on hearts of the unsaved (John 6:44). Right after one of my 3 L.A. Co. Jail services, as inmates were going back to their cells, 4 gang members jumped an inmate, a premeditated act, & 20 deputies ran in before all hell broke loose. It is getting crazy. I had 2 blessed services at the Union Rescue Mission that were packed, bringing a good harvest. The Fred Jordan’s services have been packed with every seat filled since the time change to 2pm–3pm. There were 10 services in the Skid Row Missions. My home Bible studies held at Gloria Muscarella’s home had sporadic attendance this month. As always, the Chino Women’s Prison services had some 160 attend with a large harvest. Scores have been memorizing the Arsenal Prayer and also sending them home to relatives. I’ve given out over 77,000 in English & over 12,000 in Spanish over the years. We must **NOT** ever take Spiritual Warfare & **PRAYER** lightly.

I was blessed to minister at the River Church in Vancouver, WA. Pastor Joshua Alvarez, is an anointed and powerful young man of God. There was a Saturday night and Sunday service. Happily, I stayed with Lea, Elijah, Ali Mae and Doug in Portland, OR. I had a wonderful time with them. At the church, a brother said, “Wow, Brother Mel, you sure stay busy.” Well, busy is good, as long as the Lord leads.

Multitudes of people are swept away by all the busyness in their lives. Stop for a moment, take a deep breath & reflect on **WHO** is truly in control of your life. Yes, it’s a blessing to have a full life but the danger is that if we

focus on trying to control every detail, we will miss even greater blessings that **GOD** has for us. **GOD** has a plan for your life that is more fulfilling than anything you can naturally imagine. (Jeremiah 29:11-13) **GOD** wants **HIS** best for you, but before you can receive it, you must **FULLY SURRENDER** to **HIM**.

In Romans 12:1, Paul urges us to “present our bodies as a living & holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is our spiritual service of worship.” Paul is talking about our total being — body, soul & spirit. We are to surrender **ALL** of it to **HIM**, as a sacrifice. The Old Testament says once a sacrifice is made, you can’t take it back. Once the lamb was slain on the altar, you couldn’t have it returned. It was surrendered — **TOTALLY** to **GOD’S** purpose. Our surrender **MUST** be like that — complete, unconditional & permanent. **GOD** has every right to require this of us, simply because **HE** is our **CREATOR & LORD**. **HE** has very clear purposes in mind. **GOD** wants us fully surrendered to **HIM** because:

- **HE loves your worship.** God wants us to worship **HIM** and **HIM** alone. If we are unwilling to yield to **HIM**, how can we?
- **HE wants your service to HIM to be effective and fruitful.** Some people serve **GOD** under their own power but the fruit of serving **GOD** their way can **NEVER** compare to what comes from being in the center of **HIS** will.
- **GOD wants the freedom to bless you.** **GOD** is all powerful, but **HE** does **NOT** violate **HIS** own principles — & one of **HIS** principles is that obedience brings blessings (I Sam. 15:22). When we experience fewer of **GOD’S** blessings, it’s because we have closed the door by insisting on being in charge and controlling our own lives.

What is involved in a full surrender? It is a definite, deliberate, voluntary transfer of undivided **POSSESSION, CONTROL** and **USE** of our entire being — body, soul & spirit to the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** to whom we rightfully belong. That’s what a full surrender requires: a **deliberate, definite, voluntary transfer**. Once you are surrendered, once your life is fully **HIS**, an amazing thing happens. **GOD assumes full responsibility for your life.** Can you imagine anything more wonderful or more exciting than having the **RULER** of the **UNIVERSE** planning, guiding & shaping your destiny? **GOD** wants the best for you so when you fully surrender to **GOD**; you will experience joy, a peace, a sense of security, like you have never known. Let us join the great chorus of saints who lived the words, “All to **JESUS**, I surrender; all to **HIM** I freely give.”

Until next month, may **GOD** bless you. To you who sent love offerings, a 100-fold return & **THANK YOU**.

In His Majesty’s Service,