

Grace & peace to EACH of you from GOD our FATHER & our LORD JESUS CHRIST. I PRAY that you are rejoicing (Phil. 4:4) in the LORD & praying diligently in FAITH. GOD deeply LOVES ALL who seek HIS face DAILY, & as never before, we must saturate our MINDS with the HOLY SCRIPTURES, keeping our eyes fixed upon JESUS (II Cor. 5:7). HIS WORD, if followed, will lead us SAFELY thru the treacherous shoals, contrary winds & dangerous currents that lie ahead.

Can you believe it? We are almost half way thru 2002. TIME is fleeting!!! (Job, 7:6A). WE MUST press on & go REAP THE HARVEST (Rev, 14:15). The harvest brought over 250 in 19 services. The Bible Studies & counseling were also fruitful. There were many who are hit with an aggressive Spirit of Infirmity. JESUS named that spirit in Luke 13:11-16 & rebuked it, healing the bent over woman who couldn't straighten up for 18 years. PLEASE pray for my brother Robert (prostrate cancer); Anne (leukemia); Bobbi (cancer) & Nick (colon removed); Linda (brain tumor). Thank you!!!

May 12th was a celebration of Mothers Day. God bless you "Moms." A most beautiful portrait of a Christian mother & wife is given to us in Proverbs 31. My mom went home to the LORD almost 13 years ago & I miss her, but I KNOW that we will be reunited one day. There are many moms in prison, which is sad & tragic.

Attended the L.A. Mission graduation for the men & women who were in the 1-year spiritual growth program. Pastor E. V. Hill gave a wonderful & inspiring message. I was introduced & acknowledged with kind & loving words. The services I did at the L.A. Mission have been extremely fruitful as GOD'S WORD goes forth, "drawing men's hearts unto the LORD" (John 6:44). Also had 2 services at the Union Rescue Mission that blessed me as well as the people there. The Tuesday nites at the Fred Jordan Mission are close to my heart as I give the brothers in the spiritual growth program a Bible Study on spiritual warfare, then do the 6:15 to 7:15 service. I was saddened to see a brother who had been in that program for a year fallen, discouraged & depressed as he started using drugs again. L.A. County Jail, the "war zone", brought forth a really nice harvest. There was also a stabbing. Had a blessed time being Master of Ceremonies of the Day of Pentecost International Praise & Worship that Brother Rob Reyes put on for the 3rd year. There is nothing like praising & worshipping the Lord, & many from other countries did it in their language.

Next month I'll be doing 3 services on June 2nd at Donovan Penitentiary; all day Saturday the 8th for the Bill Glass Prison Ministry at Lancaster Prison,

Chino Woman's on the 26th & back to Stockton Women's Prison for a weekend with Mark Maciel's Team.

Got a question for you. As you look back over your life, what message do you see emerging? Each of us are in the process of writing a life message to pass on a part of ourselves to everyone we meet. I'm in the process of writing a "Father's Legacy" for my daughters Nikol & Lea, a lasting heritage. What is your life message? King David had a clear message, one which was given to him by God. It was not a statement proclaiming his personal greatness, the wealth he had obtained, or the victories he had acquired. Instead, it was a statement of FAITH & of his personal LOVE FOR GOD. In Acts 13:22, God says, "I have found David, the Son of Jesse, a man after MY heart, who will do all MY will." The message of David's life was simply, "I love YOU, O LORD, my strength" (Ps. 18:1). David clearly was not a man without faults, like me, yet David NEVER abandoned his LOVE for GOD. Even though David faced many trials, he knew by experience that GOD was FAITHFUL (Ps. 89); that the LORD would preserve him. David's life message did not stop with personal failure, instead, it was in this time of deepest failure that we see the life message of David more clearly. When sin could have robbed him of his love for God, David HUMBLed himself before the LORD & sought GOD'S FORGIVENESS. Please look up the wonderful words he cried out in Ps. 51:4; 10-12. Humility, a sincere LOVE for the LORD & obedience were the key elements of David's life. In times of victory, his heart turned toward GOD in PRAISE; in times of sorrow he found shelter in GOD'S PRESENCE; and in times of failure he ran to the LORD for FORGIVENESS & RESTORATION. At every turn in David's life, God was there for him. GOD ALSO IS THERE FOR EACH ONE OF US (Deut. 31:6). David's life message was the result of his devotion to God. When we emulate David & make GOD our FOCUS, HE BLESSES our lives in such a way that we begin to write a wonderful LIFE MESSAGE for ALL to see & enjoy with us.

Age has nothing to do with writing a life message. GOD is interested ONLY in your LOVE TOWARD HIM. Today you can begin or continue to write a message you would like to leave for others to read. PRAYER is the 1st step & the 2nd step is to acknowledge that your life is NOT your own. It belongs to the LORD, for you have been BOUGHT with a price, which was HIS death at Calvary. Submit & commit to the LORD & HE will guide you in the most marvelous ways that lead to blessing & hope (Jer. 29:11 & Ps. 32:8). The 3rd step is OBEDIENCE. No matter what the cost, obey & serve (Matt. 20:28 & Mark 10:45). David's life was motivated by a passion for God. Out of this came his life message. If God handed you a pen, what would you write concerning your life?

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

In His Majesty's Service,

Mel Novak