

Warm greetings to you in the MIGHTY name of our soon coming KING, JESUS CHRIST, our RISEN LORD & SAVIOR. I trust that in spite of any adversities or afflictions (Ps.34:19) you may be experiencing, that you can still shout with me "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL". So many of the brethren are going thru very heavy storms of life, but our LORD promised (2Cor.1:20) that he would be with us every step of the heavy laden path. (Matt.28:20; Matt:11:28) This is a great comfort for us ALL.

May 11th was the wonderful celebration of Mother's Day. It is a blessing to have your mom. Always tell her you LOVE her & appreciate her. While in church that day, I reflected on my "mum" who went home with the Lord years ago. My daughter Lea is a really good mom to Elijah who will be 3 in September. A highlight of my month was spending time with my daughters Nikol & Lea who were in town from Oregon for a long weekend. I sure MISS them!

Wow, we are almost half way thru 2003. TIME is FLEETING! (Job7:6A) However, it is certainly TIME to press on & go REAP the harvest. (Rev.14:15) This month brought in a harvest of over 250 in 18 services. I attended the L.A. Mission graduation service for those who completed the one year spiritual growth program. The 1000th graduate & the first (17 years ago) were honored. Jose, the first grad, shared that he was going to leave the program after three days," but Mel Novak talked me into staying." He has been working at the mission all these years & met his wife there. Then as I was called up to the podium, the grads, alumni, & the packed chapel gave me a long cheering ovation. I was so choked up I could hardly talk. Jim Lewis, Executive Director, whom I brought to the mission 15 years ago presented me with a beautiful plaque for 20 years of service. I used to preach for Jim when he was a pastor at a church in Burbank. It was a great honor & blessing. GOD IS GOOD! (Nahum1:7) Preached at Pastor Sam Molina's Hispanic Church in Temple City & we had a good time in the LORD. The three services at the L.A. Mission were all well attended with a fine harvest of souls. As always, the Fred Jordan Mission services & Bible studies for the men in the Spiritual Growth Program were fruitful. The L.A. Co. Jail service brought forth a large harvest as the TRUTH of GOD'S HOLY WORD drew them to the LORD. (John 6:44) Taped a cable TV. show as a co-host for Rose Colombo's "Issues Of Life". We have two more to do in June. Also filmed a trailer for Producer-Director David Huey who wants to do a "Volcano" movie. It is a starring role, which will start after "giANTS" is completed. The Union Rescue Mission, Jacobs' Well, & Chino Women's Prison services were all fruitful & blessed. I was also a guest speaker for a Women's Christian Fellowship meeting at a Denny's restaurant. They were hungry for the WORD of GOD (Rev.19:13)

Remember to pray for our veterans. I was blessed to do a chapel service at the

Veterans Hospital in W.L.A. There are so many alone & forgotten. There are multitudes there & on Skid Row who are in the valley of adversity. I share that GOD'S POWER reaches its PEAK when we are at the lowest point in adversity. However, when we are in our lowest valley of pain, suffering, & helplessness, it puts ALL our attention on GOD. The winds of adversity WILL test what we are made of, & is GOD'S way of testing our works. (Ps.7:9) Will we STAND in FAITH, (Paul says 3 times in Eph.6:10-17 to STAND) OR will we give up? (Luke 18:1) I say STAND & DEFEND, in the name of JESUS! Whatever we proclaim to others, what we believe or say, GOD WILL TEST. (Prov.17:3) Please, watch what comes out of your mouth. Satan can't read your mind but he can hear your mouth. The Bible says that death & life are in the power of the tongue. (Prov.18:21) God wants us to understand that we NEED to speak WORDS of LIFE out of our mouth. (Rom.4:17) Also our WORDS can BLESS others or hurt. Our WORDS, if they are GOSPEL WORDS, can bring a message of eternal life to those who believe them. WORDS can encourage us or discourage . WORDS can make us laugh or cry. The WORDS that we speak can help us spiritually & bring LIFE. We can also speak limiting disempowering WORDS : "I cannot do it" We can say things like " if it can go wrong, it will go wrong for me". However, GOD wants us to have a confession .We need to say about ourselves & others what GOD says , because what GOD says will ALWAYS BE LIFE!!! GODS' WORDS are the WORDS of LIFE, & if we speak them, we can be sure our rudder (tongue) is set on the course that brings life. Speak GODS' WORD & be BLESSED ! Why do adversities come to us all? To re-evaluate our lifestyle & PRIORITIES. The warning winds of adversity blow, & if we don't take heed, GOD intensifies them. Our FIRST priority is to seek the LORD FIRST (Matt.6:33) & the character of JESUS CHRIST in our hearts. GOD knows our heart (Luke:16:15), & looks at the heart (1Sam16:7). He reads our hearts & motives. Whatever the adversity, however long the journey, & no matter how dark the night, keep your eyes fixed on JESUS (2 Cor. 5:7)," the AUTHOR & FINISHER of our FAITH."

Until next month, may GOD BLESS & PROSPER you (3 John 2) & to you who sent a LOVE offering, I PRAISE HIM & THANK YOU.

IN HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

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