

Beloved friends, in JESUS name I extend to you warm greetings. Bathe yourselves in HIS LOVE today & every day, knowing HE is ALWAYS with you (Matt. 28:20 & Heb. 13:5). This is sooo encouraging & also knowing HE is the GOD of ALL comfort, who comforts us in our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort those who are in trouble (Ps. 107:6, 13, 19 & 28), with the comfort which we ourselves are comforted by GOD (II Cor. 1:2-4).

October was another blessed & busy month of ministry with 17 services here in California, & 5 set up in Pittsburgh, Pa., around my home town. I had to get this newsletter out the day before I left, so I'll give you the praise report next month. I'm really looking forward to preaching back home, as I had my best time ever last June. There were over 200 who came to JESUS or rededicated in the services here in California.

It started off at Donovan Penitentiary on Oct. 3rd where I was able to do ALL 3 services in 3 different yards. In Jesus name, I bound up lock-down for 10 days before. (Matt. 18:18). It blesses my heart to see scores that I've ministered to for years WALKING a WALK of FAITH, knowing GOD'S WORD that I preach made an impact on their lives. As always, the services at the Long Beach Rescue Mission, L. A. Mission, Union Rescue Mission & my favorite, Fred Jordan Mission were well attended. The teaching time with the brothers in the Jordan Spiritual Growth Program are special (3 to 4 times a month). I was also a guest speaker at Nathanis Voice Bible Menis Fellowship, which was a great time in the LORD.

Another blessing this month was to perform a wedding ceremony for Susie Piper & Angelo Rivera in Placentia, CA. Lots of love poured forth. One of my favorite brothers in CHRIST, Rabbi Andrew Howard of 'The Spemherdis Heart' had a 7 day Fall Festival of Tabernacles revival. I was the guest speaker on the final days & met Pastor John Greenaway of Ireland. Pastor John wants me to come to Ireland for a 2 week ministry trip to which I (Holy Spirit led), enthusiastically agreed to sometime in Feb. or March of 2005.

October was also a month of numerous calls of brothers & sisters tempted to 'just give up'. As always, my ENCOURAGEMENT is 'NEVER GIVE UP, but keep on PRAYING' (Luke 18:1). Persistence in prayer is a mighty tool linked with the POWER of GOD who gives us renewed courage to STAND & DEFEND. We must not yield to thoughts of defeat & failure (II Cor. 10:5). David also knew what it was

like to endure SEVERE trials. He was the anointed King of Israel, yet he had to wait years to take the throne. Often he was forced to flee for his life because King Saul was determined to kill him. That's how the devil stalks & attacks us (John 10:10 & Eph. 6:12). In Ephesians 6:10-17, Paul tells us three times to STAND. We must defend!

Timing is everything to GOD. HE had not forgotten HIS promises (II Cor. 1:20) to David. However, HE used the trials facing HIS young & soon-to-be king to teach him how to PERSEVERE & NOT GIVE UP. David remained faithful by keeping the FOCUS of his life set on pleasing GOD. So, when trials came, he sought the shelter of GOD'S protective CARE. It was there, in the wondrous presence of GOD that David's heart was STRENGTHENED & his HOPE RENEWED. David never lost his hunger to do GOD'S will, & that should be our FOCUS. Sure, there will be adversities (Ps. 34:19), but "GOD delivers us out of them ALL." It does not say when. DON'T GIVE UP (Luke 18:1). DON'T LOSE HEART (II Cor. 4:16). There is VICTORY & SUCCESS when we don't give up. The value we place on our goals determines the strength of our PERSISTENCE.

IF our hearts are weakened by thoughts of fear, doubt & low CHRIST-esteem, wanting to "just give up,"

we become easy targets for Satan's deception (I Tim. 4:1&2). Face the challenges with firmness of spirit. With JESUS at our side, we will NOT cower in fear (II Tim. 1:7). PERSISTENCE is a quality each of us needs to develop so we can live effective lives for JESUS CHRIST. The devil knows that once we accept CHRIST as our SAVIOR our ETERNAL DESTINY is SECURE. The enemy of our souls doesn't give up. He attacks the believer with the intent of discouraging us to a point where we will give up & no longer do GOD'S WILL. But we DO NOT face the challenges of life alone. GOD IS OUR MIGHTY FORTRESS, & HE will never abandon us (Deu. 31:6). HE uses times of EXTREME difficulty to teach us how to be PERSISTENT in our FAITH & LOVE for HIM. When you find yourself facing a challenge greater than your ability, do what David did:

Σ Proclaim your COMPLETE DEPENDENCE on the LORD.

Σ BE PERSISTENT in your FAITH & REFUSE to give up.

Σ Keep the FOCUS of your heart & life on JESUS CHRIST.

Σ Seek HIS guidance (Ps. 32:8) & be determined to reach the goals HE has helped you set.

He has a plan for your life even in times of suffering. When we are PERSISTENT, we gain GOD'S favor & blessings.

Please pray for my prison ministry trip to Washington (Walla Walla St, Prison etc.) Nov. 12th thru 18th.

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

In His Majesty's Service,

Mel Novak