

**Beloved friend in CHRIST, I extend warm greetings to you in the name of our blessed LORD JESUS CHRIST. I trust that in spite of the adversities & afflictions of life, (Ps. 34:19), that you are STANDING. Paul tells us 3 times to STAND in Eph. 6:10-17. We are to PRESS ON, TESTIFYING to the FACT that it is well with our soul.**

**I neglected to mention in the August newsletter that I was in Des Moines, Iowa for a softball tournament (I had 18 hits in 23 at bats), but also preached at the Victory Outreach Church (after 2 games on Friday). Then on Sunday, after 3 games, I preached at the Bethel Rescue Mission & Bro. Dean Engelman, who drove me to the mission, also took me to the State Fair where we handed out tracks. I slept good that night. J**

**September picked up where August left off as I gave the morning message at Hope For The Homeless Youth & at the Long Beach Rescue Mission evening service on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The WORD was well received at the Dream Center . A group from Germany heard me speak & asked if I could come to Heidleberg & preach. In my spirit, the Lord said GO, so we will try to set a time that works for us. The evening service brought in a huge harvest. In fact, this month's harvest was well over 250 souls. I also did a Sunday Church Service at Long Beach on the 12<sup>th</sup>, with another good harvest. Both services at the L.A. Mission were packed, with dozens of rededications. The Spiritual Growth Program there & at the Union Rescue Mission has scores of men & women who truly want to get healed & well. Both the men's service & women's service at the Union Rescue Mission was a real tug-of-war for souls. It certainly is a war (II Cor. 10:3) in the supernatural realm.**

**My home Bible Study of 25 years was well attended, even though one was on Labor Day at 7:30p.m. If you live in the area, please come. It's every OTHER Monday. The services at the Fred Jordan Mission were a blessing. Why? Well, nobody sleeps at my services there. The L.A. Mission always has 7 to 10 who sleep. It is a Spirit of Slumber (Rom. 13:11). The L.A. Co. Jail & Chino Women's Services were not only well attended, especially Chino Women's, but many gave their hearts to JESUS or rededicated. Scores also forgave themselves Now that they are doing time, GOD has their attention. I have seen GOD do mighty things in inmates lives & TOTALLY change them. Susan Atkins for one, is a mighty witness for GOD & she has ministered to thousands. Jacob's Well Recovery Home is always a pleasure & blessing to go there & minister.**

It was a rare day this month when I didn't speak with or minister to someone who was feeling OVERWHELMED with his or her circumstances & conditions. One morning, when I wasn't feeling well from something I caught on Skid Row, the phone rang 9 times. Each person's affliction seemed worse with each call. This was before 11A.M. I prayed for them & gave each one scriptures to claim by FAITH & to meditate on & to PRAISE GOD for the coming deliverance. CALAMITIES are abounding, (Ps. 57:1) & multitudes are walking wounded. Then they start running. WHERE can they run? To the LORD, that's where! (Matt. 11:28-30 & I Peter 5:7).

Even David was so anguished in his spirit by problems (Ps. 55) that he longed to run to a remote, quiet, safe haven (Read vs. 6-8). Haven't we ALL had such thoughts? If only I can get away from it all, everything will be fine. GOD has NOT promised us an easy journey, but HE has promised (II Cor. 1:20) us a SAFE journey. HE IS FAITHFUL!!! (Heb. 10:23) The storms of life that sometimes blow at hurricane force have driven us NOT upon rocks to crash & sink, but into a desired HAVEN or REST. In Mark 4:39, JESUS said to the storm, PEACE, BE STILL. HE is our PEACE. GOD does NOT want us to run, falter, flee or become undone. Turn to the LORD; Go to the WORD. The believer has been designed by GOD NOT only to PERSEVERE in such times, but to make SPIRITUAL HEADWAY A BREAKTHROUGH.

In these 22 years of ministering behind enemy lines, I've ALWAYS said, MEDITATE on the WORD of GOD & spend TIME with HIM. Courage, spiritual grit & newfound endurance comes as you absorb the encouraging PROMISES of SCRIPTURE. When Joshua was chosen by GOD to step into MOSES big shoes, the LORD specifically instructed Joshua how to handle his PRESSURE PACKED rule as Israel's leader (Joshua 1:7,8). GOD will NOT let you sink. HIS firm grip of GRACE holds you. When you feel overwhelmed, remember that GOD has FAITHFULLY PLEDGED to UPHOLD YOU & STRENGTHEN YOU. Cast your cares & burdens on the LORD, because HE will NOT let you be moved (Ps. 55:22)

Until next month, LORD BLESS you (Numbers 6:24-26). THANKS to you who sent a LOVE offering, & a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,

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