

Beloved friends in **CHRIST**, I pray that during these dark days in the world, you are rejoicing in the **LORD** (Phil. 4:4). I pray that in the midst of a crazy world & our beloved America descending into a pit of perversion & godlessness with meteoric speed, it is well with your soul.

I am still recouping from my surgery, & not being able to drive to my services. I was only able to do 2 Omega Man Shows, 2 Bible Studies, 2 counseling sessions & a Juvenile ELA facility (the 5th Sunday). Only the Bible studies were at Gloria Muscarella's home. I do Omega Man thru SKYPE & both counseling sessions came here.

There is still acute pain in the area of surgery. My P.T. is going well. It has been 6 weeks since I took the pain meds. After 2 months, I'm finally walking without the **WALKER**. I use a cane now. No more Chester of **GUN SMOKE**.

My 2 counseling sessions were fruitful, but one will be back. She is struggling with drugs. I gave them the Arsenal prayer & a Bible. The other has been suffering from depression & anxiety. This is one of the reasons to **PRAY** your **WHOLE ARMOR** on **DAILY** (Eph. 6:11-17).

On my 2-hour Omega Man show, the anointed awesome host, Shannon Davis & I have had some powerful shows. The gal who was suffering heard my show on "Suffering Leads to Glory." (I Peter) There were 27 attending my Bible Studies which is a joy to do.

The 5th Sunday is always at the ELA Juvenile Division. It is hard to see "kids" that are 10-17 in the system. I can see brokenness, pain & wounds. Some don't have families, some have been abused, some are there for drugs etc., etc. **PLEASE** pray for the youth of our country & our family structure.

As I ministered to 70 youths, I asked a question: What does **GOD** most require of you? Is it **LOVE**? Or Worship? Maybe Obedience? **SURPRISE!!!** What **GOD** wants from us is **HUMILITY**. That means to put others **FIRST**. **HUMILITY** doesn't mean you think less of yourself, **BUT** that you think of yourself **LESS**. The definition is simple, the action difficult.

We live in a "me-first" society, very competitive, that often sees **HUMILITY** as a sign of weakness. Was **JESUS** weak? **NO!** Of course not!!! Yet, **HIS** life was the ultimate example of **HUMILITY**. **HE** is **LORD** of **LORDS**, **KING** of **KINGS** (Rev. 19:16), yet **HE HUMBLED HIMSELF** to be born in a stable, & to be a servant (Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45). **HE** even died on the cross for you & me, the most shameful death possible in **HIS** day.

The truth is, **GOD** is more interested in your **HUMILITY** than in your greatest accomplishments. After all, everything else in our spiritual life flows from it. Our compassion, kindness, gentleness, & forgiveness are **ALL** affected by **HUMILITY**. Even our spiritual life depends on **HUMILITY**, for if we do **NOT** surrender our will, **JESUS** cannot be **LORD** of our life. The opposite of **HUMILITY** is pride. Scripture tells us **GOD** detests pride. In fact, Proverbs 16:5 calls it "an abomination to the **LORD**." When we are proud, we are defying the Sovereignty of **GOD** by exulting ourselves above **HIM** (Jas. 4:6; I Peter 5:5; Prov. 16:18). Before you and I can become truly **HUMBLE**, we must be willing to deal with specific areas of pride in our lives. Here are key areas we are to examine:

1) **Your possessions** — Are they an area of pride? Be honest!

2) **Your position** — Don't bask in your high position. Remember this! **GOD** is the **ONE** who gave it to you (James 1:17).

3) **Your knowledge** — No matter if you are an expert, let others speak. You might learn something.

4) **Your achievements & awards** — Recognize & reward those who helped you get to where you are.

5) **Your gifts & talents** — Find someone less talented; encourage, nurture, & help them to grow and mature. Teach them to **PRAISE HIM!**

6) **Your appearance** — Attack this area of pride by looking for the good features in others. **GOD** made us!

7) **Your response to GOD'S Will** — Pride can block you from doing what **GOD** asks of you & experiencing the **JOY** of living, within **HIS PERFECT WILL. SEEK HIS WILL DAILY!**

Beloved, in the months to come, I urge you to follow the call of I Peter 5:6, to "humble yourself under the mighty hand of **GOD** that **HE** may exalt you at the proper time."

I was so blessed that my daughter Lea & my grandchildren, Ali Mae (6) & Ryan (4) visited me for 4 days. It was a perfect time as I was boxed in my home from the surgery. It was a fun time and I got a lot of love. I am a blessed man.

Until next month, may **GOD** bless you abundantly. To you who sent love offerings, I thank you & **PRAISE HIM!**

In His Majesty's Service,

Dear Friend,

If the Lord leads you to send a love offering for my Skid Row and Prison Ministry, please send it to:

Heavenly Manna Inc.

8942 Willis Ave. Unit 9, Panorama City, CA 91402

My tax I.D. number for your records is 93-1112647.

May God abundantly bless you.

In His love,

Mel

### **TESTIMONY OF MARDY LYN**

Thank you so much for sending me the Arsenal of Protection Prayers. I passed them out at our Bible Study. The girls loved them. I am getting so close to our Lord and people can see it. I'm smiling all the time even when I'm asleep. I still have my moments, but I can't say I'd change this for anything in the world. I can really hear "God." He has been talking to me and working so much in me. I'm learning to walk fully in the Spirit. Complete obedience is so hard, sometimes. I'm praying really hard to get to C.I.W. Yeah, it's tough waiting on God, even though I'm getting so close to Him. I still have a hard time trusting or just being still, I think. Anyhow, I hope this letter finds you in the best of spirits.

God bless you!! I look forward to attending one of your Bible Studies, God willing, soon!

### **TESTIMONY OF RICHIE NUNNO**

May the joy of the Lord be your strength!! Nehemiah 8:10!! My name is Richie Nunno and I have met you many times when you used to go to Donovan State Prison between 1997-2010. I have been at Solano Prison since 2011. I have taken to heart your prayer & armor message all these years. I fight against the devil and his evil angels with God's armor and the Living Word. I still have all the verses memorized that you gave us in your pamphlet.

Just recently, my friend and brother in Christ, Eddie Gonzalez, got paroled to Los Angeles after being in prison almost 30 years. I hope that you have seen him by now. If you see him, tell him that I said, "Hello."

My friend, Vernon Foster, also got paroled last year. He was our head elder at the church in Donovan Prison. You may remember him. He had the slightly red hair.

I was wondering if I can get on your mailing list to receive your newsletter if possible. I next go to the Parole Board in January of 2017, and if I get parole, it will be to LA County. I would love to work at a church or mission if possible when I get out. I sure do miss your passion for using God's Word to stand our ground as Christians and be victorious. Thank you again for coming into the prisons and reaching us with God's Word. You have touched countless lives and your rewards in Heaven will be abundant!!!!!!!!!!!!!!