

Beloved friends in **CHRIST**, I pray that during these days of very heavy Spiritual Warfare you are praying your Arsenal warfare prayer DAILY. (Eph. 6:11-17). These days demand a commitment to live a life of **FAITH & TRUST** in **JESUS**, who defeated satan at the Cross of Calvary.

I did some services in August when my pain allowed me to go about the **LORD'S** work. The pain wasn't as bad after the 2nd week of August. On Friday, I saw Dr. Kim & received another injection in my right shoulder for the 2nd time in 2 weeks. It still didn't work. I cried out to the **LORD** the 9th-11th, (Ps. 30:2; Ps. 34:6, 15-19; Ps. 107:6, 13, 19 & 28) & Friday my lower back & surgery area pain left. **P.T.L.**

I was able to do 14 services, including two 2-hour Omega Man shows. It was good to be back at the Skid Row Missions. The Fred Jordan & Union Rescue Mission services went very well. I had packed services as it was 100 degrees most of the month. One service was cancelled at FJM. I missed an LA Co. Jail service on the 2nd because a lockdown. Finally did the 31st service. There were 52 inmates & 50 prayed the Salvation Prayer. The Holy Spirit moved in every service. I totally depend on **HIM** (John 6:44). Next month, I will walk the tiers with my cane, in the Super Max — high profile area.

My two 2-hour Bible studies were on "The Secret to Sustaining Peace" & "**JESUS CHRIST, Hopes, & GOD'S Word.**" Everyone was blessed by the **WORD** of **GOD** (Rev. 19:13). I was sorry to miss Lee Benton's birthday Bible study at CBS. I had a dinner meeting with the Producer of "Stalin" (his younger years). I have a co-star role in this 40 million dollar film.

On August 21st, I received a "Living Legend Award at the Martialcom in the Long Beach Convention Center. It is a prestigious award. I wore my tux & had Sandy Penny & Angela Friis with me. Sandy is my co-star in Shaolin Fighters & Angela Friis does the makeup. Also did a Christian show on Skype, 2 Hollywood shows, plus 2 more days of shooting Shaolin Fighters for Producer-Director Les Fong. I was blessed to be a guest at "Artists for Trauma." I met many courageous people. There was a lot of love there.

Speaking of **LOVE**. Do you love **GOD**? Immediately you may think, "well, of course I do Mel" But I ask you to consider: Does your heart really hunger & thirst for the **LORD**? Do you realize how very much **HE** loves you (Jeremiah 31:3)? Did you ever say, "Father, I don't know?" If so, it is painful admission. **HE** helps you to see that you were having such a difficult time accepting **HIS** unconditional love because deep within you, you still believe you had to earn or deserve it. Are you trying to merit the love that the Savior has freely given you at the Cross of Calvary? If you are withholding areas of your life from **HIM**, are you really **TRUSTING HIM**? That will hinder the depth of

your relationship with Him in every way.

You see, **INTIMACY** with the **LORD** is more than you & I can do to make **HIM** happy. It is about who we are — our personalities, character, skills & everything else about us — being completely devoted to who **HE** is, just as **HE** is to us. Romans 5:8 reminds us, "**GOD** demonstrates **HIS** own love toward us, in that while we were still yet sinners, **CHRIST** died for us." **HE** loves us unconditionally. **HIS love never fails — even when we do.**

Do you doubt that you love the **FATHER** in this way? Are there areas of your life that you haven't entrusted to **HIM** because of some fear (II Tim. 1:7) or inadequacy (Phil. 4:13)? Do you realize the depth of **HIS** love for you personally? These are very important questions to ask because there is nothing as beneficial or freeing as truly experiencing an **INTIMATE** relationship with **GOD**. When you open yourself completely to **HIS** unfailing love! **HE** builds within you stability, security, serenity, sensitivity & spiritual understanding. Allow me to explain:

FIRST: **INTIMACY** with the **LORD** builds stability in your life. A relationship with **GOD** is like an anchor that keeps you grounded, no matter what your circumstances are, because **HE** never changes (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8) & **HE** will never leave you nor forsake you (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5; Deut. 31:6).

SECOND: As you grow in your relationship with the **SAVIOR**, you realize how secure you truly are in **HIM**. **HE** teaches you how profoundly **HE** cares for you, just as you are, **NOT** because you are perfect, but because it is **HIS** nature to do so.

THIRD: **INTIMACY** with **GOD** is the key to serenity. Even in difficult times you have **PEACE** because you have confidence that your situation is in **HIS** capable hands (II Chron. 20:15; I Sam. 17:47; Exodus 14:14).

FOURTH: You develop sensitivity toward others — understanding the struggles they experience. The **HOLY SPIRIT** in you makes you effective in ministry to others.

FIFTH: Spending time **DAILY** with the **FATHER**, listening to **HIM** in **PRAYER & MEDITATING** upon **SCRIPTURE DAILY** will increase your spiritual understanding. You will begin to comprehend **GOD'S WORD** in a deeper way that ever before, & **HE** will teach you to see your life from **HIS** perspective.

Opening yourself to an intimate relationship with the **FATHER** can be daunting, but I can assure you, there is nothing in the world more worthwhile or wonderful than knowing **HIM** & experiencing **HIS** love, compassion, mercy & grace. **P.T.L.**

Until next month, may **GOD** bless you and to you who sent love offerings, a 100-fold return.

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 CORINE MY STORY — FIGHTING MY WAY TO FLIGHT

At ages 10-15 I was sexually abused by a family member. Because I didn't understand sex or abuse or self worth, I never spoke up. I was the loud teenage girl who seemed to be full of life, but I who went home to become the silent teenage girl who felt dead inside. It took my entire life to find my way back to that young girl, so I could rescue her. I didn't know that I had left her behind. I thought I was just moving on by forgetting the past, but the past defines what we become. I tried hard to make others feel special and valuable, as I couldn't not find it for myself. After years of being a wife, mother, friend, sister, and christian, I found myself alone — widowed and an empty-nester, and relocated thousands of miles from most of my family and friends. My life all of a sudden was unfamiliar and I felt lost. Being alone was God's gift to me. It was my cocoon experience, where I was tightly wrapped in a dark place I would learn to fight my way out of. If you **DON'T** give up, it will drive you to the feet of Jesus. I had to finally face the abuse — I had to go back and rescue that young girl who still lives inside of me. I had to let her cry and wail; I had to let her forgive herself for not saving herself then — for not knowing how; I had to see that someone abusing me did **NOT** change **MY** value; I had to give that young girl the voice she had silenced herself. Jesus walked me through that valley of the shadow of death. He walked me through it, and He walked me **OUT** of it. If you like me, need to face something horrific from your past, let God be the one who sits with you in the darkness and will fight **WITH** you and **FOR** you. You are not alone. His heart for you is that you burst forth from your dark cocoon and become that beautiful butterfly who has always been waiting to just be released for flight. After meeting Mel Novak, I am praying God's Arsenal prayer daily. Lord bless you all.