

With great enthusiasm, I greet you in the **MIGHTY** name of **JESUS**. I pray that **HE** shines on you with **GRACE & LOVE**, & that "**IT IS WELL WITH YOUR SOUL.**" With pure joy, let us bow our knees in **PRAISE & WORSHIP**, humbling our hearts before **HIM**, because **HE** & only **HE** alone is **WORTHY**.

July was a most satisfying month of ministry with chapel services, Bible studies, counseling, and scores of calls for prayers. There were 18 services & over 400 prayed the Salvation prayer with, of course, the **HOLY SPIRIT** drawing them into the Kingdom (John 6:44).

The Chapel services were **ALL** packed & the heat wave took its toll. Water was given to so many who were dehydrated in the high 90-100+ degree weather. The harvests were so encouraging! All received the Arsenal Prayer. Some wanted Bibles & reading glasses. All my messages were encouraging & uplifting with **HOPE**. Hopelessness is the most devastating emotion in the world. L.A. Co. Jail had one packed service and one sparse service. These inmates are hungry for the Word. Even in the hallways, when I am on my way to the tiers, inmates know of me & ask for the warfare Arsenal Prayers. The counseling with some have been very fruitful, & painful. This month's testimony of Curtis touched my heart & shows what I do in prisons & Skid Row, & that it's **NOT** in vain. Someone recently said that it was & that hurt. This is where the Lord sent me.

Omega Man has been an awesome 2-hour time in the **LORD** with Bro. Shannon Davis. My Bible studies have had 25-32 attend. I just did one on "Renewing our Minds" (Romans 12:2).

I was a presenter at the Life Awards Love Film Festival and had a co-star role with Sally Kirkland in "When It Rings," a thriller. Also, did a short with 7 named celebrities called "Cadillac Respect." Amazingly, I had **NO** ministry during the days of shooting. My **GOD** is an awesome God!

I really enjoyed my service at the E.L.A. Juvenile Div. There were no fights or disruptions. Over 40 prayed the Salvation Prayer & all received the Arsenal Prayer. Some young girls cried. **SAD**.

On July 10, I attended the wake and service of my dear friend & brother, in Christ, Tim Sweeny who went home with the **LORD**, (II Cor. 5:8). When I spoke, I said, "Tim was a man filled with **LOVE**."

But what about us? Sometimes our attention isn't on all the **LOVE** we are receiving, but on what we are lacking. Our thoughts are focused on the family members, friends & relationships that we have lost, and are separated from...or that are absent for whatever reason.

We can fail to recognize the tremendous blessings **GOD** has provided for us because we are burdened by the pain that comes when someone's love is missing from our lives. I want to ask you if you are experiencing this. Be honest & look into your heart (Luke 16:15).

Perhaps many miles separate you from someone you love. I struggle with that...my daughters Nikol & Lea, & my brother Robert are all out of state. Or maybe your hurt comes from a relationship you've always longed for but never experienced. Sometimes **GOD** allows us to walk thru these difficult situations & circumstances so you & I will realize how much we need **HIS** over abundant, sacrificial **LOVE**.

LOVE is the most important emotion we can experience. **I MISS THAT!** It has been a long time, but we were not created to express it to one another. We were made to **LOVE GOD** & have an intimate relationship with **HIM**. Human **LOVE** will never fulfill all our needs, no matter how much we try to make it do so. It will always fall short.

So, whenever we seek acceptance (Acts 5:29) from people instead of the **LORD**, our passion for **HIM** will grow cold & suffer for it. The only way to stop this is to focus so absolutely on **JESUS** that we care for others because of **HIS** overflowing, unconditional **LOVE** in our lives, not of our need for affection. So how do you make sure that your passion for the **LORD** is all it should be?

FIRST: Feeling that longing & emptiness inside is a good indicator that you have not sought & received **GOD'S LOVE** as fully as you can. The **FATHER'S** grace is sufficient to sustain you. (Read I John. 4:16-19).

SECOND: Evaluate how you feel about the **LORD** by the way you treat **HIS WORD**. Have you begun to neglect the Bible, **HIS LOVE** letter to you? (See John. 14:21).

THIRD: You cannot have a relationship without communication, so you must examine your prayer life. (See Heb. 4:16). Prayer invades the impossible.

FOURTH: Are you consistent with your church attendance? **LOVE** for **GOD** always translates into **LOVE** for **HIS** people? (John 13:34-35).

FIFTH: Make sure you are obeying **GOD** in every way you know how. (I Sam. 15:22). This includes repenting for your sins, giving as the **WORD** directs (Mal. 3:10-12), & serving whatever the calling (Matt. 20:28; John 15:5-11).

GOD can fill you with the **LOVE** that never ceases and Jeremiah 31:3 tells it all.

Until next month, III John 2...& a 100-fold return for your love offerings. **THANK YOU**.

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 CURTIS

First of all I was, and I'm still in shock that you remembered me. It was so long ago that I played the guitar at your service! And you signed the Soul-Dier for Christ for me, I kept it, and I still have it today. It was such a pleasure to meet you.

I would like to share something with you. Because of you and your prayers at that time I am not a bitter man! I used to blame the world, not anymore. I've been incarcerated for 20 years now. I am 69 years old. And believe it or not I'm better now than I have ever been. I have let Jesus do the driving and I ride with Him.

Before I go any further Mr. Novak, I want to thank you from my heart for you writing to the Clemency Board for me. If I'm released or not I'm already free with Jesus and no matter what happens we will be okay. I don't know if you'll get this letter or not, but I surely ope so, only if you really knew how thankful I am that you would write a letter on my behalf.

God bless you Mr. Novak, and thank you for showing me how to pray. By the way, I'm still playing the guitar. I have prayed pretty much my whole life. I've seen that with man it is impossible but with God all things are possible (Matt 19:26, Mark 10:27). Well, Mr. Novak, I know you're busy, but I wanted to thank you and I'm so pleased that you would remember one prisoner among so many! Such as I. Thank you ever so much, and please pray for me, for I will pray for you.

POEM OF A LIFER — DANIEL

A sinner I was and will always be, but now I'm forgiven because Jesus died for me.

He's given me happiness, peace and joy. Yes, He has made a very happy boy.

The troubles of life don't hurt so badly, because HE helps me out, I'm a very lucky lad.

The fellowship He's given me is O' so great, because with my Christian friends there is no hate.

He saved my soul from eternal hell, and as an instrument He has used Mel.

Now I am totally forgiven, and it's time for thanks & praise to be given.

The first thanks to be given, in excitement I would like to boast, it goes to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Second goes to all my friends who have helped me well, but special thanks goes to Mel.

To Mel I would like to say, you have helped me out in many a way.

Thank you Mel for taking me under your wing, you've taught me to cope with just about everything — even life without parole.