

GRACE and **PEACE** to each of you from **GOD** our **FATHER** & our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. During these dark days in our world, I pray "It is well with your soul," & that you are rejoicing (Phil. 4:4) in the **LORD**. We must be praying diligently by **FAITH** (Matt. 7:7, 8) & saturate our mind with **HOLY SCRIPTURE** (Acts 4:12).

August was brutal month of heat, in the 100s, but it was a fruitful month of winning souls. In 17 services, over 300 prayed the Salvation Prayer, drawn by the Holy Spirit (John 6:44).

It was also a month of devastating news of cancer, suicide, heart attacks, falling from "clean & sober" & a nervous breakdown. These are calls I get for prayer. **PLEASE** pray my Arsenal Spiritual Warfare prayer, **DAILY**, starting off with your Spiritual Armor, which is a command (Eph. 6:11). If the Shield of Faith is **NOT** prayed on (Eph. 6:16), you will be hit with assaults from satan.

I missed a service at LA Co. Jail after hearing that my grandchild, Elijah, 17, was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma or Osteosarcoma cancer. Lea & I are confident that **GOD** will heal & deliver him. He is a great kid that never did drugs, drank or smoked. **PLEASE PRAY! JESUS** is his **LORD & SAVIOR**. Also, pray for my brother Robert.

This is why the **HOLY SPIRIT** had me write "Walk by Faith, Not by Sight (II Cor. 5:7) for this month. I use this scripture a lot in messages.

My service at the ELA Juvenile, after an encouraging message ended up with 2 girls having a fist fight. So much anger. I had 3 other services at the War Zone, L.A. Co. Jail. Again, it was **REVIVAL** time as 147 out of 150 prayed the Salvation Prayer. I gave out dozens of Bibles, Arsenal Prayers & devotionals.

Omega Man Internet Programs with Shannon Ray Davis & my 2 Bible Studies on identifying satanic entities were powerful & well attended.

Chino Women's Prison Service with Bro. Ron Zaucha had a packed chapel & every one there prayed the Salvation Prayer. The counselling at L.A. Co. Jail & home was very encouraging, & seeing struggling people express old wounds that needed healing. **GOD** is good. **FORGIVENESS** is crucial, including forgiving oneself (Matt. 6:14, 15).

The Fred Jordan Mission Services were well attended even in the heat, but the harvest was not what I hoped for. I always say, "One more Lord."

To live out our **FAITH** & have an effective prayer life, we need to learn to love **JESUS CHRIST** all over again. **HE** has to be **FIRST LOVE**. Go back to Calvary, to Gethsemane, knowing **LOVE** sent **JESUS** to the cross to pay the price for our sins.

Even when we go thru the trials, troubles & tribulations (Ps. 34:19), Paul the Apostle tells us "to

give thanks in **ALL** things." (Eph. 3:20). Hebrews 12:5, 6 is a "tuff" one. But when devastation comes into our lives, we are **NEVER** alone. (Heb. 13:5; Deut. 31:6; Matt. 28:20). Know that **GOD** is fighting our battles (II Chron. 20:15; I Sam. 17:47).

Heartache & suffering transforms us, drawing us closer to **HIM** (I Peter 5:7). As we rest, trust & lean on **HIM**, which is what **GOD** desires, our **FAITH** grows (Luke 17:5). Thanking & Praising **GOD** readjusts our focus.

In a fallen world with so much anxiety, worry, fretting, pressure, tension & stress — a world that puts too many demands upon us, we often drift away from the important things in life, & serving **HIM** is one (Matt. 20:20; Mk. 10:45).

My **FAITH & TRUST** is **NOT** some miraculous deliverance, but in **GOD** alone (Nahum 1:7; Ps. 91:12; Prov. 3:5, 6). One of the best ways to strengthen your **FAITH** is to spend time praying & thanking **GOD** for what **HE** has done in your life. When the storms of life become overwhelming, do you "walk by **FAITH**, focusing on **JESUS**, on **GOD'S** promises?" (II Cor. 1:20). Or, are you sinking as you look at your circumstances & conditions, taking your eyes off **JESUS** like Peter did in Matt. 14:25-32. Walk by **FAITH**, not by sight. We release **FAITH** & not stifle it. Fear & doubt are killers of **FAITH**.

In Heb. 11:1, "**FAITH** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." We need to learn by **FAITH** to pray in expectation (Ps. 62:5). **NOT** giving doubt a place (James 1:6). **FAITH** breaks thru blindness (II Cor. 4:4). **GOD** gives a measure of **FAITH** to everyone (Rom. 12:3).

When we develop & increase our **FAITH**, (Luke 17:5) results are: Justification (Gal. 2:16); Peace with **GOD** (Rom. 5:1); Security (Matt. 11:28); Answered prayer (Mark 11:23, 24); Healing (Jas. 5:15). **FAITH** comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). We are saved by **FAITH** (Eph. 2:8).

FAITH in **JESUS CHRIST** gives us **HOPE** (Rom. 15:13). **GOD** is the foundation of hope. **HOPE** is not a religion nor is it philosophical. Peace & joy produces hope & builds expectation, knowing & believing that **GOD** is in control of every believer's life. **THAT'S FAITH!**

Refuse to bow to the Goliaths & giants in your life...the mountains. Go to **GOD** & pray by **FAITH**. Be a Caleb & possess the land. Explore the root of the problem in the garden of your soul, uproot the strongholds by the living water **JESUS** offers (Jn. 7:37). Replant with **FAITH**.

Until next month, Lord bless you all. Thank you who sent love offerings.

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 BOB

I am a volunteer jail chaplain near the church where Mel and I attend together. It is always a blessing for me to hear Mel share his worldwide ministry opportunities within the prison systems. Recently, I was asked to pray from our church platform for the needs of the people in the congregation. I had seen Mel come into the church that morning, he was struggling to walk. Too many stunts for too many years, yet he had a huge smile. Later as we spoke, he explained his recent trip to the prison at Pelican Bay. He had done five services, every one of the men who attended the services had prayed the Salvation Prayer. The inmates saw a Christian whose heart for them was bigger than his pain and they said, "Yes!" to a God who had a servant with that much love for them. Later in our church service, as I prayed for the needs of our people, Mel's healing was one of my prayers. However, as I prayed I thought of Jesus, who on several occasions said, "All things are possible with God," but then He went to the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed, "If it is possible let this cup pass from My hand." Then He went to the cross, because of His love for us. Was it "possible," Jesus' love for us said, "Yes." So Mel said, "Yes" and walks with Jesus, even as difficult as it is.

Later that day, I thought of my own experience thirty years prior. My wife, Jan and I praying for healing for our five-year-old son, Wesley, who had leukemia, but God was calling him home. The day Wesley went home, I knelt down next to him and asked, "Wes are you ready to be with Jesus?," he looked up and said, "Yes," I asked really? He said "Yes," then I asked, "Are you afraid?" He said, "No. Nuh-uh." About fifteen hours later Wesley would close his eyes here on earth and open to his eyes in his Heavenly home. At the time my sorrow was beyond words, but overtime Jesus' words became true, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall find their Comforter." (My interpretation and experience.) I did not realize at the time that walking that experience would give me a voice into the inmates lives', those facing the death penalty or life in prison. I can look in their eyes and say, "Thirty years ago, if God had said to me, "Bob, if you are willing to spend the rest of your life in prison or give up your life, Wesley will live." He would not have had to ask me twice. All the men, I have ever spoken to have agreed, they would have all made the same choice. Then I can say to each one of them, if God's love got me through that, He will certainly see you through this. Sometimes, trials take us down hard roads, even into the Valley of the Shadow of Death, to teach us to fear no evil for He is always with us. So it is with the inmates looking at death row or life in prison. God is not done with them, as Paul, the persecutor of the Church wrote, "Forgetting those things that lie behind, I press on to the upward high call in Christ Jesus!" No one has a voice of hope like those who have walked the hard roads and found Christ faithful through them all. Our God is a good and faithful God.