

Greetings in the **MIGHTY** name of our **BLESSED SAVIOR**, our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. **HE** is the **LORD of GLORY** who is preparing a home for us in Heaven. With pure joy, let us bow our knees in praise & worship, humbling our hearts before **HIM**. Only thru **JESUS**, (Acts 4:12), can we have the **BLESSED HOPE of ETERNAL LIFE** (Rom. 10: 9, 10).

In July, 2 services were cancelled & the lowest harvest of souls all year in 16 services. The **HOLY SPIRIT** drew in over 250 (John 6:44). God's Word went forth, as usual, but the battle for souls is the war (II Cor. 10:3). In 36 years of ministering 'behind enemy lines,' I have learned to plant the seed — **GOD'S HOLY WORD** and watch the **HOLY SPIRIT** move. **HE ALWAYS DOES!**

My services at the 'Warzone,' LA Co Jail, were powerful. In one service, 45 out of 46 prayed the Salvation Prayer. All received Bibles, Arsenal Prayers, & Devotionals. I counseled 9 which was a good month of counseling. I am always encouraging everyone to read & study the **WORD of GOD**. I have given out over 300,000 Bibles.

The service at the ELA Juvenile is always hard for me to do. These kids are ages 10-16, boys & girls. They certainly need encouragement to know that **GOD** does **NOT** turn anyone away from the Cross of Calvary (I Peter 3:9; II Tim. 2:4). It was a small group — small harvest. Half left the Arsenal Prayer.

I did 5 services in 5 days which was a blessing. Meri Crouley's Ministry & Lee Benton's CBS service was a time of anointing. In Meri's meeting, she gives awesome words of knowledge. My 2-hour, twice-a-month Bible study had 65 in 2 services. Part I was on Deliverance: Demonic Entities.

I love the Fred Jordan Mission services. I had my brother from another mother, Ron Zaucha give his awesome testimony. It's amazing how **GOD** changed & called Ron into ministry. He went from a gun-toting drug pusher to a minister with a degree. Also, was blessed to fly to Detroit, MI to co-star in a big movie with a big cast called 'Abeyance.' I get killed, but play a man with honor & integrity. I also get to see my brother, Robert (Radislav) Mrdjenovich & his wife, Frances. Most of you know, I am Milan Mrdjenovich. I love & miss my brother, a best ever brother.

I spent July 4th, Independence Day at home, reflecting how many brave armed forces gave their lives so USA has freedom. Ultimate sacrifices.

Again this month, I received so many calls for prayer: loneliness; calamities; rejection; abandonment; & betrayal. So I pray & encourage, but then I say, "**GOD is in control of your life.**"

It's just a seven-word phrase, but it describes a Biblical principle that I believe. **EVERYONE** needs

to know this in today's world of change, challenges & adversity (Ps. 34:19). Hide it in your heart, ponder it in your mind, but above all, put your **FAITH** in its rock-solid reassuring truth: **GOD is in control of your life.**

Believing & acting upon the reality that a Sovereign **GOD** is lovingly, wisely & omnipotently in control of our lives. All that affects us is the source of our peace, comfort & joy (Neh. 8:10). **GOD** rules the universe. He commands the cosmos (Ps. 115:3). The nations & their leaders are **HIS** to bring down or raise up (Daniel 5:21). These are scriptural truths that I readily believe. Even if we do not doubt that **GOD** is in control, we may sometimes struggle to believe **HE** is in charge of our lives.

I understand the fear (II Tim. 1:7) & anxiety (Phil. 4:6) that comes when faced with situations that overwhelm us & seem to contradict the sovereignty of **GOD**. "If **GOD** is in control, they tell me, the why are all of these things happening to me? Why does everything seem so out of control?"

I also have fought with these battles: 28 surgeries; crippled 5 years from a Pro Baseball shoulder injury; should have died 7 times; living with pain a third of my life. **BUT**, invariably, the knowledge that **GOD** was in control of my life gave me the courage to persevere & ultimately triumph.

Bad things happen to Christians. Be assured that **GOD is in control of our circumstances.** **GOD** can & does use our difficult circumstances to accomplish **HIS** Sovereign purpose (Romans 8:28).

Be assured that **GOD is in control of our testing.** **GOD** never tempts us (Jas. 1:13), but Prov. 17:3 shows **HE** tests us. **GOD** permits & controls our seasons of testing & will never give us more than we can handle.

Be assured that **GOD is in control of your future.** Most anxiety & stress is about **WHAT** might happen; not what has occurred. I use Jeremiah 29:11, in many sermons. **GOD** says, "For I know the thoughts & plans that I have for you, plans for peace, not for evil, to give you a future & a hope." But in verse 13, **GOD** said, "You will seek **ME** & find **ME** when you search for **ME** with **ALL** your heart." **GOD** is completely responsible for the men & women who are completely committed to **HIM**. (Matt. 6:33)

HE is in control of our future & as it is written in Genesis 50:20, "**GOD** will use for **GOOD** what satan meant for **EVIL.**" You are responsible for all of your actions, but your life is ultimately in **HIS** good hands.

Until next month, **LORD** bless you & praise **GOD** for 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 RUBEN

I was raised in the mean streets of East Los Angeles in an abusive home, in a gang infested area, and heavily influenced by relatives who were gang members. I hoped to escape the cycle, that ruined so many lives, so I joined a boxing gym, I established myself with hard work to the title of Olympic hopeful. However, due to an injury, I was not able to fight in the box offs.

I then joined the Los Angeles Police Department. Once out of the academy, I was sent to work undercover, narcotics in a high school. While undercover, I was involved in a shootout with two armed robbers. I got shot in both legs and I shot the robber. The shooting incident left me with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

I recovered, then returned to work as a gang cop, Rampart division. I was in another shootout. After that, I began to chase the adrenaline. I was living angry, full of hate and bitterness. I was angry at the police department and was walking in unforgiveness. Then out of spite, I began to get contracted by the cartels to collect debts and rob the competition. My worst battles came from the demonic spirit world, that followed me from my dark life with the Mexican Drug Cartel and the witches that cursed me. I was arrested 2001 on federal drug trafficking charges and sentenced to 18 years. While in prison, someone preached the gospel to me and I surrendered my life to Jesus.

Jesus began to do a powerful work in me. I walked the yards, and He used me to preach in there. I'm complete now. All my life, I have been trying to fill my empty heart with power, money, drugs, women, violence and acceptance, yet I could not. Jesus is the only one that can fulfill us and complete us. Please stop running from His perfect love.

I recently met Mel Novak when my wife & I attended his Bible study. He gave us his Spiritual Warfare Arsenal prayer that my wife and I pray daily.

God bless you all. My book, *Redemption of a L.A.P.D. Rogue Cop*, about my experience with fierce demonic attacks, to deliverance and inner healing through my relationship with Jesus Christ is on Amazon.