

Beloved friend in **CHRIST**, I pray that you are well & being blessed. I always say, "You have health — you have wealth." Again, I encourage you to pray your Full Armor on **DAILY** (Eph. 6:11) as Spiritual Warfare, a **DAILY** battle, is constant & increasing.

I was able to encourage so many this month with some scriptures in John. In John 6:56-58, **JESUS** said that only **THOSE** who accept **HIM** will have eternal life. In John 6:28-36, **JESUS** said the **FATHER** sent **HIM** to give life. In John 6:37-45, **JESUS** said **HE** would resurrect **ALL** those whom the **FATHER** gives **HIM**. In John 6:47-55, **JESUS** said **HE** would give **HIS** body & blood for those who believe in **HIM**.

These are wonderful promises of **GOD** (II Cor. 1:20). That is why I have encouraged countless numbers to spend quality time in **GOD'S WORD**. How will you find **HIS** promises if you don't spend time with **HIM** & **HIS** word? It gets old when I hear, "Well Mel, I am busy." So is the devil. Find **GOD'S "I WILL"** in the **BIBLE**. Powerful!!!

June was a blessed month for me. My Birthday on the 16th was on Father's Day this year. Yes, like the old wonderful comedian, Jack Benny, I am 39 again. I missed my daughters so much. Gloria Muscarella had a B/D-Bible Study pot-luck party on the 17th which was a blessing. In our 2 monthly Bible Studies, we have some wonderful prayer intercessors — a truly great ministry.

The end of last month, I was in Michigan filming "Ash & Bone" for multitalented Harley Wallen. I was able to see my brother, Robert & his wife, Frances, which was an awesome treat.

Also attended dear friend Lee Benton's Bible Study on June 9th. There were over a dozen calls for prayer & counseling this month. It's a constant flow of wounds & past hurts. I give Isa. 43:18, 19 which tells us, "Remember **NOT** the former things nor consider the things of old. Behold," **GOD** says, " **I WILL DO A NEW THING.**"

The mind is being constantly assaulted by the devil — mostly about the past, which can torment one constantly. Remember, that when you repent & ask to be forgiven, **GOD** does **NOT** remember sin (Isa. 43:25, Jer. 31-34B). **HE** puts them in the "Sea of forgetfulness" (Micah 7:19).

The Fred Jordan Mission services have been packed. It is encouraging to see heads bobbing up & down — that **GOD'S WORD** is penetrating. I see new faces. The homeless population in LA keeps growing. That's why I must be persistent & share the blessed **HOPE** of **CHRIST**. **NOBODY** is turned away (II Peter 3:9; I Tim. 2:4). I **NEVER** give up on anybody (Luke 18:1).

Bro. Shannon Ray Davis, a new dad (son Judah) & I have had powerful, anointed Omega Man shows.

It's 2 hours of encouraging **GOD'S WORD**. Many aspects of Spiritual Warfare are addressed, always with Scriptures to back it up.

Every month, the **HOLY SPIRIT** & I have a mini-sermon to present, along with what I do each month.

I asked the **LORD** how I could bless you, to give something from **GOD'S WORD** just for you as you read them. In James 2:15-17, "If a brother or sister be naked & destitute of daily food & you say unto them, depart in peace, be warmed & filled; not withstanding, you give them not those things which are needful to the body; **WHAT DOES IT PROFIT?** Even as **FAITH**, if it has **NOT** works, is dead, being alone."

Do these verses move us deeply? I have ministered on Skid Row for many years & witnessed the awful poverty & heart-breaking living conditions. I've hugged people where the stench of urine gagged me. I can never forget these years. It impacts you for life.

I have always believed I am responsible for those needs that are placed before me. We do **NOT** cause the poverty & suffering — that is the result of man's fallen nature & lack of knowledge (Hos. 4:6) about the saving **GRACE** of **JESUS CHRIST** (Eph. 2:8).

I hear it said, "We are **NOT** saved by good works." True — we are saved by **FAITH** alone, trusting in the sacrifice of **CHRIST** at Calvary (Acts 4:12). But these good works testify to the compassion of **JESUS CHRIST**. **JESUS** is the epitome of compassion & humility, and they echo the heart of God.

It is obedience to the Word of the **LORD** to care for widows, the fatherless & the poor. Doing these things does **NOT** save you (Rom. 10:9, 10) — but it answers my need to stand one day before **CHRIST** & hear **HIM** say, "I was hungry & you fed me, naked & you clothed me, in prison & you visited **ME**. Inasmuch as you have done it to one of these, the least of these, you have done it unto **ME** (Matt. 25:34-46; Isa. 61:1-3).

James leaves **NO** room for excuses. He says, "If you do **NOT** give them whose things that are needed for the body (& spirit) what does it profit? In other words, your **FAITH** has **NOT** profited. I know that I have to do more than talk **FAITH**, **I MUST ACT FAITH.**"

It is a loving reminder that if **GOD** has blessed us & provided for our needs (Phil. 4:19) — reach out to those in need — spiritually, emotionally, physically, **GOD** will show you and we will be judged if we do not. According to Matthew 25, this will be high on **GOD'S** agenda at the Judgement Seat of **CHRIST** (Rom. 14:10 & 12).

Until next month, may **GOD** richly bless you. I thank you & praise **HIM** for your 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 RICKY

I want to thank you, Mel, from the bottom of my heart for your spiritual guidance, good words from God and most of all, the friendship that you and I cultivated throughout this past year, a friendship that I hold dear and value very much so. And for your Arsenal prayer.

I had a rough ride this past year, but hearing you around made things better. You need a 3-dimensional roadmap and a GPS tracker to locate me the more bearable, my friend. God bless you, friend. What did you say in that county jail? Ha! Ha! That was the truth, huh? Things were getting crazy for a little bit there, but what doesn't kill us will only make us stronger. "Endurance." You always preached, "He that endureth." On 6/19/14, they transferred me out here to Wasco. Its way out here in the middle of the country near Bakersfield, nothing but farms and orchards for miles and miles around. It's not so bad here. They let us out to the yard on Wednesday, early in the morning, just after breakfast so it is still nice and cool out (it gets hot here!). It felt so good to be able to run around and exercise after being cooped up in that county jail for "20" months with nothing but a concrete yard and dog kennel cages. I did pull-ups, dips, push-ups and jogged a few laps around the track. I think the jogging was the best part. I felt like I could breathe, you know. They give us yard 2 times a week and dayroom about 3 times a week. The rest of the time, they keep us locked up in our cells. I know that you don't believe in luck, so by God's grace, I landed in the cell with a friend of mine. He was my yard dog when we were in Corcoran together back in 2011. We both got out and came back. But to my surprise, he is walking with the Lord these days. And to his surprise, I also am walking with the Lord. We both fall short in our own ways and have some kinks to iron out, but we are both striving towards goodness and a better way of life. We've both done a substantial amount of time on the inside. And you never judge.

In the mornings, we start our day by reading aloud the Daily Bread (taking turns) and then reading the scriptures aloud, with a small prayer. I gave him an Arsenal prayer as well. I still have the Bible that you gave me and wrote on the inside. I will not allow "slick," the devil take control of my life again. I'll be honest; this is a difficult process after basically fellowshiping with the devil for the past 20 years. In a sense, being a criminal is what I know best. Drinking, drugging, jailing, fighting and causing havoc is, no **WAS** a favorite pastime of mine. But I can't do those things anymore, Mel. I've dedicated precious years out of my life to that. I had pretty much dedicated my whole life to it. But now I strive to turn it all around, brother. I genuinely, sincerely do.