

Beloved friend in **CHRIST**, it is my prayer that you are rejoicing in the **LORD** (Phil.4:4). Again, I tell you that these are days of heavy spiritual warfare, battles & attacks that demand a commitment to live a life of **FAITH** (II Cor. 5:7).

JESUS CHRIST is the object of our **FAITH**, & the only **FAITH** that saves us (Acts 4:12).

Smith Wigglesworth, a great & anointed man of **GOD** said, "Great **FAITH** is the product of great fights. Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests. Great triumphs come only out of great trials."

Even as a Christian, whose **FAITH** is in **JESUS CHRIST**, who died & rose from the dead for us **ALL**, goes thru trials, troubles & tribulations (Psalm 34:19). So, every stumbling block must become a steppingstone, & every opposition must become an opportunity. Luke 18:1 says, "Don't give up — keep on. Because of **JESUS**, I cannot be defeated!" Amen & **PTL**.

Since Thanksgiving, I have been staying with daughter Lea & family. I was down for the count & the **LORD** lifted me up. Lea was incredible in bringing me back. I feel terrific. Oh, I still have pain from the injury on my lower discs & shoulder. Dr. Ethan Collier gave me some exercises & laser treatments. I bought a hand laser for \$1000 & it has helped me, cutting down the inflammation. It is the best my shoulder has felt in years.

I did a lot of ministry in January over the phone, praying & counseling. Too many were hit with grade 4 cancer, strokes, surgery & mind assaults. Most do **NOT** pray my Arsenal Warfare Prayer **DAILY**. See Ephesians 6:16.

When the Shield of **FAITH** is not prayed on, the devil moves in with devastating attacks to the mind, heart, body & emotions. In the Prisons, they call it, "Suited up & booted up."

I came back home the 3rd week in February & had a busy time. Attended Pastor Steve Garcia's Bible Study; finished a star role in "Tales for the Campfire 3; had my Bible Study & 2 services at the Fred Jordan Mission.

Since I haven't been on the "Row" for a while, many said that they were praying for me. Some hugged me. I loved my years of ministering there. On Resurrection Easter day, it is my 38-year Anniversary.

Omega Man, Shannon Ray Davis is back on the air. We have done 160 shows together. Warfare is real & we deal with all issues of the war (II Cor. 10:3). Our shows are on my website, www.melnovak.com, & all over internet.

Next time I visit Lea, I have a prison & a church where I am a guest speaker. It was a difficult time

while getting healed & whole & not being able to do services on the Row & Prisons.

So, as I have asked so many these past months, what do you do when life hits you with a calamity, an uncharted change takes place & you are staring at the unknown? Do you panic & worry about what you should do next or do you pray & **TRUST GOD** for what you know will ultimately turn out for good. Rom. 8:28 tells us, "**GOD** works **ALL** things together for good, for those who **LOVE GOD** & those who are called according to **HIS** purpose."

We, who believe in **JESUS CHRIST** are never alone. Hebrews 13:5 tells us, "**HE, JESUS, never** leaves us nor forsakes us." Also, Matthew 28:20, Deut. 31:6. Maybe you're facing a situation or circumstance that demands an immediate decision, but you are unsure about what direction to take. It looks dim...even dark. The best scripture for direction & guidance is Ps. 32:8. **GOD** says, "I will instruct you & teach you the way you should go. I will guide you with **MY** eye."

You may also be thinking, how can a life changing trial, trouble or tribulation be good for my life? **TRUST HIM**. Trust **HIM** & **HIS** Word, His promises (II Cor. 1:20). **GOD** knows those who trust **HIM** (Nahum 1:7). That is FAITH. Forsaking ALL, I Trust Him. Yes, **GOD** always has a plan & purpose for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

We must always have **HOPE**. Our **LORD** gives us the "**BLESSED HOPE** of **HIS** appearance" (Titus 2:13). **PEACE & JOY!** All gifts from our Risen **SAVIOR**.

So many calls found them living in the past (Isa. 43:18). Shadows of the past chase us because of the Spirit of Orphan. The pervasive Spirit of Orphan cause us to feed on loneliness, to sin & medicate that pain.

Insecurity & loneliness will cause us to do things we shouldn't do. Our **LORD** said, "I don't want to leave you Orphans, "**I WILL LEAVE YOU MY HOLY SPIRIT**." The disconnect will be connected.

I must seek **GOD'S** presence in my worst circumstance. **GOD** will always show up with **HIS** presence. I also must let **GOD'S** presence motivate me to see **HIM** change my circumstances.

GOD'S presence is crucial in my life & yours. **GOD'S** Majesty, King **JESUS** wants your time. Start praising **HIM** for your blessings. Our prayer is, "**LORD**, let your presence be powerful in our lives.

Until next month, **LORD** bless you. Thank you 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 ERNIE

I was out on bail looking at a 150-year sentence, which meant I'd spend the rest of my life in prison. I fled to California, and then headed to the East Coast. I stopped to see my wife and children in Colorado, and that's where the bounty hunter found me. "Today might be the day we both die," I told him when he kicked our back door in. Every time, I'd been arrested I had been carrying a weapon, so he believed I had a gun. I got him to wait on the back porch but couldn't decide what to do next. I didn't have a gun. I didn't have any money. I didn't have anyone who could help me. The bounty hunter called the police and they surrounded our block. For five hours, they tried to get me to surrender.

I slit my wrists after four hours, hoping I would bleed to death. Then I found a staple gun, covered it with a towel and went out on the front porch. They shot me six times with their beanbags as soon as I stepped outside. I was so high on cocaine that the bullets only made me angry. Then they set a German shepherd on me, but I beat it off. I lifted my arm over my head to get rid of the pain from the dog bites. The police saw the metal of my staple gun and opened fire. Five bullets hit me, and I spent the next month in a coma.

When I came out of it, I had to cough into a tube to clear out my lungs. My intestines spilled out of the hole the doctors had left in my chest. My heart stopped & I passed out. While unconscious, I saw two people. Jesus was on one side, the devil was on the other. There was a wide space between them. Satan motioned for me to join him. "Come on," he coaxed me, "I know you want to be with me. I own you. You do what I want you to & always have. Come!"

Jesus looked at me & softly said, "I love you & died for you. Come. I'll change your heart." I told Jesus that I wanted to be with Him, and my heart started beating. If I had turned to satan, I believe I would have died.

Who do you want to be with? Jesus or satan? In Revelation 3:20 Jesus says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If any of you hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in." Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart right now, the same way He did with me. Why don't you ask Him to come in?

Yes, I'm serving time as a lifer, but I'm serving Jesus in this penitentiary. I get lonely, but I'm never alone. He is with me always. I have total peace for the first time in my life. A man came to this penitentiary to preach. I saw him in many movies, always playing the villain. His sermon was filled with verse & scripture. Now it is so clear that even though I'll never get out of prison, the words he spoke gave me new hope & encouragement. I don't have those down days now. This is where I am, but I have an appointment with Jesus who will take me to my eternal home. He gave us all a powerful prayer called Arsenal that we pray daily. Peace is such a joy.