

Greetings in the Name of **JESUS CHRIST**, our **LORD & SAVIOR**. May the **LORD** be with you during this time of the Corona virus (Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20). The Bible tells us that satan came to rob, kill & destroy (John 10:10), but verse B says, "I (**JESUS**) came that you might have life & have it more abundantly."

The world is devastated with fear & panic. We must stand on the promises of **GOD** (II Cor. 1:20). I truly believe **GOD** will stop this virus as fast as it started. In Jeremiah 32:17 & 27, **GOD** says nothing is too hard for **HIM**, & nothing is impossible with **HIM** (Luke 1:37).

These are very dark days worldwide. The satanic assaults have struck down the **FAITH** of many. Romans 12:3 says we all have a measure of **FAITH**, but Luke 17:5 says we are to increase our **FAITH**. I pray for **GOD** to "uproot evil things from our lives (Matt. 15:13). Let every sickness coming against all those in the world be terminated in the **NAME** of **JESUS** (Phil. 2:9; Eph. 1:20-23). Oh **LORD**, revive our **FAITH** & spiritual life.

We, as believers, must hold on to Galatians 12:20. "I have been crucified with **CHRIST**" & it is no longer I who live; but **CHRIST** lives in me, the life which I now live in the flesh I live by **FAITH**, in the **SON** of **GOD**, who loved me & gave **HIMSELF** up for me." Awesome promise! Gives us Peace.

Even though the world is fallen & evil lurks everywhere, with pure joy, I can bow my knees in praise & worship. I am secure knowing that **ONLY** thru **JESUS** (Acts 4:12) that anyone can have the blessed **HOPE** of **ETERNAL LIFE** (II Peter 3:9; I Tim. 2:4).

April 12th was "Happy Resurrection Day! By the time some of you back east & down south get this newsletter, it is a most joyful day of celebration with family. **JESUS IS RISEN**. **JESUS**, the **LAMB** of **GOD** who died for us ALL is proof that the perfect plan of **SALVATION** has been provided.

When I preach **CHRIST CRUCIFIED**, I introduce men & women in prisons & on Skid Row to this **INCOMPARABLE, MAGNIFICENT, LOVING, HUMBLE JESUS** through **HIS RESURRECTION**.

When John the Baptist saw **JESUS** in John 1:29, he said, "Behold! The Lamb of **GOD** who takes away the sin of the world." My encouragement is to reflect on this **AWESOME**, act of **LOVE & OBEDIENCE** giving **GOD** thanks & praise daily that our name is written in the Book of Life for the gift of **ETERNAL LIFE** (Rev. 20:15).

I do **NOT** like the word "lockdown." Whenever I hear it at a prison, **NO** service. March was busy until the lockdown on the 26th. I did 3 services at the Fred Jordan Mission, counseled, 2 Bible studies & 2 Omega Man 2-hour shows. The mission chapel was

packed each service, but there were small harvests of souls, 10 to 14 each service. Countless numbers called me for prayer in March, & April had triple the calls. My last 2-hour Bible study had 14, which was great as a huge rainstorm hit Van Nuys. That is dedication. Kudos to you 14.

Our Omega Man shows were anointed with Shannon Ray Davis. You can tune in on Omegamanradio.com. It has been a real blessing doing these shows that go to 167 countries. I did 2 Omega Man shows in April but except for ministry on the phone, everything was locked down. Even though I am stuck at home, I'm still able to do ministry.

I just encouraged a sister in the **LORD** struggling with the "Deadly Ds." She was **NOT** praying my **GOD'S Arsenal Prayer DAILY**. (Download it from [www.melnovak.com](http://www.melnovak.com).) When the Shield of **FAITH** is not prayed on, the principalities & powers slam you with Disappointment, Discouragement, Doubt, Discontent, Despair, Despondent, Disillusionment, Demoralization, Dejection & Depression which I call "Deadly Ds."

So, I asked her the following: "What do you do when life hits you with the "Deadly Ds," calamity & an unchartered change takes place? Suddenly you are staring at the unknown! Do you panic? Have fear (II Tim. 1:7) & worry about what you should do next? **OR**, do you **PRAY** & Trust **GOD** (Naham 1:7) for what you know will ultimately turn out for your good (Romans 8:28)? I said, "Sister, maybe you are facing a situation or circumstance that demands an immediate decision, but you are unsure about what direction to take (Psalm 32:8).

It looks dark because of the Corona virus. You may also be thinking how can the "Deadly Ds" or a life changing trial, trouble or tribulation be good for my life? Trust the **LORD**; Trust the **LORD**. Trust **HIM** & **HIS WORD** (Isa. 55:11). **GOD** always has a plan & purpose for our lives (Jer. 29:11-13). We must always have **HOPE**. That's what **JESUS** gave us: **PEACE, JOY & HOPE**. On Skid Row, I see hopelessness, the most devastating emotion that there is. Our **LORD** gives us the "Blessed **HOPE** of **HIS** appearance in Titus 2:13.

I want to give a special thanks to Gloria Muscarella, Gallo Medina, Joe Williamson & "Chief" Newton Burr." Lord bless you 100-fold.

Easter Resurrection Day is my 38-year Anniversary of Skid Row Ministry, & June 16th, my birthday is my 37-year Anniversary in Prison Ministry. **GOD** is **GOOD!**

Until next month, may **GOD** bless & protect you all. **THANK** you all for blessings & prayer.

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 BRADY, "THE PRODIGAL SON"

I grew up in a home void of a father so my mom had to work 2 jobs just to get by so I didn't have much guidance and tried to figure out life on my own. I quickly found my identity in the streets and a gangster lifestyle which was a good way to vent my anger. I found football at the age of 8, and quickly realized, it was the perfect sport for me. For the next 14 years, football became my passion next to fighting and kicking it with the homies. Even though I was in and out of juvenile hall and later the county jail, football was always there to help put the pieces back together. This gave me a purpose and a hope. It wasn't until getting arrested again in college and losing my football scholarship that I really took a turn for the worst. I began to fill the void with drugs, gang banging and violence. I began using methamphetamine along with drinking and any other drug I could get my hands on. I quickly went from selling it and snorting it to cooking it and shooting it. I was so lost and wicked that I was convinced I wanted to be a killer and surrounded myself with such. Fights, robberies, stabbings, shoot outs were a common occurrence and I glorified the dark side. I eventually made it to prison and continued to want to climb the ranks of the prison system. I was quick to mock Christians because in prison we considered it a weakness, plus I personally thought Christianity was a joke...that Jesus was just a myth...boy was I wrong. It wasn't until sitting in the hole wasting away and totally secluded that **JESUS CHRIST** revealed himself to me through His Holy Word. Something changed inside me and the seed **GOD** had planted began to grow. Shortly after, while doing time at Pelican Bay State Prison, I went to a church service and that is where I met Mel Novak...and my life changed. He talked about Jesus and the power of his forgiveness and how much He truly loved us...and how much satan wants to destroy us. Mel told me that **JESUS** was my father and he'd been there all along just waiting for me to come home to His open arms and lovingly embraced me...and he was right. Mel's knowledge and sincerity really affected me and little did I know he would end up becoming my personal mentor, my pastor, and my close friend. Since my release in 2007, Mel has been pivotal in my walk with **GOD** because he's always calling to check up on me, inviting me to Bible study or helping me when I really need it. Mel Novak is a true Soldier for **CHRIST**, a real spiritual warrior that speaks Biblical wisdom and fears nothing but **GOD** himself. Mel is my role model. I know **JESUS** placed him in my life like a lighthouse on the shore guiding a lost ship home. **JESUS CHRIST** has completely changed my heart and renewed my mind. I've been sober for 7 years, have 3 beautiful kids and spend a lot of time ministering downtown on Skid row in Los Angeles with Mel and other Christian brothers. I am a living testimony to **GOD'S** grace and mercy that saved a wretch like me. I am a new man. I urge everyone to open their heart and mind to the power of **GOD'S** love and forgiveness. He's real, living, breathing...and is waiting for you to call. Praise be to **JESUS CHRIST**, and thanks be to Brother Mel, I love you man!