

Beloved friend in **CHRIST**, it is my prayer during these dark days of the Covid-virus, that you would increase your **REJOICING** in the **LORD** (Phil. 4:4). May the light of **GOD'S LOVE** fill your life with fresh hope & purpose.

Yes, these are challenging days where trials, troubles & tribulation have increased in so many lives. We must **NOT** give up (Luke 18:1), but increase our **PRAYER** time. Read & study **GOD'S WORD** each day, praying your **WHOLE** Armor on **DAILY** (Eph. 6:11-17). Find things in your life to give **GOD PRAISE** for (Ps. 18:3; I Thess. 5:18). **GOD** desires our intimate time with **HIM**.

It does **NOT** matter who you are or what you do — each of us wants to live life to the fullest. We want to experience all that **GOD** has for us, & we want to live fully in **HIS** blessing.

Sadly, there are many people who drift from the one thing that could bring fulfillment, that is devotion to **JESUS CHRIST**. Any time we compromise our relationship with **GOD** by allowing worldly pleasures to captivate our hearts & minds, we suffer greatly. While the world & its pleasures may be attractive for a season, they **NEVER** provide the **PEACE & FULFILLMENT** we long to achieve. This is because true fulfillment does **NOT** come as the result of money or personal achievements. Fulfillment, like peace, is **NOT** the sum of eternal gains. Instead, it is the overflow of an internal, intimate relationship with **JESUS CHRIST**, who calls us **HIS** friend.

As soon as we celebrated **CHRISTmas**, the New Year brought a super busy January & February. My worldwide ministry that **GOD** opened for me when Skid Row & prisons shut down increased. I am told that it will be a long time before Prison Chapel services start again.

Chaplain Lou Goodgame told me that many lifers ask him when I am coming back at Pelican Bay. Letters from inmates ask me the same question from 3 different penitentiaries. They are praying my Arsenal Warfare Prayer **DAILY**. **PTL**.

Four 2-hour Omegamanradio.com shows went to 167 countries. They were powerful, anointed **WORD** of **GOD** shows with host, Shannon Ray Davis. This brother has been a blessing. He set up my website, www.melnovak.com.

My "Stick for Jesus" weekly show, which is on every Wednesday, 7pm Eastern & 5pm Pacific on Truth Be Told Radio Network. This goes to 40 nations. Call to listen is 1-667-930-9365.

Counseling & praying for those who call has been remarkably busy. So many are going thru difficult battles, spiritual, mental & emotional attacks. We must encourage & **PRAY**.

I also did 7 shows that interviewed me about the 63 movies that I have done & my Skid Row & Prison ministry of 38 years. Also did a couple of Podcasts for son-in-law, Jeremy.

Celebrated Serbian Christmas on Jan. 7, as we always did. Mir Boze, Hristos se Rodi.

I was blessed to do 3 starring role movies these 2 months that Super Manager & best friend, Joe Williamson got for me — all first billing. The films are "Zombie 8 Urban Decay," "Ebola Rex vs. Murder Hornets," "Arachnado 2 — Flaming Spiders." I get killed in the last one, for the 26th time.

I enjoy acting...it is fun. Since December 2019, I have done 9 feature films — all first billing. But, as I minister, I Chron. 22:19 says, "Now set your heart & your soul to seek the **LORD** your **GOD**." It is the ultimate purpose behind everything that I do. **PTL & Amen!!!**

In doing this in such a way, I am constantly learning & growing in my relationship with **CHRIST**. I always encourage that when you seek the **LORD**, when you make knowing **HIM** your highest priority, wonderful things happen to you.

He responds! He encourages you! Your relationship grows & you come to know the joy (Nah. 8:10) & contentment that only the deepest intimacy with **JESUS CHRIST** can bring to your heart.

It is a key to what I call, "The Extraordinary Life," a life **GOD** desires us to have. I encourage you to start on the **JESUS** path to an extraordinary life. Pray to see what the next step on your journey is (Ps. 32:8). Remember, we are **ALL** called to serve (Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:4-5).

It demands **ACTION** on your part. Just as seeking **GOD** requires dedication & commitment, living an extraordinary life calls for you to make **CHOICES**, to act with a purpose.

In Ps. 63:1 we read the incredibly beautiful expression of one who has made **GOD** his life's purpose. "O **GOD**, you are my **GOD**, I shall seek you earnestly. My soul thirsts for **YOU**." What does your soul thirst for?

Until next time, **LORD** bless you. Thanks to you who send love offerings; may God give you a 100-fold return.

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 A FATHER AND HIS SON

My father was wrongfully convicted for murder in Illinois. He wasn't 100% innocent — he certainly was guilty of attempting to help cover it up, lying to investigators, and he also made an argument for contracting to commit murder. His tale is long and complicated, with a lot of twists and turns. However, **THE** most important thing in any life happened shortly after his trial. He was still in solitary, as he was in the process of getting assigned a penitentiary and assimilated into the general population. He was fuming about the unfairness of it all, late one night. As he related it to me, it suddenly broke in on him where he directly bore responsibility for what had happened, and that a man's life had been lost as a consequence of his own recklessness. His knees buckled, and he wept in his cell like a broken-hearted child. Bearing in mind that he was in solitary, he suddenly **KNEW** he wasn't alone in his cell. A warmth came across his shoulders, like someone had just laid a warm blanket across them, and he knew that he was **LOVED**, deeper than he had ever felt before in his life. He knew this was Christ, and from the moment He reached out with His own hand to claim my father, Dad's life became His.

For myself, I was 12 when all of this happened, and it certainly catapulted me into a severe existential crisis. I needed answers. I was seething with pre-teen rage at the injustice (and the incompetence of the attorney we had — using simple logic, I would have done a better job defending my father at the trial). I started reading exhaustively, researching world religions. Christ was the **ONLY** route which not only provided the answers I sought, but also gave me something I desperately needed in that dark time: **HOPE**. I was baptized shortly after I turned 13. I confess my relationship with Jesus has been rocky at times — my anger occasionally got the best of me, and there was even an 18-month period in which I turned my back on Christ, went full-out apostate, and started practicing Wicca. This was triggered by a time when my father was coming up for parole, and things looked so incredibly optimistic, and I prayed unceasingly to God that, this time, Dad would finally be released. It wasn't to be, and I felt betrayed, like God had lied to me. I turned to the opposite of Christ. I couldn't go full Satanist, but certainly (let's call it for what it is) witchcraft was the next closest thing. But even in the depths of that, I just "knew" — deep in my heart — that I had turned my back on something that was **TRUE**. Then, one night, I was doing a ceremony, and heard an audible tinkling of a bell — and I know it wasn't a hallucination, because my cat reacted to it as well. I snuffed the candles, put all that garbage away, went onto my knees, confessed, and asked Christ's forgiveness. I came to realize that, like C.S. Lewis, I had rationally come to accept Christ — but I needed a spiritual awakening, and Satan's tool had just provided it. I rededicated myself to Christ, confessing my sins, asking His forgiveness, and I haven't looked back since, no doubts, no hesitations.