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## “CUTTING THE STRINGS”

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Have you ever felt like a puppet on a string? Paul wrote that it seemed as though the things he hated to do the most, were the things which he would do and the things which he wanted to do, were the things he seemed not to do. That seems a little backwards to me. Doesn't it to you? Paul went on to add that he had become a slave to sin. (read Romans 7:9-25)

I would like to think that a slave would not be a slave to anyone if they were given a choice. Slave labor was certainly against one's normal will and personal choice of actions. If I screamed out across this 24 man tank I'm sitting at the day room table of, "Hey! Who of you wants to be a slave?" I believe it would be safe to say that there would be no hands raised. No bidders. No takers.

Though in reality, whether one realizes it or admits it, in time past we've all been taken captive by the devil and presented ourselves as in-

struments of rebellion.

In John 8:31-34, Jesus put it this way: **"If you abide in my word then you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."**

Then the people answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say", "You will be made free?"

Jesus then answered them, **"Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave to sin."**

Notice the crowds reaction! They were a little offended, it seemed, for the simple fact that Jesus let them know of their need to be set free. He ruffled a few feathers! They weren't slaves to anyone! They had no master in whom they bowed down to. They were already free as anyone could be. No bars. No chains. No razor wire fences. What was this Jesus talking about? They could be set free! His statement seemed to have appalled them.

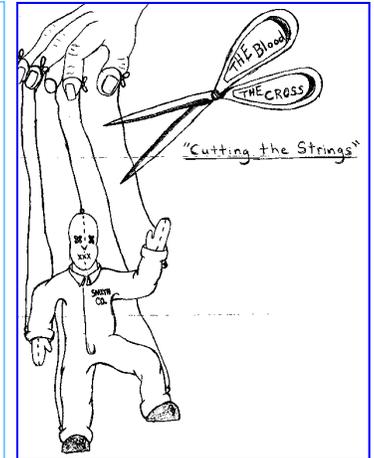
Maybe your first thought was, "Hey, I've messed up and made a few mistakes! Haven't we all? I'm only human! Nobody's perfect. But I'm definitely not a slave!" Nope! No slave here!

So I say to you: "If you are following after the flesh and walking through this life by your own wisdom and 5 natural senses alone, then whether you like it or not, your just another puppet on a string!"

And be aware that Satan himself is the puppeteer. He bobb's people around causing them to ruin their lives and affect as many others as possible along the way—all in a negative form!

Remember the thief comes not but to kill, steal and destroy! Three simple goals! And he'll use you to complete every last one of them, as long as you are willing to let him. He uses and abuses.

Puppets on a string, slaves to sin, Mama's crying cause your name appeared under the indictments in the local hometown newspaper again. Still, it seems all you call her for is in hopes of commissary



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## Cutting the Strings, cont'

Is in hopes of getting commissary money. It was a late night, you came in and your wife was in tears begging you to leave the drugs alone, begging you to set the bottle down.

She poured her heart out and told you how much she loved you and how badly it broke her heart to have to watch you slowly kill yourself that way.

Her speech touched you! Her sincerity and her tears really got your attention. So you promised to stop the nonsense, and did. . . . For a week! Just long enough to get her hopes up again before slipping up and breaking her down even worse! When she desperately asked you: "Why?" "Why?" "Just tell me why!" then she asked if her and the children weren't worth it? She asked if the other lifestyle meant more to you!

"Oh, of course not!" We scream inside of ourselves! Yet our actions continue to speak louder than our promises. Even we can't explain why we do the things we do!

It's exactly as Jesus and Paul said it was! We become slaves to sin— - it's as though we are engaging in hurtful evils against our own wills. We truly deeply sincerely want to stop—but still we continue in our sins and addictions. We really don't enjoy hurting those we love the most in our lives, yet we continue to, and in-so-doing; we don't even have an explanation when asked, "Why?"

The why question is answered in the Bible, just like all of life's oth-

er questions. When we stray away from God's will we enter a danger zone and often get taken captive by the enemy. When we wander from the light, we end up lost in the dark.

Just another slave in bondage. One more puppet on a string. I've been there. I've left there. And I've even ventured back out there quite a time or two. I guess you could call me a pain freak! A crash test dummy—indeed that was me. But it doesn't have to be! It may have been you. It may be you right now!

But no longer has to be! You can get to know the Truth and be set free! Jesus Christ is the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except by Jesus. He is knocking on the door of your heart right now! He is pleading with you, **"Let Me cut the strings!"** **"Let Me set you free and rescue you from the grip of the devil, and his demons."**

I'm sure you've heard the phrase, "sick and tired of being sick and tired." I personally believe that when a man decides enough is enough, and he realizes he is at the end of his rope and in desperate need of a Savior, then hopefully he (you) will cry out to God.

David wrote: "In the time of my trouble, I cried out to God, And He heard me." Don't be stubborn any longer—Cry out to Jesus. The Bible says Now—Today—is the day of salvation. Now! Stop holding out! You could leave this world tonight—we aren't guaranteed another tomorrow!

You might be completely out of rope, but think that you've still got several feet of slack! Don't chance it any longer—Eternal damnation in a Lake of Fire isn't something we should gamble with. Even though it is taken far too lightly every passing day—all across this world around us.

Quit being a puppet! Stop hurting and start helping. Don't be hating! Get to loving. Build up instead of tearing down.

You are worth it and so are your loved ones! For God so loved the world that he sent His only begotten Son into it, to die for our sins. Yours and mine! He paid the price for you and me! We no longer have to hurt everyone around us. We can stop torturing ourselves with regret and guilt and self-condemnation.

**There is nothing you've done that the blood of Jesus cannot completely cover.**

Brother, many have been where you are, You are not alone! There are ones that care! There are people who love you! Jesus loves you so much that He paid the ultimate sacrifice so that you could be set free!

So, do not neglect such a gift any longer! I'm calling you to come out of slavery! I'm calling you to stand up and put your foot down to the devil and let Christ cut the strings.

Stop being a puppet! Stop being a vessel used for destruction and be the man of God you were created to be. Cut loose! Cut the strings. Those in Christ are free indeed.

## Cutting the Strings, cont

After all Satan has caused in your life, at this point, you should hate him. The years and tears and heartache you've suffered under his puppeteering you should hate him. The pain you've seen him bring to the eyes of your friends and family—again—I say: You should hate him! He'd love to do it all again! And he certainly will if you let him, but man, you should really hate him. He hates you. He hates your family. You should really hate him.

God loves you! God loves your family! You should love Him. Get to know Him! Draw close to Him and He will draw near to you.

*“You who love the Lord hate evil! He preserves the souls of his saints; he delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.”* (Psalms 97:10)

Maybe it is that moment for you!

*“Arise shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord*

*will arise over you.* (Isaiah 60:1

*“But when the fullness of the time has come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons, And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.* (Galatians 4:4-7)

God has a beautiful plan for the remainder of your life. He longs to bless you and uphold you. He wants to restore the relationships in your life that have been damaged. It's not over! It's just begun.

Jeremiah 29:11 says that God's thoughts of you are good and not of evil. It goes on to say that He wants to give you a future and a hope!

But don't take my word for it. Read it for yourself. Read that 4th chapter of Galatians! The 2nd chapter of Ephesians! Dig deep into God's word and for the very sake of your soul and

you and your families well-being—Cut those stinking strings loose!

The devil ain't never no good! God is good—All the time!

Be reconciled, believe in Jesus, you no longer have to be a slave to sin. That is something to smile about, so pass it on and give those who love you—those whom you love the most something to smile about.

Jesus has cut the strings, you are free! You never again have to do the things you used to do. Never again do you have to live that life. You don't have to return to darkness! You are free to remain in the light.

No more slave! No more puppet! The strings are cut—Let's keep them that way—from here on out—forever.

For whoever the Son has set free is free indeed. When your family looks at you, when strangers pass you by—when you view your own self in the mirror—I hope that all you see are cut and severed strings. FREE!!



**“Let Me cut the strings!” “Let Me set you free and rescue you from the grip of the devil, and his demons.”**

### No more worry, No more tears

*Finding comfort in an uneasy place Away from the world locked up in this place.  
I know my mission and see my goal. I opened my heart and listened with my soul*

*To give up what I used to search for, to take in all that Jesus has for me in store. I now am living a life that is pure. I'm on the right path to heaven I'm sure. All I had to do was ask for His hand, now He's leading me to the promised land. No more worry, No more tears, A life full of happiness good-bye to my fears. He gives me all I could ever dream for, I've never known anyone I could love and adore. He is my Way and He is my Light he's in my heart morning, noon and night. Start your relationship with Him now, He's waiting for your solemn vow.*

*Glenn Bailey*

**“HE IS MY WAY AND HE IS MY LIGHT”**

## God's Answer For The Empty Life

Dr. Charles Stanley

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 4:1-16 | **SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:** Jeremiah 2:13 | John 4:42; 10:10; 12:47 | 2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 5:22-23

### SUMMARY:

#### Have you ever felt empty?

There is an emptiness of the soul that reaches deeper than physical hunger. It can be present, even when everything is going well on the outside. You may sense that something is missing, or feel dissatisfied though you've reached your goals. Real peace and joy elude you, and you might even feel hopeless.

The woman at the well is an example of someone who felt empty. She had been married five times, and she was living with a man who was not her husband. This woman was searching for something or someone to complete her. When she met the Savior, she finally found what she needed. Jesus Christ gave her life meaning and significance, and He can do the same for you.

### SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES:

#### The Woman at the Well

To a modern reader, the fact that Jesus held a conversation with a Samaritan woman is not surprising. But it was unusual for the time period. As a Jew, Jesus would have been expected to shun Samaritans. This ethnic group was part Jew and part Gentile, and Israelites looked down on them for their mixed heritage. Jews would walk the long way around Samaria. The conversation was also different because men and women of Jesus' day did not usually speak to each other in public. No wonder the woman was surprised when the Lord asked her for a drink (John 4:9).

Our Savior was physically thirsty, but He had another motivation for His request. He got her attention by referring to Himself as "Living Water"

(John 4:10). In those days, water from a stream or brook was called "living water," in contrast to water from a well or cistern, an underground reservoir. The woman thought He referred to water literally; but Jesus was speaking metaphorically.

(See Jeremiah 2:13.) He was saying He could

satisfy her heart's need for love and acceptance in the same way living water could quench her physical thirst. She didn't have to try to find security through human relationships.

Although we don't know for sure, it's possible that she had done her best to please five different husbands and been rejected over and over. Divorce laws allowed a man to "put away" a wife if she displeased him. Maybe she burned a meal, misplaced something, or failed in some other way. These would have been grounds for divorce in ancient days.

When Jesus met her, she was living with a man, perhaps afraid to marry again. The Lord went to the heart of the matter by asking for her husband, although He knew she was living with another man. Imagine how exposed she must have felt. But Jesus did not call her an adulterous woman or condemn her in any other way. (See John 12:47.)

Instead, He offered to fill her emptiness by satisfying her with Himself—the Living Water."

#### Drinking from the World's Well

The woman at the well had been trying to find spiritual completeness in the arms of a man. Instead of turning to the Living Water, she drank from the world's well and became more thirsty.

She was like the majority of people today. Each of us was created to have a personal relationship with God. That means no one can be truly satisfied unless the Lord is a part of his or her life. But many people expect money, prestige, or accomplishments to satisfy them. Others turn to drugs, alcohol, or sex. They might live for weekends or vacations. Some people go into debt, trying to buy enough things to fill the emptiness within. Even otherwise innocent pastimes such as hobbies, sports, or other entertainment can become problems if they take up too much of our time and energy.

If you felt thirsty, would you drink ocean water? Probably not. It would only leave you thirstier than before. That's what pursuing the pleasures of the world is like. It will never bring lasting satisfaction. How do I know? The Bible teaches that contentment is found only in Christ.

And almost daily, the news confirms that success and wealth do not necessarily bring happiness. Is there anything in your life that is an attempt to fill your emptiness? Maybe your

motivation is to prove that you are acceptable or find a sense of security. Or perhaps you hope to find peace and joy apart from God. But nothing really satisfies except a close relationship with Him.

#### Finding the Living Water

The Samaritans, like the Jews, were expecting the Messiah. In the midst of her conversation with Jesus, the woman at the well suddenly realized that Jesus was the promised One. Who else could know so much about her? As a result of her testimony, the entire town believed (John 4:42). They came to meet Christ because they could see a change in her.

God can also transform your life. It doesn't matter how lonely, anxious, or hopeless you feel. Even if pursuing material or worldly pleasures have left you devastated, you can experience the one thing that satisfies: trusting in Jesus Christ.

You must begin by admitting your need for Him. Are you lonely? Do you feel rejected? Are you angry with God or resentful with others? Do you almost always feel insecure or dissatisfied? Jesus came that we might have life abundantly (John 10:10). In other words, He came to earth not only to forgive our sins, but so we could have peace, contentment, and security. Through a relationship with Him, we find the answer to every one of life's problems. Despite what circumstances we face, He can fill us with the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

Even as believers, you and I can start to feel empty. When we experience insecurity and disappointment, it is often a result of seeking joy and fulfillment through the world's system.

Let that sense of emptiness remind you that true joy is found only in an intimate relationship with Christ. Return to loving and trusting Him, and the Living Water will fill you up again.

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WELL**

## THE VALUE OF “THE” SAVIOR!

Of all the things that mankind has placed value on throughout time. Of all the precious metals, such as gold, silver, and platinum. Of all the precious stones, such as diamonds, rubies, and emeralds. Of all things of value, and riches of this world.

What, can compare to the value of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?! Nothing can! Absolutely nothing!

What men first decided that a particular metal or stone was precious, of value, and why? Because certain metals and stones they found were not only beautiful, but rare. That’s what has always given them such value! Because they are a more rare mineral, hard to find!

So think about this for a just a moment. Of all the things that we place value on, and give value to, in this life. What could possibly be of more value and more precious, than our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?!

There is only one Jesus Christ! Only one begotten Son of “The Living God”! Only one mediator between God and men! Only one, can wash away sins! Only one, can give eternal life! Only one Savior! There is no other! Only Jesus Christ!

Therefore our highest value should be placed upon Jesus Christ! For without Him, we truly have nothing of lasting value, not even of our own selves! For one day, all that is in this world will pass away! And if we don’t have Jesus, where will we be, and what hope will we have?! If we die with all the values riches of this world, and have not Jesus! Then we have nothing at all! The sooner men and women come to realize this truth! The sooner all things will fall into proper order, under Jesus, in their life!

Isaiah 28:16 “Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth

shall not make haste.”

Colossians 1:27 “ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory for this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

1 Timothy 2:5 “ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”

Acts 4:12 “ Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men where by we must be saved.”

1 Peter 1:3-4 “ Blessed be the God and Father of our lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to the inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.”

1 Peter 1: 18,19 “ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold. . .” “But with the precious blood of Christ. . .”

1 Peter 2:6,7 “ Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious, and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious. . .”

A thought from the heart and the Word.

Duane Allen Short  
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### A NOTE FROM KIM

Thank you so much my Sister in Christ Mitzi Hall! For allowing me to reach many more inmates through your Newsletter ministry of Free Life News.

The Bread of Life tastes so good! I am blessed to have this special testimony to share with you from an inmate who wants to reach out and help. I pray that it will inspire and encourage someone to accept Jesus Christ in their hearts as he has and to live in freedom on the inside of prison. (the article from Daryl Hess on pg.13)

Our God is an AWESOME God, our Father and provider. I love you all with the love of Jesus Christ. Let’s rejoice with a new day and a new year to praise Him.

I would also like to thank Pastor Robert Sisye and his family from Uganda. Your words brought hope in my heart and tears to my eyes for all that you do for the Lord is wonderful and I say thanks to you for obeying God’s plan and will for your life brother! I am putting your picture on our prayer wall so that daily we can pray for you as we see your picture. Thank you for your wonderful article and prayer!

Love in Christ, Your Sister, Kim B. Fincher

“Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We the Chaplain Staff and Offender population under the authority of Warden Burl Cain and his administration, are so delighted that you shared with us in the spirit of giving. Your ministry blessed our Offender population with your *Free Life News Letter*. We are so grateful to receive assistance and we want to express our sincere appreciation to your ministry. It is our prayer God will continue to use your ministry in this mighty way.

Robert Toney, *Louisiana State Penitentiary Chaplain’s Department*.

A Christmas card filled with signatures came from Chaplain Anderson in Homer, LA. It was a great blessing to see all the names of those guys who read our newsletter. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and time spent to think of us, Chaplain Anderson and our friends.

I love the Lord, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me. Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

Psalm 116-1-2

## A FISHERMAN AND HIS LIGHTHOUSE

**“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men” Matt. 4:18**

A fisherman will fish for food to satisfy the hunger for himself, family, and people around him. Some will do it for work or sport. Either way a fisherman is looking for satisfaction of fulfillment, whether it's physical or mental. Further more a fisherman knows the importance of a lighthouse of the seashore. Especially when he's miles from shore on a boat and the day is coming to an end.

In today's terms a lighthouse can do two things which saves lives and keep ships from wrecking. As it shines and rotates its light, it can be a guide to those that are lost and blinded by the fog. It also serves as a warning to passing ships that they're too close to land, and rocky sea bottoms which may damage and harm them by causing them to either bottom out and get stuck, or puncture a hole thereby causing the vessel to sink. There after lives can be lost, create a life remembering situation of survival, or a drowning death.

For the most part, during the daylight hours, it's seen and people know of it and its purpose. It's during the daylight hours when we feel it can't help at this very moment or we have no use for it, because the sun is shining and it's a beautiful day. As any fisherman knows, the most opportune time to catch fish is not only in the day. It is when darkness falls, when we choose to go out into the darkness of the night to continue fishing, or when the fog hits so hard that we can't see 20 yards in front of the boat, when we acknowledge the importance of the lighthouse. It can be a fisherman's blessing to see it or a nightmare not to.

Because the lighthouse is not on your property or you didn't build it, or own it, doesn't mean that it isn't there for you to keep safe and on course. I believe when that lighthouse shines, when you're drawn to it, it's a blessing by God that you have seen it. And at these times the light shines in your direction, it is for you, to embrace joyfully and patiently, knowing that a

path to victory has been won and set for you, to gracefully travel home.

History has proven it's importance of the lighthouse and in the 21st century we have evolved to the use of G.P.S. tracking in most ships, boats vehicles that will map out the way. Technology is always changing and advancing but serve the same purpose. Time brings change to things, ideas, and products of this world, it's inevitable. You can change with it or be left behind in the knowledge of things changing around us all such as GPS and computers.

People, History also shows us another type of lighthouse that does not change. This lighthouse is also built on a rock foundation and will shine day or night, in good times or bad times, when our life journey is kept in alignment and obedient or it's existence. A lighthouse that will always be your guide, joy, helper, warning, purpose, direction, and protection, that has a radiance beyond our understanding until His time of revelation to us. A lighthouse that when seen and accepted as the lighthouse of life, can shine forever brightly for you in all circumstances. And when received into your heart and soul faithfully, can be taken with you to shine for you and through you for other people that are lost, blinded, need to be warned or found. This lighthouse longs for all to see. His name is Jesus Christ. He enlightens us with His Holy spirit. Will you receive this light to be a lamp unto your feet and a light upon your path. I strongly encourage you and faithfully believe that by allowing God's word in the Holy Bible to light your life so that when you seek change in your direction, He will bring you and your people around safely home.

It starts with daily faith and obedience to follow Jesus Christ and he'll have His Holy Spirit light your heart, mind, will, and emotions. Believe and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and see and feel the change of yourself and those around you. Through time spent in the Holy word and obedience, your light will shine brighter than ever before, especially when darkness comes and It will as sure as day and night.

People, let you light shine and reflect how God has been working in your life so that your loved ones and people around you will be drawn to it.

Thereby allowing then to be saved, given true life, and brought to their true home. This light is Jesus Christ's Holy Spirit in you and the house is the Church that together make one body in Christ.

The difference between the world's lighthouse and God's lighthouse is that God's lighthouse does not change like technology. His truthful, graceful promises are the same and will be the same yesterday, today and for future days to come. He is the way, the Truth and the Life. The incorruptible, indestructible, beginning and ending. And when my light is shining, and your light is shining and the people around us are shining then we can stand shoulder to shoulder and light this world so bright that no darkness shall prevail. God's will, will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We will live our lives for Jesus because He died for our sin. I will joyfully love God because before I knew of Him, God loved me first. I no longer live but Christ lives in me and Jesus Christ in me loves you all. My question for you is will you stand with the people of the Church and light this world for all to see and have salvation?

I conclude this faithful statement and scripture of truth; Jesus Christ laid down His life for you, so that He could give His life to you, so that He could live His life through you.

Jesus said, *"It is finished."* John 19:30

In Christ we have victory.

*"Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* Matt. 11: 28-30

May you all enter His lighthouse and God bless you all.

Submitted by Peter Sanchez, Walker Sayle Unit, TX

## EACH ONE TELL ONE

**Jesus is the way, the ONLY way to God!**

Dear UFLMF Supporters,

I greet You in the only and Mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. First I thank God who safely crossed You from 2010-2011. Secondly I thank You Very much for the Trust and Confidence you have in mum Mitzi and the entire team of the FLN. Why I am I saying this its because The Lord has put her there as a mediator between You, our supporters and us here in Uganda East Africa.

Mum Mitzi tells me that she has actually never met some of you in person, yet you humbly accept to send her finances, Oh what a trust! Its just unthinkable that such an amazing thing can happen. Amazingly some of you are even in Prison yet you have purposed in your hearts to be a Blessing to God's work here in Uganda. I therefore come to understand that its not actually your strength doing this, but its the Spirit of God that is in you fulfilling His will thru you to us. In this way be sure that the Lord you faithfully serve and on His behalf you are supporting us. I can't inspire you to sow your financial generosity on a barren ground, that will not yield fruit. So dear our supporters allow me once again thank You for the trust you have put in us.

Mum Mitzi thanks also for confiding and trusting in me though we have actually never met physical, yet we just see each other on photos and interact via internet. I am thankful for the trust God has put in me to this extent, and I am sure to keep it to the end for my fear is not in man but God who passed me thru all hurdles of life in order to train and teach me to be a faithful and trusted steward of His Kingdom.

Mum Mitzi has every photo of everything happening here, I also sent her a video of some ministry activities, hope she gets it so if you want you can see some of what is here. I will hereby briefly point out what we have and are doing thru the financial support you send to us, we have been able to do much, but I will point out just some out of the NUMEROUS thru your support i have been able to go thru my marriage process successful, so as I write now I am fully a married man of God, indeed thanks much.

The children are very well fed, clothed and go to school without fear of dismissal for lack of school fees, unlike was the case before you came in to our rescue. the once hopeless, adults that make up my house hold are now very happy serving God with a bright hope.

Every Saturday, we have a programme for the community kids, we gather them together, prepare something to eat, teach them God's word, they sing, dance and their spiritual lives are taught, the children now feel a sense of belonging.

Apart from the children that make up the children's home I am catering, thru your support, I am helping to finance part of school fees of destitute children in community, many children are in our community, yet not going to school, the few that go to school its the effort of the mothers, here in Africa, man have left children responsibility to women and to some extent women struggle a lot to look after their children, so with your support I now have about 8 children of that sort I am trying to help though the outcry is still much. Thanks

Thru your support I am able to take evangelical missions to areas of gospel need, making outreaches to orphans, widows and elderly, I hope you read the Kapeka mission report. ( Issue # 79) It had all this, thanks for your generosity.

On 9 of June 2010 we got a tragedy here, when the wall hit our church structure, but glory be to God, that thru your support the church is already constructed, with just a few things remaining to completion, so we now boast of a good looking worship structure. MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIVED! But allow me to end with a Biblical quotation, in 1Kings 3:4, After Solomon had sacrificed 1000 burnt offerings to God, the Bible says that God came to him in the night and told him "Ask for whatever you want me to give you" so our dear supporters, there is so much you have done for God's people and His work this side of the World, yet there is just nothing we can give in return for what you are doing and have done, I will therefore plead to you to ask for whatever you want God to do for you and it shall definitely be granted to you by the heavenly Father who is Author of every thing in Jesus name Amen and Amen. We are so privileged to be in association with you. Expect a "positive surprise from God this year"

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Pastor Robert Sisye

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# PRAYER

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The terminology of prayer in the bible is rich and varied. It can mean intercession, petition, thanksgiving, and supplication. However, the best description is "communication with God".

God is a loving personal God who hears the prayers of all men. He desires our adoration and love for Him with our whole being (Matt.22:37) Our love should be expressed in both deeds and words, just as he expressed His love in the gift of his Son.

Men have "called upon the name of the Lord" from the days of Seth ( Gen.4:26) up to that time when the "lord" was revealed as Jesus Christ. (Compare Joel 2:32 with Rom. 10:9, 12-13); and Christians are identified as those who call upon His name (1 Cor.1:2). However, sinners who have not trusted Jesus Christ for their salvation remain alienated from God.

While unbelievers may pray, they do not have the basis for a rewarding fellowship with God. They have "not" met the conditions laid down in the Bible for effectiveness in prayer. They have "not" given their life to God through the new birth that comes through Christ; and they must be born again and trust in the provision of the Cross to see the kingdom of God. When the conditions are met by the unbeliever, then God will "hear the prayer of the righteous man in Christ." The prayer that God hears from the unbeliever is the prayer of repentance and trust in the atoning provision of the Cross; this God will not turn a deaf ear to!

Prayer is a request to a personal Lord who answers as he knows best, and according to His wisdom and will. We should be praying in faith with a heart that trusts God to do what is best for us, and God has promised to answer our requests when we pray in Christ's name.

Let us look at some other aspects of prayer:

**Worship:** In worship we recognize what is of highest worth not ourselves, others, or our work, but God only the highest divine being deserves our highest respect. Before God, angels hide their faces and cry, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts". (Isa. 6:3).

**Confession:** Awareness of God's holiness leads to consciousness of our own sinfulness. Like the prophets Isaiah, we exclaim, "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" ( Isa. 6:5)

**Adoration:** God is love, and He has demonstrated His love in the gift of the Son. The greatest desire of God is that we love Him with our whole being. (Matt.22:37).

**Praise:** The natural outgrowth of faith, worship, confession, and adoration is praise. We speak well of whom we highly esteem and love. The one we respect and love above all others naturally receives our highest commendation. We praise Him for His "mighty acts. . .according to His excellent greatness." (Psa.150:2), and for His "righteous judgments" ( psalms.119:64)

**Thanksgiving:** Are we unthankful because we think we

have not received what we deserve? But if we got what we "deserved", we would be condemned because of our guilt. As sinners, we are not people of God by nature. We have no claim upon His mercy or grace. Nevertheless, He had forgiven our sins, granted us acceptance as his people, and given us His righteous standing and a new heart and life.

Ingratitude marks the ungodly, "because although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful" (Rom.1:21) believers, in contrast live thankfully. God has been at work on our behalf in countless ways. So in everything, even for the discipline that is unpleasant, we give thanks (Col. 3:17; 1 Thess. 5:18).

**Dedicated Action:** Christ's example does not require us to withdraw from society, but to render service to the needy in a spirit of prayer. He wept over Jerusalem in compassionate prayer, and then He went into the city to give His life a ransom for many. Authentic prayer will be the source of courage and productivity, as it was for the prophets and Apostles.

**Request:** Prayer is not only response to God's grace as brought to us in the life and work of Jesus and the teaching of scriptures; it is also request for our needs and the needs of others.

For good reasons God's holy and wide purpose does not permit Him to grant every petition just as "it" is asked. Several hindrances to answered prayer are : iniquity in the heart. (Psa.66:18), refusal to hear God's law (Prov.28:9), an estranged heart (Isa. 29:13), sinful separation from God (Isa

59:2), waywardness (Jer. 14:10 -12), offering unworthy sacrifices (Mal.1:7-9), praying to be seen by people (Matt.6:5-6), pride in fasting and tithing (Luke 18: 11-14), lack of faith (Heb. 11:6), and doubting or double mindedness (James 4:3).

More positively , God has promised to answer our requests when we start helping the hungry and afflicted (Isa. 58:9-10), when we believe that we will receive what we ask (Mark11:22-24) , when we forgive others (Mark 11:25-26), when we ask in Christ's name (John 14:13-14), and when we abide in Christ and His words (John 15:7), pray in the spirit (Eph.6:8), obey the Lord's commandments (1 John 3:22) , and ask according to his will (1John 5:14-15). Until we have properly responded to God and His word, he cannot entrust us with His powerful resources.

Is prayer effective only in the inner lives of those who pray? No, prayer can make a difference in the lives of others. Prayer has power over everything . God can intelligently act in any part of the universe or human history. Although some people think prayer is a waste of time, the Bible declares that "the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16)

Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus, let us pray that wisdom and strength be given to all who wish to carry the message of the good News of salvation to the lost souls in the world. May Christ dwell in you richly, and may you shine forth the light that is within your heart. In Jesus name we pray. Amen



## GOD'S TRAFFIC LIGHTS SYSTEM IS ON—TAKE CARE—

Romans 1:20

Have you ever sat down and imagined how and what the world would really look like if there were not any regulations or laws for governcy? Hope yes...if not you better stop here for a moment and think about it. Take for instance, if there were no road traffic regulations, don't you think our roads would be in a big mess? Accidents everywhere, and uncontrolled road jams. Yes, I agree to some extent that even though regulations are in place still there are people that are not adherent to them, but at least there are still a percentage that adheres to regulation, to the good of their personal and other people lives. Those that have defied them suffer the consequences.

One of the Bible teachings, Paul the Apostle states: "For His invisible attributes, namely...have been clearly perceived...through the things that have been made. (Rom 1:20). While I sat in a public taxi one morning going to do my toilet cleaning work at a nursery school, the Lord taught me a lesson that not only provided right what Paul said ,but also caused a revelational transitional changes to my entire life style. So as a servant of God I feel extremely blessed to openly share with you what the Lord taught me that morning.

One of the regulations that governed the toilet washing job that I was doing was to keep time or be terminated. Like any other job thirsty person, I wouldn't allow myself to miss this low profile job just for reason of time.. I was determined to adhere to the job regulations as set by my bosses, whether be it rain or sunshine. Due to ministry financial constraints that I was having at the time, I needed money, so I would sacrifice even my sleep in order to arrive at work early. On this specific day, I woke up late for work and in a panicking mood put on my clothes and ran out of my then "toilet

size" room to the taxi stage. I just can't recall if I washed my face, "What am I to tell my boss?" I questioned myself as I sat in the taxi. I imagined if I had power to turn the clock backwards, but its only God with such skill. I imagined the taxi was flying over the rest of the cars that were in front of us lined in a traffic jam, but nothing of that sort happened. I wanted to get out of the taxi and run the remaining distance to my work place, but the distance was still much. I don't know if you ever reached in such a situation, a time when you don't want any "waits" or delays yet there is nothing as all you can do about it.

As all the other passengers sat confidently, I was bubbling "small words" to myself., complaining and grumbling filled my mouth. Unknowingly the passengers that sat next to me had for a long time noticed my unsettled state, so he said, "Relax, its better to reach safe, than dead" actually this man went on to speak but I just couldn't hear the rest of the words. His facts to me were fictions.

After the traffic jam had finally cleared, our car started to run at a zoom speed, but about 150 meters to the place of my job, lies a traffic light system at the round of the junction. As the taxi neared the lights, I prayed in my heart, "Lord, Please for only today don't allow those traffic lights to hold us back." Through the windows of the taxi I would see the traffic light system showing green so vehicles were speeding crossing to the other side of the road, when suddenly the system showed red—And our car stopped immediately. Everyone in the car showed an unappreciative mood, but I seemed to show it the most, with my arms on my head, I acted like any one of you would react if your team was at finals then at the last minute of ending the match , the ball is entered into your net, its then that I realized that I was not the only one in a hurry. I felt very bad. "Open the door, I want to get out, I have reached", I told the conductor. "Can't you see the traffic guide?" bursted the conductor back at me, " do you want us to be

charged..can't you wait...be patient, man." he ended. At this I felt frozen.

As the taxi stood waiting for the traffic lights to show green it's then that I heard the Spirit of God say to me, "Robert look intently to the traffic light system that is ahead of you" I immediately lifted up my head like someone from a deep sleep and looked at the traffic light system with a stern face. " Robert, the same way that earthly traffic light system works, that's the same way God deals with you." Ended the Spirit of God. The Spirit went on to point out to me how everyone of us is so anxious and eager to reach a desired destiny goal, motive, etc, name it...spiritual or physical yet none of us would love to incur any "waits" or delays in realizing our expectations. Sometimes delays and waits are vital for both our physical and spiritual development.

As it is with the earthly traffic lights system, so is it with God's way of operation while dealing with humanity. Every light on the traffic system has significance, in the same way that Godly events and regulations that come across our lives as we walk the earth's journey.

Psalms 1:1 says, "Blessed is the man...walk...stand...sit. To me this clearly portrays God's traffic light system revelation I am speaking of. For any person to be called "Blessed of God", at least there must be three incidences that have come to the persons life. There must have come a moment , where God led that person to a moment of "sitting" which represents the traffic light system of Red which tells someone to STOP, there also must have been a time where God leads that person to a moment of "standing" which represented by orange color on the traffic light, which tells someone to get READY. Then lastly after a person has gone through the two stages, God leads that person to a moment of "walking" represented by the color Green on the traffic light, which tells one GO.

Humans are naturally and spiritually a weak species, needing strength and

motivation from a super Authority to empower them effectively in all they do. When the traffic lights turn on red, the driver can use this time to stretch his legs, muscles, and even lift a bottle of water that is near without fear of causing an accident, with ease. It's a time he can re-adjust his drivers seat in preparation for the next driving step. Don't you think that even God has such a setting and program on His time table for our lives and benefit? What I am saying is that there is a moment in life when whether spiritual or physical, that God will take you in a recess, you find that things are not moving, so everything seems to have taken another side or come to an abrupt stop. You were making progress but now you see no progress. Don't you think that God is giving you an opportunity to invigorate you? Even is a time we seem to do nothing, God still is doing something in us.

Maybe you are fired from your work, or have been given a job leave, to you it may seem as time you have got to stay with your family, yet God ,He sees it as an opportunity to have you to Himself to teach you something. The children of Israel didn't just walk into the Promised Land though they had spent plenty of time in a suffering condition in Egypt. No, they always had stops at some points as they moved to the Promised Land.

At some points the Lord put on His Red traffic lights for them although as humans they wouldn't have loved any stops on the way especially in the deserts, a very undesirable place for human life. (Ex.14:1)

Sitting is a recognized posture for learning. So many times we are just very busy doing this and that, sometimes not getting time to hear what God wants us to hear ,so what He does is turn on His red light, so there He gets us. Stops on the way gave the children of Israel opportunity to learn from God and this would help them possess the character that God wanted them to have though many still didn't learn from the stop points that God caused. Turn to page 14

## COMPLETE SURRENDER

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, in Christ; for He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in His sight. ( Eph. 1:2-4)

My name is George Davis and I'm currently incarcerated at Buster Cole State Jail in Bonham, TX. On my way to Church the other night I picked up my first copy of the FLN, issue # 80. I truly felt drawn to it, and as I lay reading, it became very clear why. I started reading David's testimony, 1999 was the first time at the age of 45, I went to Prison, and then I was served divorce papers after 14 years of marriage. Yes, I was devastated and all the other things you could imagine this side of suicide. I had been in prison about 7 1/2 months when my wife and children stopped writing me, before the papers were served. It was mental torture because I came to prison falsely accused and now this. So after writing several "novels" to my wife and children with no response, I was reading my Bible when it became very clear as to what I had to do—So I slid off by bunk onto my knees and surrendered my children, my wife and all the worldly possessions to God and then I completely surrendered my "self", telling God "Here I am before You, Lord "a book" full of blank pages, please fill me with Your word." I knew at that point and it was clear as the nose on my face. I had to put it between the pages of His word and not look up. Well, all praise and Glory to God, my time in Prison got better and better to the point that I ended up at the trustee camp out back of Pack-1, head inmate over the welding shop with a new guitar and blessings from the Chaplain.

I served the whole 3 years except 3 months parole which ended peacefully. I served 2 1/2 years without a dime on my book and because I was completely surrendered to

God all my needs were supplied by the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God.

During that time of 3 years, I walked in the sandals of Paul, and Job, and identified with the persecution of Jesus Christ. I have many other stories of revelation of what Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit did, gave, and showed me, as well as spoke to me to the glory of God. I give God all glory and praise for all things.

I am a chief sinner, and an ambassador in chains for Christ. I love righteousness and hate sin. God bless you all.

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## God's Answer For The Empty Life, con't.

### CONCLUSION:

Is Jesus Christ the Lord and Master of your life? Can you say that your plans revolve around His will? Or are you dipping into the well that won't satisfy? I can guarantee you this—the world's pleasures will only leave you craving more. But there is no disappointment in Jesus; He keeps His promises. Even if nothing changes on the outside, everything can be different on the inside. The Lord will fill your life with meaning and shower you with His love and acceptance.

The apostle Paul said that when a person comes to Christ, old things pass away (2 Cor. 5:17). When you begin to drink of the living water Jesus offers, you will have a new attitude, new purpose, new direction, and new security. Allow Him to fill you up, and you will never thirst again.

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## TURN YOUR EYES UP- ON JESUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look into His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

## I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

I believe in miracles I've seen a soul set free, miraculous the change in one Redeemed at Calvary; I've seen the lily push its way up thru the stubborn sod-I believe in miracles, because I believe in God!

## JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to Him belong, we are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

From Great Gospel Songs and Hymns.

## SANCTUARY

By E.J. Turk—Ft. Stockton, TX

When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me—until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood. . . PS 73:16,17

Pain. If you're like most people, at some point in your life you will know intimately the reality of pain. It may be physical pain or it may be emotional pain, but whatever form it takes, most people will come to understand that part of being human involves experiencing pain.

Pain hurts, especially the anguish of emotional pain. This type of pain can be manifested in many different forms, i.e., Loss; Separation; Rejection; Betrayal; Guilt; etc. Often times these are devastating, life-changing experiences that can wrench the human heart with an agony and depth of despair that defies description. And regardless of the cause of the pain, whether a person brings it upon themselves or if it is inflicted by another, it still hurts.

I, for example, am in prison. It's my fault that I'm in prison, but the pain of separation and loss is still very real. Before coming to prison I was experiencing a different form of emotional pain. My outlook on life at that time was very bleak. I chose to inflict pain on others in an attempt to ease my own pain and that choice led me to prison. My pain did not justify my actions, but ironically my actions justified my pain. But an even deeper irony is that through the pain of imprisonment I found relief from the dark place called "the sanctuary of God".

When I first entered the sanctuary of God I had no idea that that was what I was doing. All I knew was I was hurting inside and wanted help. At the time I was very unstable and suicidal. But deep within me was something that desperately wanted to find a better way to ease the pain, because ultimately I didn't want to die, I just wanted the emptiness to go away and the feelings of loneliness to stop.

A couple of days into my incarceration I came into possession of a small Gideons New Testament. At that time I didn't even believe in God, but out of desperation I had begun pleading with Him, and had requested the Bible from the Jailers. I had been begging God not to throw me away like the piece of trash I felt that I was. When I received the Bible I immediately started flipping through it reading at random. I'd never read the Bible before and didn't have the slightest clue about what I was reading, but in the midst of that moment I read something that resonated deep within my soul and became for me a beacon of hope. As I shared before, my outlook on life had been very bleak. Darkness enveloped me, consumed me, and robbed me of all hope. Pain was my reality. But what penetrated that heavy pall were these words: **But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 Jn.1:7)**

If I didn't know anything else I knew this—I was a sinner. And something else I began to understand in that moment was that I did not want to be a sinner any longer, but rather I wanted to be in the light.

About two days after receiving the Bible I went to an evening church service there in jail. I'd been to church before in my life but this time was the first time I was genuinely seeking an encounter with God. I entered the sanctuary of God that night with a desire to walk in the light, when I left the service I was absolutely radiant. My life was new. My hope was real. My pain was gone.

Since that night I've grown in many ways and have learned many truths, including the fact that even though one may walk in the light that does not make him immune to the effects of pain. But what is different is how we react to and use that pain.

For my crimes I'd received a 20-year sentence. During my first 10 years I committed myself to serving the Lord and studying His word. During that time I experienced much restoration between my family and me, and discovered a passion for min-

istry. I was actively involved in ministry and was making plans for my approaching parole date. I had sought the Lord earnestly and truly believed he was going to bless me with parole. My parole interview was on Oct.28 of 2010. I received my answer December 22, 2010. three days before Christmas the parole board decided not to grant me parole and set me off for 3 years.

Pain. Suddenly it was a glaring reality in my life once again. I was mad. I felt betrayed. I looked back on my life and thought it all a waste. Obviously my biggest question was, "WHY?!"

I didn't pray or read my Bible for over a week. Some brothers comforted me and understood while others abandoned me. Finally I was moved in my spirit to return to God's word. One of my favorite passages is Psalm 73. In it Asaph is trying to understand why the wicked prosper while the righteous perish. He writes:

**When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me—until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood. . .(Ps.73:16,17)**

As I read that and meditated on it, my heart yearned to find that same resolution that Asaph had—I wanted to find and enter the sanctuary of God. It was at that time point that I realized I hadn't been in the sanctuary in a long time, I wasn't even sure how to get there.

The thought of my 3 year set off was suffocating me, I felt as if I'd been re-sentenced all over again. Under the crush of my new reality I desperately began searching for some semblance of comfort in God's word, what I found were the keys to entering the sanctuary of God.

In Isaiah chapters 7 and 8 is an account of when Judah was laid siege by the northern kingdom of Israel and the country of Syria. Turn to page 12

*Hallelujah, Praise The**Lamb*

**From the moment man first disobeyed the Father, we were then held captive by our sins. The Law of God demanded a Sacrifice, restoring to Himself His Own again. So the Lamb, His only Son was freely offered, atonement for our sins forever made, He, innocent and Holy, still God and God only could ransom and redeem us back again.**

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb*

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb*

*My heart sings His Praise again*

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb*

**So to the Cross they carried Him, with all our guilt and sin. The Lamb of God was slain for our transgressions. And on the Cross those nailed pierced Hands reached up to God and down to man, and just as if I'd never sinned, He took me in His arms, embracing me He willingly forgave.**

**For Mercy, Grace and Love that knows no bounds, though guilty and condemned I now am free. Forever I'm forgiven for Christ The Lord has Risen, and risen with Him I shall one day be.**

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb,*

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb*

*My heart sings His Praise again*

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb*

*Oh, Thank You, My Lord Jesus*

**SANCTUARY, CON'T.**

But God had instructed Isaiah to assure the people of Judah that He was going to use the Assyrian king and his army along with Egypt, to punish Syria and the northern kingdom. God told Isaiah that Assyria would wash over all of Israel and Syria like a flood, and even over Judah. But for those who trusted God the flood waters would only reach up to their necks. The situation would seem bad but Judah had to trust that this was God's plan for deliverance, and that he was indeed in control.

In chapter 8, verses 13 and 14a, the Lord gives the people of Judah the keys necessary to rise above their circumstances and to find peace in the midst of the storm. First, He says, "Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself." (Is.8:13a) This means he was asking the people of Judah to give the Lord preeminence in their lives. He alone was to be their hope and their God. Second, the Lord tells the people of Judah, ". . .and let Him be your fear. . ." (8:13b)

In this phrase the Lord is asking to be revered and respected. This is a recognition of His absolute power. Jesus referenced this fear in Luke 12:4,5. If we truly fear the Lord in this manner then we wouldn't dare serve any other god. Third, the Lord admonishes, ". . .and let Him be your dread. . ." (8:13c)

This is a mandate to not take anything for granted but to recognize the awesome construction power of God Almighty. From atoms to galaxies, nothing has its existence outside the power and will of God. When that is recognized, then we will surely tremble with awe when considering the powerful presence of Yahweh God.

So let's say that we strive to truly live out these keys in our service and worship of God, that we sanctify the Lord Jesus and make Him preeminent in our lives, that we truly reverence and respect Him in everything, and that we honor and praise Him and credit Him .for every blessing of our lives. What would happen if this were truly our heart? Isaiah says, "And He will be as sanctuary." He will be our refuge! He will be our shelter! He will be our stronghold! He will! That means He'll meet us where we're at! He won't allow the waters to rise above our necks, but promises us that as long as we make Him our sanctuary everything we go through—everything that He helps us through—will work out for our blessing and His glory! Everything!

God's word promises this security time and time again,

"The Lord is good, a stronghold to the day of troubles; and He knows those who trust in Him"  
Naham 1:7

Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you." Zec.9:12

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence,

and His children will have a place of refuge.  
Pr.14:26

The first time I entered the sanctuary of God I did so because I wanted to walk in the light. From that point forward, that light was in me. Entering the sanctuary of God is entering into a relationship with Jesus Christ. I had lost sight of that somehow and allowed the world to rob me of my joy. But my Lord never gave up on me and led me back once again to the entrance of the sanctuary.

I don't know why I was set off. I don't know why thousands of seemingly bad things happen to thousands of good people everyday. But I do know this: our lives are not in vain. Our God created us for a purpose, a purpose that is only fully realized when we live it from within the sanctuary. I've wasted a lot of my life pursuing empty promises and false hope. It was only after I entered the sanctuary of God that I realized what really mattered, where my true joy comes from.

Pain is a very real part of our existence. But God tells us in His word that if we'll draw close to Him, — that if we'll trust Him—He'll help us to at least understand that, in light of our eternal hope, our pain is temporary. And He'll even help us to use that pain to ease the suffering of others. For example, I never before could relate with someone who had received set off, but now that I've experienced that pain myself, I'm better equipped to help someone else deal with the same pain. My pain has become an opportunity to help others. My pain when illuminated by the light of the sanctuary, has actually become a blessing! What a strange turn of events!

Come into the sanctuary of God, seek his wisdom for understanding. Allow Him to illuminate your pain. When you see it for what is really is, then you too will gain the strength to smile through your tears.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Cor, 4:16-18



## ***A PRIME EXAMPLE OF GOD'S LOVE***

My name is Daryl Hess and I'm in Prison in Oklahoma. I am a new believer, I confessed my sins, asked for forgiveness and gave my life to God. I am working my way through the Bible for the first time in my life. I turned 30 in Oct. I have what I now believe, a powerful testimony and a **prime example of God's love** and why Jesus died for me, rather than just a few past full of sins. I am doing a total of 56 years in Prison, I may very well never get released. I have unwavering faith God has a plan for my life I don't know what it is yet, but my heart, eyes and ears are open.

I hit rock bottom in 2007 with a major drug habit and armed robberies, yet I continued to live in sin till recently. I am in protective custody.

I found myself counting my last minute's of life, laying on a stretcher. I prayed for the first time since I was 8 or 9. I said, *"God, I've done harm to a lot of people, committed a lot of crimes, I doubt I'm going to Heaven, but Lord I'm sorry, please forgive me and be with me through my end."* Well, God pulled me through, I haven't reached my end on earth yet. And He's still with me!

Since that day I've fully asked the Lord to be in my heart. I'm hungry for scriptures and fellowship. I suffer from mental illness. I have trouble with concentration and comprehension. I can't go to Church services, but the Chaplain comes through every two weeks and hands out literature, he does not have time to fellowship with me, he can only give me one magazine or pamphlet. I'm in critical stage in my walk with God and my faith and dedication is being tested.. The devil is throwing his arsenal at me, but I have God's Armor on!!.. Another inmate gave me a copy of the FLN Fall edition. I began to read article after article of people just like me. People who are overcoming extreme obstacles. I felt so alone in life, I was so low in self-esteem, in self-worth, that I accepted prison, took praise in my good name on these prison yards. Now I'm not alone. I prayed asking God if I should reach out to someone or did He want me to bear it alone. I felt in my heart I should reach out, so here I am.

I have faith God gave me a copy of Free Life News for a reason. I don't have any family, was raised in Foster care and the Juvenile Justice System, I went to adult prison at 17. I went from street gang to prison gang, that's my old self, I've been born again and none of that past matters. I

will share my experiences if it will help anyone. Maybe someone can relate and won't feel alone by knowing I've gone through the same things. And through Jesus, I've been forgiven, I've been redeemed, I'm not just another statistic. I am a son of God, and so are they. I can't quote many scriptures right off the top of my head, I can't go to Church, but I feel whole, complete, I feel God in my heart, in my life and that's what I want to share. God is walking with me through all of this. Praise God.

~~~~A note ~~~~

When we receive Daryl's letter at Free Life News, I was unable to answer in a timely manner due to a two month illness, so Daryl reached out to Kim Fincher of JKF Ministries, who wrote to him. I have since written to Daryl. So Daryl, now you have two friends, at least! Below is the response from Kim to Daryl and you.

This is the testimonial as written by Daryl Hess. He is the first of many broken souls that has taken a step-forward in healing through sharing His faith with others, in the hope to help someone; maybe you, come to know Jesus Christ as your Savior. If his testimony touched you and you are ready to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior say this prayer with me, *"God, I know you*

*love me. I ask for your forgiveness of my sins. I need your help. I am ready and believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose on the third-day and is here for me. I pray right now to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I believe and now will walk by faith and want to know your will and plan for my life. I thank you for forgiving me and for your love for me. I love you too Jesus!"* Amen

Please write to us and let us know if you said this prayer. We will send you our monthly Bible study and newsletter to help you with this journey of faith.

If you have a testimony to share like Daryl's that you feel God wants you to share with others we would be happy to receive it. We will always seek God's will before publishing or sharing any testimonials sent to us.

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**God's Traffic Light System,**  
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This is very evident even today. There are still people that can't see the value of the **Red** traffic light of God. Before you complain of setbacks first ask yourself, "What does God want me to learn at this stop point. Now listen, don't allow yourself to get out of God's red lights without getting a life transforming lesson from it. As you stand before God's **Red** traffic lights, watching on the other side, other people crossing over to their destinations, be confident that your **Green** light time is swiftly coming.

Before **Green** lights turn on, **Orange** lights first have to turn on. **Orange** says "get ready, its soon time to cross over" is says "wake up, don't sleep. Many times before God does something, he will first tell of His plan, He will make alerts to our spirits.. Before His Son was birthed, He sent people to make alerts, one of them being John the Baptist ( Is. 40:3) Isaiah, the Prophet also acted as an **orange** traffic signal for the birth of Jesus. Even on the way to the Promised Land, after camping for some time, God would again send messages to His people through His servants telling them to get ready for another journey.

Actually I call this stage the visionary stage, why? It's a time when God shows much, a point when in the spirit there is much happening, yet nothing in the physical seems reality, inside you a spirit of much expectation, faith and hope for better things is birthed, yet in actual sense, what you feel in your spirit contradicts with what is physical present. It's like a moment Mary was in when the Angel visited her to tell her of the birth of Jesus, yet in physical Mary doesn't know any man. (Luke1:26) This moment is like when you possess all signs of an expectant woman yet there is no pregnancy to confirm the validity of your expectations.. It's like a moment when God spoke to Abraham, a stranger in a foreign land, "lift up your eyes" every land you see, I give to you, yet at that moment he didn't even possess an

inch of ground. Promising a man who 75 years hadn't birthed any child, that his offspring would fill the entire earth, that was human insanity. But to God it was "Faith Sanity". Like Mary said, "let it be as you say", so must we say when we reach the **orange** traffic signal of God. As Abraham believed God, so must we believe God at His word no matter the circumstances around us, for it is not your power to bring completion His power.

He wants you to **STAND NOW**, get ready now. Actually many of us by the time we reach this stage we are very weary, many times we are used at at being at the **Red** "stop" lights.. Brother, Sister the **Orange** lights are now on. So its now time to raise up, gather the little strength you have and wait to see the Lord drying the Jordan before your very eyes.

Lastly, is the Lords **Green** traffic light. This is a moment when things come to reality, the things you once saw in spirit, now have come to being, the once tears of sadness have turned to tears of joy. As Simeon had been promised by the Spirit that he wouldn't die before seeing Jesus in person, so the same Spirit led him to see what He had promised. It's time for entering your promised land, after a big stay in the wilderness. It's a time you no longer have to wait for manna to fall, but now you can eat the food of your choice, it's a time your heart is filled with praise, thanksgiving flowing right from the bottom of your heart, this time you just don't force it, but it flows, it's a moment that David speaks of "my cup overflows" Some of you are already there, God's traffic lights system is now showing **Green** to you. Praise the Lord,

At this level, one is not tempted by what he needs, "lack", but he is tempted by what he possess, Abundance. You need to know that He has led you there to stand in humility and awe of His name, helping build His kingdom and look after the needy. (Ps 138:6)

Pastor Robert, Free Life —Uganda

### **" FROM THE GANG TO THE CROSS"**

Giving God Almighty all the Glory for delivering me, (Fernando), Michael, and Ernesto (Smith Unit) from our former gang. I want to let all gang members, inmates, etc. know that God can do all things. I know that there are many out there that truly love God, and want to serve Him, but my friends God can not work in the lives, who won't surrender all to him. (read Luke 9:23) Still being in the gang, we new believers realized that not just by studying and reading Scriptures and praising Jesus brings joy, peace and rest in our lives. Before God can use any of us in the Prisons or in the streets of darkness, where there are many lost souls. We must truly surrender all that we have and turn to God. (Romans 8: 1-20 and don't fear no man who kill the body, but not his soul, but fear the one who can. ( Matt. 10:28) .... It did take us time , but by much prayer God made a way for us three to walk in peace, joy and life more abundantly. Don't let the enemy of this world deceive you (John 10:9-10) Trust in the Lord and believe, and He will give you all that you need to follow Him with all your heart, soul and mind.

We are now ready to be true soldiers for God without fear. He will not force us to do anything, we must come willingly with a humble heart. Hey! He did it for us. He willingly took it to the Cross—Praise God—for all of us. (John 7:16 & Romans 5:8) We can not be serving two masters. There is no two way victory with God, He does not abide in darkness. God is light, we must walk in light not darkness. Believe me brothers and sisters, you will get a whole lot more from God when you willingly surrender to the One Who changes and saves lives. Glory be to God our Father and thank you, Jesus for defeating everything at the Cross (Col.2:14-15)

We have truly been buried with Him and raised with Him.  
(Romans 6:24)

Look to the Cross where victory is won!

God's righteousness can only come by the Cross while self-righteousness is by dependence of works. (Gal 2:21)

Our prayers go out to all the saints at FLN and to those who make it possible for us to write and let others know what God is doing in our lives, and that every testimonies from other saints will motivate and lift our new brothers and sisters up and to keep them on God's ways. May FLN ministries , and all other ministries be blessed and may God meet the needs of every individual who reads this. In Jesus name .. Amen

**YOU CAN BE FREE, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, IF YOU ARE IN CHRIST. BE SET FREE TODAY—ASK JESUS INTO YOUR HEART AS LORD**

## A letter of Appreciation

I wish to thank you for the continued support that we receive from you. The 100 "Free Life News Letters" that we received on Dec. 14th, 2010 are truly a blessing to the men here. Thank you for your faithfulness even in these difficult times.. It is because of ministries such as yours that we are able to minister to almost 2000 men here at Jackson Correctional Institution. Malone, FL Thank you on behalf of the men here. We pray the Lord will continue to bless you and your ministry.

Ron Evans, Senior Chaplain

*We appreciate the time you take out of your busy schedule to write to us. We are blessed to know that the Free Life News is touching and changing lives.. May God bless you all*

Mitzi & Staff

## 2 Corinthians Chapter 5

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things become new.

18 Now all things are of God,, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

19 That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us; we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

## BE RECONCILED TO GOD

His love is still  
reaching out to  
where you are!

Reach back to Him, He's  
waiting for you.

## STRUGGLING AND QUESTIONING

From Danti' S. in Laurinburg, NC

Dear Free Life News.

"I never knew anything about your magazine before, until I received an issue of your Fall Edition 2010.

I had been struggling with a few things and I was questioning the Lord about a few others. I gazed through the issue not really paying much mind, until I reached page 4. Someone had written to the staff, "I found the Free Life News" article . The funny part is the individual who wrote his comments is named Danti', but spelled with an "a" ,I was in shock and began to read your whole newsletter. After I was finished I knew it was the Lord who sent this my way—and I would like to be placed on the mailing list.

I don't believe in luck, there are too many coherent articles in your newsletter that related to my prayers and what your newsletter is about to be called luck. Nah! I call it God being God and speaking directly to me. God bless you in your ministry and enlarge your territory."

Dear Danti',

*Your letter confirmed one of our prayers also, that this newsletter would fall into someone's hand and touch his heart. Thank God for being God and reaching you. Thank you for writing and sharing your thoughts with our readers, may they touch someone else like Danta's did you. God Bless you*

~~~Mitzi & Staff~~~

WE LOVE HIM, BECAUSE HE  
FIRST LOVED US.

Thank you Dear father, for loving us so much that you sent your only Beloved Son to die in our place, taking away our sins, rising again on the third day to give us life. All we can do is believe, receive, and rest in your finished work.

## HIDING THE WORD IN OUR HEARTS

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself. According to the good pleasure of His will., to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace, which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will..... In Him also we have obtained an inheritance ....In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth.....And He made you alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins. ....BUT GOD, who is rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together in Christ,( by grace are you have been saved)....For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.....But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.....praying that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, that you being rooted and grounded in love.....that you may be filled with all the goodness of God. Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness with longsuffering bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians. Selected verses, Chapters 1-4

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**CHRIST THE LORD HAS RISEN**

TODAYS VERSE—Heartlight Magazine

VERSE:

The LORD your God did to the Jordon just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God. —Joshua 4:24

THOUGHT:

God demonstrates his love to us because he is loving. God demonstrates his love to us because he knows we would be lost without it. God demonstrates his love to us because he wants us to show his power to the peoples of the world. God demonstrates his love for us because he wants us to know his awesome might to save. God demonstrates his love for us so we will deeply respect, honor, and revere him.

Prayer:

Holy and Almighty God, I praise you for your majesty and might. I praise you for your love and your grace. I praise you with my heart full of thanks, I praise you with my head bowed low in reverence, to honor and glorify you, the only true and living God. May honor and glory and praise be yours in my heart and in my life as long as I live on this earth. In Jesus' name. Amen

**GOD IS LOVE**