

Harris Ministries

"Ministering in Word & Song"



May 2012

Dear Friend;

The last time you received a letter from us, you were told about a string of bad things that happened to our ministry all at once. This was followed by a string of activities that totally undid everything and things were better than they had been before. That is the way God works. Paul said "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) You know that has to be frustrating to the enemy. He works his best plans and God with a wave of His hand turns it to blessing.

In Numbers 22, Balak sent an entourage to escort Balaam to a designated point to curse the children of Israel. I love the message that Balaam was given "you shall not curse the people: for they are blessed." (v.12) Taken a step further, Galatians 3 makes it abundantly clear: "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangs on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (v.13-14) Friend, you are blessed; Jesus died to make it so.

Here is the balance of that teaching. You are blessed but you must walk in the blessing. When suffering comes some choose a substitute or another way out and completely miss God's true deliverance. My friend, there is a benefit to staying in Christ and patiently waiting on Him. Romans chapter 8 talks about this. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (v.15-18)

It took me years to see a different slant on this than traditional religion observes. So many times religion provides a healthy dose of suffering for the people of God and granted, "many are the afflictions of the Righteous." HOWEVER, God delivers out of them ALL. Romans 8:17 teaches: we are His heirs and joint-heirs IF we suffer together WITH Christ (as opposed to WITHOUT Him). Why suffer with Him? So that when He delivers us, we are glorified together! Said differently, we allow Him to glorify His great name when His deliverance is seen!

Let me "break this down" for you. You are blessed in Christ. You cannot be cursed. Walk with Him and stay in Him and you WILL see the deliverance of the Lord. This requires a modicum of faith. It is hard to stare down the throat of a hungry lion or maintain your testimony no matter what life throws at you. BUT, crisis produces growth and really when you think about it, WHAT CHOICE DO WE REALLY HAVE. It is either wait for the deliverance of God or back up from Him into destruction. God said "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." (Hebrews 10:38-39) GLORY TO GOD!! All that to say: If you are having a hard time - HANG IN THERE, YOUR REDEMPTION IS DRAWING CLOSE!

At the time of the writing of this letter, we are entering the third week of a move of God in Mill City, PA. It has not been as easy as the last time we were here but I can honestly say that GOD IS MOVING. We have seen people saved for the first time, filled with the Holy Spirit with evidence not only of speaking in tongues but causing one individual to pray for someone at work and seeing a miracle take place.

We have seen our share of miracles in the services but last night was truly amazing. People stood in the altar receiving from God, some wept, some laughed, some spoke in other tongues! We had people who were laughing so hard at the end they literally had to leave the room so Pastor could dismiss! It was a wonderful meeting. Depression was ripped out of people's lives and deliverance came to those who desperately needed it!

My friend you have played a part in something wonderful. I have seen many selfish people in Christianity. It seems they only care about what THEY can receive. It can be discouraging. But your kindness helps us to know that there are people committed to Christ who are selfless and who want to see others receive! Thank you so much for being a partner in this ministry. You are loved!

Working with you for Christ,
Carl Terri and Lilly
Your Evangelists

P.S. Thank you for continuing to remember Camp Meeting 2012 in your prayers. We hope you're making plans to be with us!