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“I Can Only Imagine”

It is hard to imagine that this ministry has been developing for over four years. New facilities have opened up to us, as well as getting correspondence from many states and foreign countries.

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Intentions & Wishes

The intentions of this newsletter are to allow an understanding of jail & prison ministries. It is our intentions to get input from those incarcerated as well as those “free” to visit. Life experiences of the faith and fellowship from those locked up in the facilities are always desired to let others know of the value of “visitation”. I am certain that each of us have many stories of the miracles God has done in our lives.

Our wishes are that we would have a list of supportive churches that individuals might look forward to attending once released.

A list of services, such as housing, employment, and counseling services, as well as some individuals available for friendly fellowship are also much needed items.

God’s Word says if a man stumbles, how can he continue lest there be another to help him up. **Ecc. 4:10** **“For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him [that is] alone when he falleth; for [he hath] not another to help him up.”** **Proverbs 24:17** **“Rejoice not when thy enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth:”** **John 11:10** **“But if a man walketh in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.”**

Please help us with input for this newsletter as we strive to serve God. We appreciate any articles or input.

Sharing Your Testimony

There are 4 parts to an individual’s testimony;

1. What my life was like before I met Jesus
2. How I realized I needed Jesus
3. How I committed my life to Jesus
4. The difference Jesus has made in my life.

But in reality, those who believe in Jesus have the testimony of God in them; Each of us needs to periodically share our testimony with others. The importance is not what you have done, but what God is doing.

1. Your testimony;
2. Your life lessons
3. Your godly passions
4. the Good News

“For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.”
Hebrews 3:14



Jack “Murf the Surf” Murphy and Jeanne (Mom of M.O.M.)

Calling on States to Make Prison Telephone Rates Affordable

Dear Friends,

Of all the factors that help inmates after their release, an intact family is the most important in helping them stay on the right path. Research shows that when returning inmates have a supportive family, they are more likely to find a job, less likely to use drugs and less likely to be involved in criminal activities. The support and accountability that a stable family provides have a clear, positive impact. For these reasons, you'd think that prisons would do all they can to strengthen relationships between inmates and their families. It seems reasonable that authorities would make strong family ties a top priority. Unfortunately, many don't. And that is bad for all of us: the prisoner, the family and the community.

Prisoners are often incarcerated hundreds of miles from their home, which makes visits with family members difficult, if not impossible. That's why prisoners rely on telephone calls to keep in touch with loved ones. Some prisons, however, are adding exorbitant charges to prison phone calls, claiming that the more expensive services are necessary to ensure that criminal activities—such as making threats or doing drug deals—are not perpetrated. The prison authorities fail to mention, however, that the prisons, and sometimes even the states, are profiting from these calls. Recent estimates show that prison phone services nationwide generate as much as \$1 billion a year.

Prisoners can't receive calls, they can only make collect calls. Some states charge as much as \$3.95 to place the call, plus an additional 89 cents per minute. For instance, New York once used inmate phones as a profit center. MCI, which provided the phone service, paid the prison system 57.5 percent of the fees it charged for prisoners' collect calls. The state then allowed MCI to charge outrageously

high rates: 16 cents or more a minute, plus a \$3 surcharge for every call. But don't think it was the inmates paying for this outrage. It was their families who had to pick up the tab—as much as \$300 to \$400 a month. In 2007, the New York Legislature made it illegal for the Department of Correctional Services to accept revenue in excess of its reasonable costs for operating an inmate phone system. New York no longer receives a percentage and prison phone rates have dropped to 15 cents per minute. Our communities have a huge stake in the successful reentry of inmates after they serve their sentences. Over 700,000 inmates will be released from prison this year. These returning inmates will be our neighbors. Will they have the stability and support of an intact family? Or will they be cast adrift with no social network other than their old friends that got them in trouble in the first place? A supportive family often makes the difference between inmates becoming healthy, contributing members of society or returning to criminal behavior. You can help by contacting your legislators and asking them to review your state's policies regarding prison phone rates. If this policy undercuts inmate families, ask them to work with you to change it.

I urge you also to write to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) about their [Inmate Telephone Service](#). Prison Fellowship and our allies in this effort will be meeting soon with FCC staff on a proposal that was filed in 2007 requesting that the FCC establish rate caps for interstate long-distance inmate payphone services. In His service,



Pat Nolan
Vice President, Prison Fellowship

Doctrine of Christ: Separate and Follow

Many of my past messages have had as many as 10 points. In this message, we will cover one entire book of the Bible and I can assure you it will not be 'pointless.'

II John 1:1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free. John 8:32

II John 1:2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

II John 1:3 Grace be with you, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

II John 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

II John 1:5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

What is Love? Is it an emotion? Is it a warm, fuzzy feeling? Is it the result of passion?

*"If ye love me, keep my commandments
John 14:15*

II John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

II John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not

that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.

This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

II John 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

II John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

II John 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed:

II John 1:11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

I do not see anywhere here in this scripture "except for friends and relatives." It states "If there come any' unto you," and any means any.

I Corinthians 5:11 *But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.*

I Corinthians 16:22 *If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha. (which is a curse to them)*

II John 1:12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not [write] with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

II John 1:13 The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

Am I Really Saved?

Reprinted from Walk in the Word

Pastor James MacDonald

“The Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.” Romans 8:16

I’m kind of fired up because without a doubt, I have the most important subject in the universe to talk to you about today. If you have “it,” you have everything that you need. But without it, you don’t have anything—no matter how much you have. Many people think they have this but they don’t, and sadly many people who *do* have it, take it for granted. Recognized in all of its splendor you would die for it, but ironically unless you have it, you will die.

What is it that I’m talking about? It is the story of Scripture. It is the miracle of the age. It is the reason that Jesus came, died, and rose again. Sinners call it *conversion*; theologians call it *justification*. Children call it, *asking Jesus into their hearts*, and Jesus called it, *being born again*. Most frequently the Bible calls it *salvation*.

Rightly understood, salvation is the crown jewel of Christianity and the constant comfort of the Lord’s people. But it can also cause much confusion. In fact, surprisingly even in churches that preach the biblical message of salvation, a lot of people are confused about exactly what salvation is and how it works.

This week on the broadcast, I’ll clear up three crucial issues about salvation:

1. How is a person saved? How does it happen?
2. How do you know if you’ve been saved?
3. Can you lose your salvation?

Right now, we’ll focus on the second issue, *how can you be absolutely sure that you’ve been saved?*

If you’re saved, you belong to God. God has made a mark on you. He has sealed you. What is that assurance that you belong to Him? Look at Ephesians 1:13: **“Having believed you were sealed with the Holy Spirit.”** So here it is—if you’ve been saved, you have the Holy Spirit. If you’re not saved, you don’t have the Holy Spirit. So the question then is, *how do I know if I have the Holy Spirit?*

We’re gonna get this settled right now. Are you saved? **If you’re saved, the Holy Spirit is doing these six things in your life.**

There’s many more things we could have included on this list but I chose what I thought were the six main ones.

1. The Holy Spirit is growing you.

(Galatians 5:22) If you’re saved, you’re more godly than you used to be. You’re changing. You might have symptoms of your old problems but you don’t give into them like you used to. You’re being set free from addictions. Your character is growing. When you are saved, the Spirit is developing in you “... love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, self-control”—fruit of His character.

I'll use myself as an example here. I've got problems; I'm not perfect. But the people who know me best, my family, my close friends, the people that I work with, all would say in unison, "James is not who he was five years ago. God's growing and changing him." Is God growing and changing you? That's a work of His Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit has gifted you. (1 Corinthians 12) When the Spirit of God comes into your life He gives you the desire and the ability to serve God. If you're saved, He has gifted you with a specific way you can serve the body of Christ. You are prompted to get beyond selfish consumer Christianity and into the center of what He is doing to build His kingdom.

3. The Holy Spirit convicts you of sin. (John 16:8) You're like, "It's the craziest thing, man. Before I knew Christ I could lie, and steal, and be mean to my sister-in-law, but never even felt bad about it. Since I got saved, every time I do anything wrong this siren goes off inside me." That's the Spirit at work, convicting you of sin. If you can sin and not be grieved, ask yourself if you're really saved.

4. Hunger for truth. (John 16:13) Was there a time when you couldn't have cared less about the Bible? If somebody said to you, 'Are you reading the Bible?' you would have been, 'No, I'm reading Louie L'Amour right now.' But when you got saved, your desire to learn this book exploded in your heart. If that's going on in your life, that's a very good sign.

5. The Holy Spirit leads you.

(Romans 8:14) What does *that* mean? God's Spirit prompts you to make things right with others, to respond to the message that you hear at church, to want to do the thing that honors Him. When you're being led by the Spirit, you know there's something going on in your heart. **"As many as are led by the Spirit of God these are the children of God."**

6. The Holy Spirit comforts you. (John 14:16) Has there ever been a time in your life when you struggled with just about everything? But since you came to know Christ, things don't bother you as much. The Spirit supplies strength that you didn't have before and you're now able to get through things that you couldn't before. God Himself bears you along and helps you get through the tough stuff. That's one of the things the Spirit of God does—He comforts us.

God wants you to know that you're His child, and if you're wondering about it, read Romans 8:16, **"the Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."** If you're wondering, "*God, am I your child?*" do this: get alone, read the Scriptures that I've mentioned above and pray, "God, do I really know you?" The Spirit Himself will either bear witness, "Yes" or "No." You don't have to wonder anymore.

Get this settled right now. If you have more questions, listen to this complete message online. No one should be confused about this issue. *Know* that you *know* that you *know*. It's that important.

G.P.S.
Avoid Being Lost

by
Chaplain Bob

With this day of modern technology, we often overlook the obvious because we have something to take care of, or solve the problem for us. Take for example the age old statement that “*men never stop to ask for directions.*” Now we find the availability of **Global Position System** that will locate where we are and by programming our destination address or description, the device will plot out the shortest, fastest way to get there.

For us to decide to use the GPS, we must first have the desire of knowing where we are at. Next, we must have a desire of getting to a determined destination. And finally, we must have a desire to go the most direct route.

Let’s look at the principle that the GPS works on. There is a signal sent from outer space that is locked on. With two of these signals we can get an approximation of where we are at. With a 3rd satellite signal we can get exact location including elevation. This is thru a principle called triangulation (‘tri’ meaning 3). *To get all the information requires the 3 signals to lock in on.*

The path of life is much as the path of travel. Often there are rough roads. Often we take a wrong turn. Sometimes we travel thru life at high speed trying to make up for lost time. Sometimes there are obstacles in the path. Sometimes there are detours

posted. But one principle is still the same, *to get all the information requires the 3 signals to lock in on.* A child raised with only a mother, or father, gets only one of those 2 ‘signals.’ A child raised without the principles of God, is missing the most important signal. For life to be meaningful, filled with joy, and complete, we MUST have (and lock in on) the signal (His Word) that God sends us. Although a GPS may have all the potential, without the proper signals, it remains lost. A child without both parents and the triune Godhead is in the fight to find proper direction.

Yes, when we are really lost in life, we can turn to the GPS for location and directions. When we want to stay on the right road in life, we can turn to the GPS. When we realize GPS stands for “**God’s Perfect Son**”, we will know that we have applied the right principals to life. We will understand that we must put total trust in the ‘guidance system’ and that it will not fail us. We also need to accept “all three” to keep on the right path – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many individuals do not let the Holy Spirit have control and thus miss out on one of the signals. Others deny that Jesus was God come in the flesh and loose that part of the triangulation. The **GPS** is fully capable, but you have to turn it on and lock into the signals from Heaven.



2000 Lamborghini Diablo 6.0

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Let It Go

By T. D. Jakes

There are people who can walk away from you.

And hear me when I tell you this! When people can walk away from you: let them walk. I don't want you to try to talk another person into staying with you, loving you, calling you, caring about you, coming to see you, staying attached to you. I mean hang up the phone. When people can walk away from you let them walk. Your destiny is never tied to anybody that left.

The bible said that, they came out from us that it might be made manifest that they were not for us. For had they been of us, no doubt they would have continued with us. [1 John 2:19]

People leave you because they are not joined to you. And if they are not joined to you, you can't make them stay.

Let them go.

And it doesn't mean that they are a bad person it just means that their part in the story is over. And you've got to know when people's part in your story is over so that you don't keep trying to raise the dead. You've got to know when it's dead.

You've got to know when it's over. Let me tell you something. I've got the gift of good-bye. It's the tenth spiritual gift, I believe in good-bye. It's not that I'm hateful, it's that I'm faithful, and I know whatever God means for me to have He'll give it to me. And if it takes too much sweat I don't need it. Stop begging people to stay.

Let them go!!

If you are holding on to something that doesn't belong to you and was never intended for your life, then you need to.....

LET IT GO!!!

If you are holding on to past hurts and pains

LET IT GO!!!

If someone can't treat you right, love you back, and see your worth.....

LET IT GO!!!

If someone has angered you.

LET IT GO!!!

If you are holding on to some thoughts of evil and revenge.....

LET IT GO!!!

If you are involved in a wrong relationship or addiction.....

LET IT GO!!!

If you are holding on to a job that no longer meets your needs or talents

LET IT GO!!!

If you! u have a bad attitude.....

LET IT GO!!!

If you keep judging others to make yourself feel better.....

LET IT GO!!!

If you're stuck in the past and God is trying to take you to a new level in Him.....

LET IT GO!!!

If you are struggling with the healing of a broken relationship.....

LET IT GO!!!

If you keep trying to help someone who won't even try to help themselves.....

LET IT GO!!!

If you're feeling depressed and stressed

LET IT GO!!!

If there is a particular situation that you are so used to handling yourself and God is saying 'take your hands off of it,' then you need to.....

LET IT GO!!!

'The Battle is the Lord's!'

During the next 60 seconds, Stop whatever you are doing, and take this opportunity.

(Literally it is only ONE minute!)

All you have to do is the following:

You simply say 'The Lords Prayer' for the person that sent you this message:

The Lords Prayer
Our Father, who art in Heaven,

Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever.

Amen.

Next, share this message to everyone you know. In a while, more people will have prayed for you and you would have obtained a lot of people praying for others!

Next, stop and think and appreciate God's power in your life, for doing what you know is pleasing to Him.

If you are not ashamed to do this, follow the instructions!

Jesus said, If you are ashamed of me, I will be ashamed of you before My Father'

'Yes, I love my God. He is my fountain of Life and My Savior.

He Keeps me going day and night. Without Him, I am no one. But with Him, I can do everything, Christ is my strength.' This is a simple test.

God loves you and watches over you everyday.



Carnival Elatian



Homes of Catalina



12 Decks of Fun



Catalina Shoreline



Harbor at Catalina

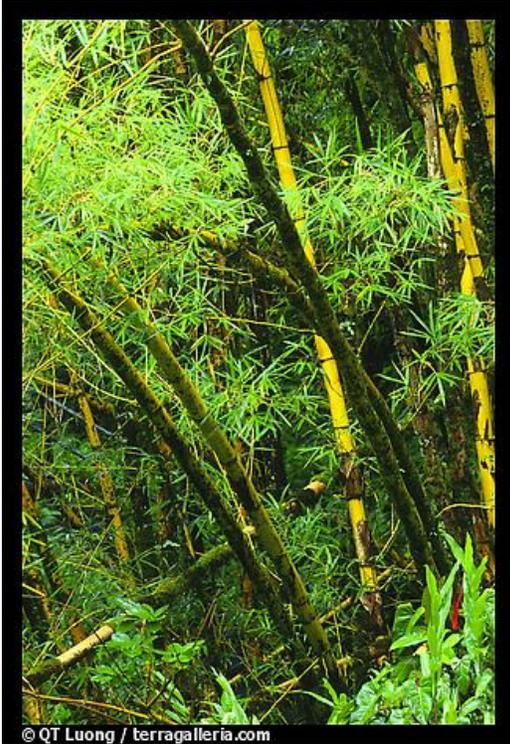


Ensenada Main Street

Above pictures from Bob & Linda's previous cruise

Bob & Linda will be taking Jeanne (Mom of M.O.M.) on her first cruise in Jan. Keep her in prayer and pictures will follow

Don't Give Up



We are often tempted to give up before we see the results we desire in our lives. The bamboo farmers of Malaysia could teach us a lesson. It takes great wisdom and patience to cultivate a particular strain of a very valuable bamboo. How do they do it? In the first year, they plant the seed, water, and fertilize it. Nothing visible happens.

In the second year, they continue to water and fertilize. Nothing visible happens in the second year either. In the third year, water and fertilizer are even more necessary, yet nothing happens. There is absolutely no visible growth. In the fourth year, they do it all again. And again, nothing happens. Then, in the fifth year, they diligently water and fertilize, and the bamboo grows 90 feet in 30 days - not 9 inches, but 90 feet. This plant grows from nothing to the height of a nine-story building. The lesson for us: Don't grow weary in well doing, for in the end, there will be a harvest. In the end, it will come to pass.

Poetry Section

The Hole

Stranded and lonely
With nowhere to go
Quickly losing my mind
And damn near my soul.

This place is so dark
And it's oh so cold
With no one around
And no one to hold

Can't make a phone call
Ain't received mail in days
Only thing left to do
Is drop to my knees and pray.

Dear Lord I need an answer
Can you please give me a sign
How does this pain hurt so deep
To a person of my kind?

I know I'm far from perfect
And repeatedly broke the law
Am I playing a game
Of win, lose, or draw?

The draw I've had
And lost so many times more
Still searching for that win
To even up the score
The pain that hurts so deep
You wouldn't understand
The feelings deep inside
Of that woman or man.

Children are always
First in your sight
To keep from dying
You continue to fight.

Nightmares awaken me
Deep in the night
Tossing and turning
In cold sweat and fright.

Lord I promise
To play my part
Can you please allow me
Just one last start?

I give you my word
And promise to change
Stay away from the streets
And get the hell out of the game.

Devils got the best of me
He's broken me down
The tears keep falling
Not making a sound.

The pain is so indescribable
You don't want to know
The way it really feels
To be stuck in the hole.

Brandy B 9/15/09

I've Learned Lord

I walk, Lord, from experience
Not long ago I'd crawl.
I've learned, Lord, from my failures, too
Not long ago I'd fall.

I see, Lord, now with open eyes,
And I know from what I see
That all the world's a blessing, Lord
A gift from you to me.

I know, Lord, from the things I've
learned
Your love's a blessing true
The path I walk of righteousness
Will lead me, Lord, to you.

I've learned, Lord, from your written
word
To love my fellow man
Forgiveness, Lord, so difficult
From you I've learned I can.

David Marsh 11/09

Eternally Secure

Who can remove us from God's love,
Who can remove us from His hand?
Be thankful to our God above,
Who gives strength to stand.
Many blessed promises,
Spoken in His Word.
Love, quenchless,
Never deferred!
God's power endless,
His promises always sure.
God's loving grace, boundless,
Life in our Savior, eternally secure.

Alex

December 22, 2009



Tully, Linda, & Chaplain Bob

Son of God, Son of Man

Son of God, Son of Man,
All truth revealed
Remember this day
Of his Word fulfilled

Mystery of ages
Revealed to this earth.
Came born as a child,
A lone virgin birth.

Joseph and Mary,
You'd traveled so far

Wise men bearing gifts
Guided by His star.

A manger with hay,
We offered our King
Into this world,
And the angels did sing

A life for our lives
Brought us that day
A price higher than any,
our sin to be paid.

Son of God, Son of Man,
The only-begotten
The Word became flesh,
So many have forgotten

Now made an old man,
Who bears you a toy.
Flying sleigh and reindeer,
Its all just a ploy.

A gift was truly given
to every boy and girl
A baby's cry on that night
brought good will to this world.

How has it happened
Over hundreds of years
We've tried masking the truth,
Filled our hearts with tears

Son of God, Son of Man,
A gift like no other.
Given to us,
My sister and my brother.

So celebrate this time
For what it truly is
The birth of our Savior Jesus Chris
The glory is His

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**Envelope
Artwork by
Richard Sanchez**



Imagine how many people never get to see this talent because they have not volunteered to write to an inmate, or perhaps to go into one of these facilities. Imagine going to the mailbox and having beautiful hand created envelopes and cards waiting for you. Imagine adding this beauty to the otherwise dreary collection of junk mail and bills. We can speak from experience that these inmates truly give us a greater blessing than they can imagine.