SOUND THE TRUMPET IN PRAYER

**And if you go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies (Numbers 10:9).**

Good News

While honesty is the best policy, it is a fact that the truth is not always pretty. Most people want and need to hear something that will uplift their spirit. A good word makes healthy bones, and joy and hope gives us not only strength, but a reason to go on. However, there are times when the truth is necessary, and of great eternal benefit to those who can receive it. The old saying “The truth hurts” often rings true, but God’s truth will bring everything to light. Jesus said that there would be nothing hidden in darkness, but that all things would be brought forth into the light. John 3:19-21 says, *“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God”.*

God who knows and sees all things is the creator of them all. In spite of man’s rejection of Him, God has not withdrawn His love and mercy. Mankind has a history of choosing earthly things over God because of lack of faith. It can also be said that man rejects God because of a lack of love. It is written that faith is energized by love (see Galatians 5:6). The children of Israel chose a man to rule over them instead of God, and then chose Caesar over Jesus at the crucifixion. Today we are no better. Without thinking, we choose earthly things everyday over God and His ways. Thankfully God does not change, and is not double minded as we can sometimes be. The truth is that we can hide nothing from God. He sees it all, even our every thought, and the intents of our hearts. This is a fearful revelation, but also should inspire us to consider our actions, and become people of integrity. A love and or respect for truth will draw us closer to God. The closer we get to Him, the better we will be to ourselves, and those around us. That in itself is good news.

The revelation of truth came to many who could or would not receive or accept it. Pilate had never heard of it, asking “what is truth” (see John 18:38). Jesus said that He was the truth (John 14:6). John 1:1-4 tells us that in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. All things were created by and for Him. John 1:5 says, *“And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not”.* A hardened heart cannot receive truth or understand the love of God. Hearts are hardened by many things that happen in this cold world. There are many causes with one result, and that result is unforgiveness and shame. In the book of Romans (see Romans 8:35-39) we see a list of things that cannot separate us from the love of God, but we do not see unforgiveness or shame listed. That is because these things do separate us from the love of God. Not because God stopped loving us or stopped wanting to bring us into the safety of His light and truth, but because we reject Him and His ways, which are the ways of life. When we do this, we open the door for satan and darkness to enter our hearts and lives. Things get worse than they previously were, and our hearts can become hardened. The good news is that God knows how to soften the hardest of hearts. Never forget to pray. As long as we are alive and on this earth, it is never too late to embrace Jesus. He is the Spirit of truth. He is everything. He will lead us into all truth. It is an eternal promise given by God saying, that He would come to us. He said He would not leave us comfortless, but He would be a teacher that would remain with us until the end of time. In a world where most cannot not be depended on, what better news is there than this? BME

WORDS FROM BEHIND THE WALL

THROUGH FAITH

When I first found myself behind these walls, I beat myself up inside for weeks on how I allowed myself to waste my life. Even though I could’ve gone to church growing up, I never did. I guess at that time I wasn’t seeking what was needed, only what was wanted. To make myself at peace, I decided to check out a church service. Looking to set myself right, and for a teacher for me to love; everything I was looking for I found, a new life with goals, and respect for myself (Proverbs 21:21).

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FLAWLESS GEM

Nothing can prove the word of God to be false. No matter if you refuse to listen or bend your knowledge of the universe, it’s all there. The limits of our understanding only prove its meaning if we seek the truth, but if we want to believe in lies--- then that is what we will find (Psalm 18:30).

 **William Moctezuma**

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BREAD

As many grocery items, the cost of bread continues to rise. As expensive as bread is, it is a necessity in life. ‘Bread is called “the staff of life”. Millions of people in the world are without bread, and are starving to death. Their governments have to import tons of grain in order for people to survive. Bread for the body is vital, and so is the bread for our lives and souls. It is even more vital. Jesus Christ is that bread of life we need. We are weak and heavy laden, burdened with worries and problems. He is for us!!! People may be (unfortunately) dying due to lack of spiritual nourishment that is available from Jesus! Christ loves us so much that He died for us. And He will never turn us away if we ask Him to give us a stronger faith so that we may continue to live for Him. **Charles Moctezuma**

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COMMANDMENT SEVEN

“Do not commit adultery” Exodus 20:14

I remember reading a Native American novel a few years back. And in the book there was a couple, and two married men exploring the wilderness. And every night the husband would offer his Native American wife to the two men for a price. And every night for months they would refuse. Eventually, needing supplies they asked the chief of a nearby tribe for help. In broken English the chief replied, “No, white man lie and cheat”. The wife spoke up in favor of these men, and told the chief, “These men are different. They kept their promises to remain faithful to their wives back home”. After hearing this, how they refused to commit adultery, the chief gave them the needed supplies. Their biggest accomplishment was their character! God says “From out of a person’s heart comes sexual immorality, adultery, eagerness for lustful pleasure, they defile you and make you unacceptable to God (Mark 7:21-23). When He said do not commit adultery, He intended husbands and wives to be faithful to each other---not to play the field, and see who you could get down with your team. But remain true to the one who you made that vow with; either legally or to one another. But does this mean if you’ve already committed adultery God won’t forgive? Not at all! He knows how weak we are; He knows we are only dust (Psalms 103:14). When we sincerely repent, and ask God for forgiveness, His word says, “I will forgive your wrongdoings, and never again remember your sins”. Whether we’ve broken this commandment in reality or just in our imagination, God stands ready to forgive and restore us. **Brandy Holmes**

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BEGINNING TO CALL THIS PLACE HOME

Entrapped inside this cage, which only impregnates my defensive thoughts, tears of rage expostulate within my screaming heart. In this vault where jewels are dropped, and no love is bound to be taught, where the element of surprise is a process, and bravery can’t be brought. Seeing pride ride the shoulders while emotions suffocate the chest, behind these bars life isn’t a dream because every day is a heartless test, the mental capacity must be strong, yet it never seems to rest, if eyes can see beyond this storm, where rain continues to pour, one must think outside the box because who knows what’s in store. In this think tank, I stand alone. **Ro’Sean Newson**

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JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND FRIEND

To lay down one’s life for a friend is the greatest feat one can do. And do you realize my child, that Jesus Christ had done just that for you?

He was not only sent to walk this earth, just to show He cares, for as you know, He gave His life, through His blood and heartfelt tears.

But why would God become a man, to go through pain and sorrow? And being created in His image, could we do the same tomorrow?

God the father’s only son was given for our sake, so by His death upon that cross, our sin He was to take.

But are we grateful for His sacrifice that cleansed our soul so pure? Or has satan’s claw caused so much doubt, leaving you unsure?

Either way, salvation is offered by Christ’s holy sweat and blood. Though suffering is only one example, remember the miracle of spittle and mud?

For God can use such humble means, to open wide our eyes. In the hope we understand, for this is why our Savior dies…

To walk with us and be our friend, in everything we do. For remember child the greatest feat and friend can do, is offer His life for you!

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Happy birthday to everyone with October/November birthdays! For past and current issues of the newsletter, please visit the website@:

[www.inspirationalwordsforinmatesandtheirfamilies.yolasite.com](http://www.inspirationalwordsforinmatesandtheirfamilies.yolasite.com)..

There have been some requests for extra reading material. Please know my husband and I try to respond to every letter in a timely manner, but we are unable to send extra reading material as it would not be possible to do this for everyone. God bless you all, and thank you for your submissions to the newsletter**. Beth Marie Evans**

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