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Dear Partners,

Thank you to all of you for your faithful support in the first half of 2016! We are honored to continue to further the Kingdom of God together with you and we never cease to pray for each and every one of you who have stood beside us. We are excited to see more souls come out of the bondages of sin so we can depopulate hell and populate heaven! **As you continue to support the work of this Ministry, you too can continue to be part of that harvest.** Can you believe we are already halfway through this year? It has gone by fast for us here at JMM and we are sure it has flown by for some of you reading this newsletter! It's easy to get "busy", work non-stop, and forget about the grace and mercy of God that is renewed every single morning! What an awesome God we serve! He doesn't reuse or recycle the mercy or grace from yesterday; we don't have to worry about running out of it because it just flows from the throne of our Mighty God!

We are sure that as each of one us reflects on the first half of this year, there are moments where we would like to turn back the clock and do it all over again. For some of us it may be mistakes in our finances, harsh words to our family members, getting too busy to enjoy our children or too occupied to spend time in the Word. It's so easy to get wrapped up in our everyday life. **But thank God for each new day!**

You see, we serve a God that accepts us with open arms when we ask for forgiveness (1 John 1:9), but what's even greater than that is that **He actually FORGETS we've ever sinned!** There are several powerful scriptures about the forgiveness of our sins and one of them is found in Micah 7:19 which says that God will cast our sins into the depths of the sea! What a wonderful picture of the loving, compassionate and ever merciful Father we serve! Then in Hebrews 10:17 we read, **"Then He says, 'I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.'"** He has no desire in remembering our sin so He can bring it up to us later.

It's true that we find forgiveness through Jesus. But forgiveness only comes from our submission to the **Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is an essential and critical part of the Trinity and He lives inside every believer that has confessed Jesus as Lord.** The Holy Spirit is present in the heart of every believer at the moment of conversion because He is the one that "Joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children (Rom 8:16NLT)." The Holy Spirit is a gentleman; He does not force Himself on us. We must give Him permission to come in and show us where we need correction and guidance. Ephesians 1:13-14 says, **"And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago."** ¹⁴ **The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him."**

Correction

Conviction

Repentance

Forgiveness

You cannot go from sin directly into forgiveness without the Holy Spirit. **The Holy Spirit is the part of the triune (Trinity) that convicts us of sin.** The process of forgiveness is banned together like chain links. When we sin the Holy Spirit comes in with correction to remind us that our doing or thinking is not honoring to God. Secondly, after we have accepted the correction and given the Holy Spirit the permission to chastise us then we can move into conviction. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary conviction is, "the act of [HYPERLINK "http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/convincing"](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/convincing) [convincing](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/convincing) a person of error or of [HYPERLINK "http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/compel"](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/compel) [compelling](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/compel) the admission of a truth." After we have been convicted

or compelled to admit the truth then we can move into repentance. Repentance is simply admitting our shortcomings before the Lord with an open and sincere heart. Repentance then moves God to forgiveness of our sins.

It is also important to note that the precious **Holy Spirit will never bring condemnation but instead conviction** (Rom. 8:1). Conviction is different than condemnation in that conviction will bring us to repentance that leads to forgiveness. Condemnation is from Satan himself and it is the action of condemning someone to a punishment or sentencing. **The Holy Spirit will never punish or bring us into bondage. The purpose of conviction is to get us OUT of bondage.** We know from Revelations 12:10 that Satan is our accuser and actually accuses us of sin before God, day and night. But thank God we have an advocate who is fighting for us before the throne of God and His name is Jesus (1 John 2:1)!

A majority of Christians have not yet grasped the significant role the Holy Spirit has in our everyday life. Therefore they are not listening for the direction of the Holy Spirit. **Every believer must be able to recognize His whispers and what pleases or grieves Him. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our life is not to be confused with the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 which are given to us to help one another.**

If you want to begin a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, we encourage each of you to begin with these steps:

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide, inspire and direct your mind and your footsteps:

It's very simple to ask Him to guide you in your day to day activities. Just begin by acknowledging His presence in your life; start praising and worshipping Him.

Recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit:

When the Holy Spirit speaks to us it will always line up with the Word of God. He will never say anything to you if it is outside the will of God or if it goes against the Bible. Many times the voice of the Holy Spirit will not come with thunder and lightning but **“in the sound of a gentle whisper or a still small voice.”** 1 Kings 19:12NLT/KJV

Speak in tongues when the Holy Spirit leads you:

The Bible tells us that when we don't know how to pray the **“Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings (utterances) that cannot be expressed in words.”** Romans 8:26. Allow Him to intercede through you when He prompts you to do so because you may have no idea how important it is to do so in that very moment. Some of you may not practice speaking in tongues or understand the gift of speaking in tongues but we encourage you to search the Word of God regarding this gifting. It is very important to understand this gift especially in the times we live in.

We want to leave you with one of many examples in this Ministry where the prayer of the saints has been crucial. Many years ago when JMM conducted revival meetings in the open squares in Romania, we had much opposition because of the communist mentality and violence among the Romanian people. During one of these particular outdoor revivals John and the team with him at the time were in serious danger. The Holy Spirit urged Alexandra to step inside their car and begin to intercede against the danger. Meanwhile, the Holy Spirit woke up another dear lady in America and showed her the danger John and the team were in and starting praying at the same time Alexandra was interceding. Although she had never met us, she was obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and sometime later the Lord introduced us to her.

What wonderful privilege it is to have and to obey the Holy Spirit! And not only that but to intercede on behalf of the saints around the world! Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray and who to pray for today! Apostle Paul puts it this way, **“I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you.”** 1 Cor.14:18. In Christ,

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