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Dear Partners,

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!" Psalm 139:16-17b

We're already into the second month of the year! Last month we talked about getting into an atmosphere of thanksgiving with a grateful heart. We discussed how the only way to truly be thankful from the inside out is by getting into the Word and fellowshipping with God. And thankfulness is the key that activates your faith and unlocks yours miracles! Have you taken the challenge to make time and get into God's Word? Maybe you had really good intentions and did it for a couple of days or weeks but life happened and you pushed it aside to make time for other things. It's ok. We aren't here to judge you or make you feel unloved. We are to tell you that your heavenly father still loves you and desires to have fellowship with YOU! In fact, God thinks about you all time and values you more than anything else!

"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29-31

You are not the only one who may be battling with not being loved by God. In fact, we have noticed a pattern here at JMM from the prayer requests that pour in. We receive prayer requests every single day through various forms of communication from people all over the world. The number one reason that people reach out for prayer is *condemnation*. There are two categories of people that we mostly pray with. The first are unbelievers who desperately want to accept Christ but they feel constantly condemned by what they've done in the past. They ask us, *How can God forgive me? I've done so much wrong?* The second group of people is **believers** who, because of lack of knowledge from the Word of God, don't feel like God loves them because of what they've done. They feel ashamed of their sin. They feel like they have somehow caused God not to love them. Both groups of people, believers and non believers, have this in common: **they feel condemned and therefore unloved by God.**

Many times we **feel un**loved by God because of sin. We believe that somehow the love of God has to be earned and that when we sin, God is mad at us and therefore doesn't love us anymore. That is a complete lie and is contrary to the Word. Romans 5:8 tells us this, **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we** *were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

God's love for us doesn't depend on what we do or don't do. First John 4:8 tells us that God is love. It would be against His divine nature to not love us. That's why important to be **rooted and grounded in the Word of God**. His unconditional *agape* love for us is all we need to know. Agape love is selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love. It is the highest of the four types of love in the Bible. **Believing that God loves you** and that the Word of God is **the final authority** in your life is the KEY. Without those two *truths*, you will continue to live in condemnation and you can never experience all the good things that God has in store for you.

God's unconditional love for us has no boundaries. On the other hand because of your circumstances or what's in your past, Satan wants you to believe the lie that God doesn't love you. His ultimate goal is to keep you away from the Word and living in condemnation. But when you **repent**, forgive yourself, and believe that God loves you, you can refuse to believe the lies of the enemy! Romans 8:1 says that there is *no condemnation* for us who are in Christ Jesus because we don't walk after the flesh but after the Spirit. The more you fellowship with Jesus through the Word, the more your thoughts begin to change. And when your thoughts change, your words change. When your words change, your circumstances change.

PRAISE REPORT:

As we began writing this newsletter, we received a phone call from a precious viewer in Spain. Her name is lliana and she contacted our Ministry to give us her praise report. She battled a very heavy depression for over one year. She was the only believer in her family but this depression had gripped her so tightly that she was no longer able to work; she could barely speak or function like a normal person. At her lowest point, she worked up the strength and courage to go to church and ask her pastor to pray for her. Her pastor simply told her she needed to go home and "repent." She came home more crushed and depressed than when she left. Her husband told her there was no way she would ever come out of this low point in life. Through a divine miracle, lliana came across our JMM programs on YouTube. She began to feed herself day and night from the Word of God through our programs. When we say "our television programs" we give God all the glory because in fact it is God speaking *through us* for those who are in need. They are not our words, they are God's!

Iliana began to speak, pray and declare the Word of God over herself as she heard John doing. Because of her faith and obedience, **the Lord completely set her free and delivered her from the spirit of depression**! Her family and those around her are left speechless because of the transformation that has taken place in her life. They can't explain it but God gives her the opportunity to witness to those around her about how Jesus set her free! Shortly after her deliverance, she got a job and says she is able to work and is very clear minded. When she received her first paycheck, she took it one step further and planted a seed of *thanksgiving*. From the firstfruit of her first check, she sowed a seed into JMM of \$50 giving thanks to God for completely setting her free!

We rejoice over this precious partner and thank God for her deliverance! God did not forget her. **God hasn't forgotten you.** He loves you the same way he loves Iliana. Because God isn't a respecter of person's, God can do the same for you. If you live with condemnation, we want to pray for you. We are here for you. Please call or email us so we can pray in agreement with you!

You were created to love and be loved. You were created to worship God and fellowship with Him. Regardless of your circumstance, the truth is this: God loves you so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for you. That is true love.

"But God is so rich in mercy, and <u>he loved us so much</u>, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead." Ephesians 2:4

We thank God for your obedience partners! Because of **you** we are able to take God's uncompromised Word to the ends of the world and reach the forgotten for Jesus. We are winning souls for God's kingdom together and your reward is the same as ours! Your support makes it possible for us to reach many others like Iliana. We are so thankful for you and your continued prayers and financial support!

In Christ, -John L Alexandra