



Dear Partners,

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It's already August and we're *still* living in Corona times! Back in March, no one would have guessed that the world would be facing these unimaginable circumstances. Everywhere, people are living in fear, depression, oppression, discouragement and hopelessness. Despite all this, the Lord gave us a Word this month as a reminder: we as His children have certain *benefits* available to us that set us apart from this world.

The Lord wants to draw our attention *away* from the negativity we see going on in the world and move us toward all of His benefits and goodness. The reality is that you may have lost your job. You might find yourself only working limited hours or even furloughed. Small business owners are at crossroads about whether to reopen or completely close their doors forever. Many small business owners have reopened only to be shut down again. Worst of all, some have lost loved ones during these times and weren't even able to say goodbye or attend the funeral service. Turning on the news only leads to more fear and depression. Some days it may seem like there is no end in sight. But God is a good Father! He has done Great things for us!

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget **not** all His benefits.* Psalm 103:2

Do you know His benefits? Have you experienced the benefits of God in *your* life? What has God done for you *just* this year? Many times we are so focused on the "negative" parts of life and forget about the goodness of our God. David had to remind himself of the goodness of God and he goes on to list all the benefits of God in the next few verses. Have you made a list of the goodness of God in your life? If not, start today! It will be a great reminder that we serve a good God and just because things may not be going exactly as we planned, it doesn't make God any less of a good Father!

We believe there are two parts to Psalm 103:3. The first part is making sure you have an accurate picture of the goodness of God in your life **already**. The second part is not forgetting **any** of the benefits that are available to you in His Word. It's heartbreaking to know that people don't know what their benefits are. We receive phone calls daily from people who have lost all hope. When we remind them of the goodness of God in their lives and begin sharing certain scriptures from the Word with them and explain how they can claim *their* benefits, they become encouraged and empowered!

The Word of God is our handbook. Unless we're familiar with the benefits available to us, we can't take advantage of what *rightfully* belongs to us. Knowing the promises in the Word for you and *focusing* on them instead of your current situation, can change your outlook on life. If you don't know and understand the Word (your benefits), you cannot apply it to your situation. **Knowledge is power** and the Holy Spirit will bring them to your remembrance (John 14:26).

Here are some of YOUR benefits found in the Word of God:

Forgives all your sins - Psalm 103, 1 John 1:9

Provides for all your needs - Philippians 4:19, Matthew 6:30-33

Redeemed you from the curse - Galatians 3:13
Crowned you with loving-kindness - Psalm 103
Guides you in the paths of righteousness - Psalm 23:3
Renews your strength - Isaiah 40:31
Fights your battles - Deuteronomy 3:22
Way Maker - Isaiah 43:16,19
Comforts you - John 14:26, Psalm 23:4
Advocates for you - 1 John 2:1
Restores your soul (mind, will, emotions) - Psalms 23:3
Gives you peace - Psalm 119:165,
Guides and instructs you - Psalm 23:3, Psalm 16:7-8
Covers and protects you under His wings - Psalm 91:4

As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, we encourage you to focus on God and His Word, thanking Him for what He *has* done in your life and what He *will continue* to do in your life. Instead of beginning and ending the night with social media or the news, start and end your day with His Word. When the Word becomes rooted inside of you, it becomes a powerful weapon in your daily life (Heb 4:12). Instead of focusing on all of the negative things going on, begin to meditate on the Word and the benefits that *belong* to you and your family. Before you know it, the Word of God will begin to pour out of your mouth before anything else does! And the reason it will begin to flow out of your mouth is because you are *confident* in His promises. You've read the handbook, the **Word**. You know what you're entitled to.

This is such a great reminder for our family as well. Even though we're not traveling on mission trips right now, the Lord wants us to focus on His **goodness** during these unprecedented times and we are not quitting! We're still busy at the homestead! You may remember us telling you about John's overseas trips being cancelled and at this time we still don't know when restrictions and travel bans will be lifted, but the Lord told us to be still and continue teaching God's people. Like John and Alexandra say, "The work of the Gospel must go on!" We continue doing daily Facebook live videos, television production, taking weekly communion with our viewers and praying with countless people over the phone. We're still winning souls for His Kingdom and we're so thankful for **you**! It's because of **you** that we can continue working and reaching the lost. You are the reason we are able to keep moving forward! We are very much aware that you can choose to give your tithes and offerings elsewhere. So, we want you to know how vital your support is to this Ministry, and we are thankful you are *choosing* to partner with and plant your seed in John Militaru Ministries. In television production, there are always ongoing expenses. It's because of **you** that we can continue making these programs and distributing them on platforms like YouTube, Facebook and on an international network to people all over the world who are crying out for the *truth* of the Word of God. Thank you for being faithful during these difficult times. You are in our daily prayers. We always lay our hands on the prayer requests that come into this Ministry. We declare Psalm 91 over each one of you and claim no plague or disease will come near your homes and all of your needs will be met in Jesus name!

In His Service,

In Christ,

John & Alexandra