



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

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Happy Thanksgiving to all of our US partners! We love this time of year when we can sit back, enjoy a delicious meal together with family and friends and reflect on the goodness of God. He has been so good to us and He deserves all the praise and glory, Hallelujah! Can you believe we're less than 2 months away from a New Year? Time has definitely flown by this year and a lot has happened in our world and in our neck of the woods! We're so grateful for the trip that John was able to take in August. It was incredible the way the Lord opened the door for that small period of time without having any quarantine time or vaccine mandates! And also how the Lord saved our house from the fire in September! We're in such awe at what God has opened up for JMM in Europe with our television programs. This year we were able to negotiate new air time contracts in Italy. It's amazing how the Lord unexpectedly opened up bonus air time slots for our programs to be played on the INEDIT TV network. Even though our travels to Europe were limited last year and this year because of the pandemic as well as our Christmas project being put on hold, it's amazing how the Lord opened **new** doors for the Gospel to continue to spread everywhere! We receive hundreds of calls every month with testimonies of people hearing the true Gospel message for the first time and who come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. We hear how a simple message has changed their lives and their families by applying the Word of God and learning how to take authority over situations in their lives. Their children start speaking to them again, husbands and wives are reconciling, youth are being delivered from guilt of past sins, and most importantly, people are learning how to take *authority* over the battle of the mind. Like we mentioned earlier, even though our travels to Europe have been very limited, it's amazing how the Lord is opening new doors in new ways to reach the hopeless and hurting! We're so thankful God has decided to use us and our programs to reach the lost and forgotten.

During this time of year, it's always such a great idea to sit back and reflect on the goodness of God and the way He directed our footsteps during this past year. Human nature has the tendency to focus on the negatives or the unaccomplished goals instead of reflecting on what God has already done and what He has yet to accomplish in the remainder of the year. Friends, we encourage you to hold on to God's promises even though we're getting to the end of the year. God can turn things around overnight! He's never too late, He's always on time!

Habakkuk 2:3 AMP says, For the vision is yet for the appointed [future] time. It hurries toward the goal [of fulfillment]; it will not fail. Even though it delays, wait [patiently] for it. Because it will certainly come; it will not delay.

What are you thankful for this year? Maybe the Lord carried you through a tough season and you can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel? Or maybe you received a good report from the doctor and you can finally breathe easily knowing that you are healed? Maybe by a miracle you purchased a house this year in a tough market, or a prodigal son or daughter has returned home? Maybe you received an unexpected raise at work? Whatever *your* reason is, take a moment to raise your eyes toward Jesus and thank Him for how wonderful He is! He deserves all the glory and honor!!!

What category do you fall into right now? Do you fall into the thankful category or the depressed, disappointed category? Or do you feel like you're stuck in the pit like Joseph because your business or marriage has failed? You might have been believing God *for years* for so much to happen but nothing has come to pass yet. It's so easy to fall into the trap of our negative emotions by listing all the shoulda, woulda, coulda scenarios in our head. We call this *the battle of the mind*. When we overanalyze things carnally, we fall into the trap of allowing satan to come in with all his tactics, thoughts and games. Satan knows you better than you think! That's a fact. He's been studying you and your weaknesses since the day you were born. Knowing this, we cannot continue to allow him to enter into our thought life and overcome us with negativity. Many of us may be facing failures right now and it's easy to focus on these failures during this time of the year.

Maybe you are facing a big financial burden or bill, maybe it's legal issues that you're battling right now? Your son or daughter still hasn't returned home or you haven't met your spouse yet? Maybe you've been wanting to expand your family and you haven't had any children yet? There are so many circumstances that many of us are still dealing with and are *still* facing. But God! If the Lord has brought you *this far*, why would He leave you right in the thick of it all on your own? That's not the kind of God we serve! We have to take hold of all the promises in the Word and declare He will *surely* deliver us!

"Surely I will deliver you for a good purpose; surely I will make your enemies plead with you in times of disaster and times of distress." Jeremiah 15:11

This is when it's so crucial to *hold on* to the promises in the Word of God and make a quality decision to not let them go. God doesn't operate on our timeframe or what we see with our eyes in the natural world. It's time to punch satan back and say, *No Satan, you won't bombard my mind with all these negative thoughts and condemnation* (Romans 8:1). *You will not steal the Word of God from me, which is **yes and amen** and will never return void* (Luke 8:14, 2 Cor 1:20, Isaiah 55:11). This is not the time to accept what is happening in your life as the FINAL WORD. This is the time to get up, square your shoulders and position your feet on solid ground and punch satan back with the Word of God! Don't shrink back during these times when things seem to be going the *opposite* direction of what you're praying for! You have the right as a child of God and heir to His promises to stand firm on the Word until you see your breakthrough! You need to stand strong on these promises by making purposeful *time* in the Word and meditating daily on the Word like a bulldog! Don't let go of those promises!

The reason we're talking about this now is because we're receiving so many calls during this time of the year and not necessarily because it's the month of "Thanksgiving" and people are abounding with miracle stories, but because it's a difficult time of year and people are struggling. This is a good reminder to all of us: we cannot fall into the traps of hopelessness, especially when so many people deal with depression and loneliness during the holidays. Friends, please reach out for help if you feel like you're headed in this direction. We're here to pray for each other. We're here to strengthen and encourage each other as the body of Christ. When two or more gather together, Jesus is right there in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20). We're here to fight the battle together. You are not on your own.

JMM is thankful for you! You are like family to us and we want you to know you're loved, cherished and appreciated so much! Because of YOU, we're able to reach the lost and hopeless. You are a vital part of this mission that the Lord has called us to do on earth and we never take partners and friends like you for granted! If you're in the states and are celebrating Thanksgiving this month, we hope that you enjoy a great meal together with friends and loved ones full of laughter and joy! And remember, if you're going through a hard time right now, don't take your focus off of the Word! Stay fixed on the PROMISE not the problem. God will *surely* come through for you. He loves you so much! We are His inheritance; his most prized possession and He calls us highly favored!

Happy Thanksgiving to all our friends here in America!

In His Service,
John & Alexandra

