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Hello Dear Friends, April 2022

Happy Resurrection Day!

It's so exciting that we're coming to the time of year when we are celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus! His Resurrection defeated the sting of death (1 Cor. 15:55) and gave us ETERNAL LIFE and VICTORY over everything here on earth! For believers, it is the most important day of celebration aside from the birth of Jesus. We give God the glory for sending Jesus to become a curse for us and for overcoming death in order to bring us redemption through His precious blood! Galatians 3:13,14 (AMP) says this:

Christ purchased our freedom and redeemed us from the curse of the Law and its condemnation by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs [crucified] on a tree (cross)"— in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might also come to the Gentiles, so that we would all receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit through faith.

Along with forgiveness, redemption, eternal life and the promise of the Holy Spirit, we are also heirs together with Christ! When our kids pray the Abrahamic blessing (Numbers 6:24-26) over our grandkids, at the end of the prayer they tell them, "You are heirs together with Jesus! That means everything that belongs to Jesus, belongs to you!" They get so excited to know that they share all of the blessings of Jesus. But you know what? This isn't just an exciting thing we tell our kids, it's the absolute truth according to Romans 8:17 (AMP),

And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him];

What does this mean for us as believers? It means that we have God-given rights and inheritances through the finished work of Jesus on the cross. We are sons and daughters of the most High God, the King of Kings. It means we can live in victory every single day because of the work Jesus accomplished FOR US on Calvary. It, also, means we can walk like GIANTS on this earth because of the One who lives inside of us (1 John 4:4). We are able to walk in complete victory over fear, doubt, unbelief, depression, opression, slavery, intimidation, sickness, disease and so on. The enemy has us believing that *he* is the giant and we are the ant but in the eyes of God, WE ARE the giants over the enemy and <u>all of his attacks</u>. The Spirit of God upholds us according to Romans 8:14-16 (AMP),

For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.

We have ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to fear when we walk in the Spirit and in the promises of God (His Word). The enemy needs to fear us, NOT us fearing him! In the days we're living in and with everything going on around in our world (Ukrainian war, inflation, Covid, gender confusion, and the loss of identity in our children's generation), the enemy's number one tactic is to attack our minds with FEAR. And fear causes a domino effect. We start acting out of fear with our emotions and not through the Spirit of God. It can escalate pretty quickly from there! He'll try so hard to tie us down and hold us back because he knows that when we stumble we lose our identity and ultimately, our trust in God. The enemy will always attack us indirectly. He won't make himself obvious. He'll try to take territory little by little, especially with our time (to distract us) and before we know it, we find ourselves empty of any weapons to fight him back. What do we mean by weapons? The Apostle Paul tells us the kind of weapons we need to use in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. It's very important for us to understand that if we do not exercise and *prioritize* our time in the Word and in prayer, we will be empty of the

weapons to fight the wiles and fiery darts of the enemy (Ephesians 6:11). We must fill ourselves up daily in order to withstand in the day of battle (Eph 6:13).

I do live in the world. But I don't fight my battles the way the people of the world do. The weapons I fight with are not the weapons the world uses. In fact, it is just the opposite. My weapons have the power of God to destroy the camps of the enemy. I destroy every claim and every reason that keeps people from knowing God. I keep every thought under control in order to make it obey Christ. 2 Cor. 10:4-5 (NIRV)

Satan is very patient and has been studying us since the day we were born. He knows we are a threat to the kingdom of darkness. He knows that when our chins and heads are held high and our identity is in Christ and our confidence is in God, we are victorious. He knows that when we are walking in joy and love and declaring the Word of God daily, that *every assignment* of his is broken. We cannot allow the enemy to bully us around when we've had a bad day or week or when things aren't going the way we wanted them to; we cannot accept or allow that! We are giants on this earth and we are to fear NOTHING! We need to continue in the Word and claim those promises, friends. **The enemy is not a giant, we are giants because we are backed by the Spirit of the Living God.** Through Christ, in Christ and because of Christ we are giants in this world and in the eyes of God. We can do mighty things if we **only believe** and stand on the Word. We need to fight like a bulldog and seize everything he has stolen from us, including our rightful territory.

We are GIANTS in the eyes of God **because** of what Jesus did for us on the cross. What a great reminder for us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior this month! The sacrifice that Jesus made for us was no small sacrifice. According to John 10:10, He defeated death and rose again so we could have a **victorious and abundant** life here on earth. This Resurrection month, we encourage you, friends, to remain confident in Him and in His promises and REFUSE to fear! He conquered EVERYTHING on the cross for you and me. God sent His only Son as the Perfect sacrifice. He gave us His very best, so VICTORY is ours' in Jesus name!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus this month, we must also continue to pray for the people of Ukraine to keep up the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12). These are mothers, fathers, children, sisters and brothers in Christ and they need our prayers now more than ever. We need to especially keep our Ukrainian Jewish brothers and sisters in fervent prayers as many of them are making Aliyah (immigration to Israel) during this time of oppression from Russia. JMM is financially helping other Ministries to bring Jews of all ages and backgrounds from Ukraine and other surrounding countries in Eastern Europe to Israel. What a wonderful and rewarding mission this is! And we're a small part of this exciting time in history while fulfilling Bible prophecy at the same time!

I will bring you back from the nations. I will gather you together from the countries where you have been scattered. Then I will accept you as if you were sweet-smelling incense. I will show that I am holy among you. The nations will see it. I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord. Long ago I raised my hand and made a promise. I promised to give that land to your people of long ago. Ezekiel 20:41-42 (NIRV)

We hope this newsletter was encouraging to you, dear friends! We really enjoy sharing an encouraging word with you each month and connecting with you through our monthly letters. As we mentioned earlier, God gave His very best for us; His son as the Perfect sacrifice. We should offer God our very best too. If the Lord puts on your heart to give a special Resurrection seed this month, we encourage you to be obedient to His voice. Together, we can continue to be the hands and feet for the Kingdom of God and populate heaven while depopulating hell! We pray the blessing of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob over each one of you!

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

In His Service, John & Alexandra