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The Uncompromised Christian

Dear Loved Ones,

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This year we are celebrating 43 years of living in this beautiful country, the United States of America! Alexandra is celebrating 50 years since she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and John, 51 years. We're so thankful we answered the call of God on our lives and together we have had the honor and privilege of serving in this Ministry for 32 years. Of course when we came to know the Lord, the times we were living in were harsh and oppressive. In those days in Romania, during Communism, Christians were highly persecuted and oppressed. We were constantly questioned and spied on by the secret police. Their goal was to have us ultimately renounce God and become a part of their party. We often met in "underground" churches just to be able to pray, sing and fellowship together. But when we did meet to worship Jesus, heaven came down and we felt the presence of God in such a powerful way in those days! We knew the decision to serve the Lord was both serious and dangerous but we were all in for Christ. There was no room for compromise or for a lukewarm relationship with Jesus. Our new faith so radically changed our lives that we completely separated ourselves from all worldly things. We stopped attending secular family functions, including birthdays and weddings that were not centered around God. We lost friends, status, jobs, community, family and, in some cases, faced the possibility of imprisonment and death. For many of you, this might seem radical, but in those days having faith in Christ was a heavy price to pay. Either you were completely sold out for Christ or an atheist. It was very black and white. There was no gray area for the true follower of Christ and we were determined to follow Him until the end, even if it meant death. Fast forward 50 years later in the year 2022. Most Christians today are no longer sold out for Christ. Christianity has become "modernized" where it is now acceptable to have one foot in the world and one foot in the Kingdom of God.

Throughout our years of Ministry and evangelizing, we have received thousands of various prayer requests for everything including healing, deliverance, salvation, marriage restoration, jobs, finances and many, many other things. What we have noticed from all the years of full time Ministry is that people are often desperate to get their prayers answered. People often see results from the prayers and they feel great for a little while, but they continue to live their lives as before without really making a quality decision to follow Christ as their Lord and Savior. People want the healings, the deliverance, the "good feeling" emotions and the peace of God that they feel for that short period of time, but very few are willing to truly live for Christ! True repentance is not an emotion, it's an action that must be made out of a sincere heart and surrendered will. With that decision comes a complete change of heart and lifestyle. It is a total and radical change that affects every single part of our lives. The problem is that most "Christians" aren't willing to give up very much in their lives and be completely sold out for Jesus.

Most modern Christians aren't really penetrated by the love of Christ and His Word. Sadly, they aren't willing to let go of worldly friends and activities, social status, their old way of speaking, thinking and acting. In fact, most people have become neutral, numb and even accepting of how the world around us is changing. Sadly, many are saying that times have changed and we aren't living in "Bible times" anymore. They aren't willing to live a life set apart and stand for the Truth of God. They have one foot in the world and one foot in the Kingdom of God. The Bible calls this being lukewarm. We can see very clearly what the Word says about being a lukewarm Christian in Revelation chapter 3, starting with verse 15,

¹⁵ 'I know what you are doing. I know you aren't cold or hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ But you are lukewarm. You aren't hot or cold. So I am going to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, "I am rich. I've become wealthy and don't need anything." But you don't realize how pitiful and miserable you have become. You are poor, blind and naked.... ¹⁸ 'I warn and correct those I love. So be sincere, and turn away from your sins. ¹⁹ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in. I will eat with that person, and they will eat with me. ²⁰ 'Here is what I will do for anyone who has victory over sin. I will give that person the right to sit with me on my throne. In the same way, I had victory.

When we love the taste of the world but also like (just a little) taste of Christ and His Kingdom, we are not 100% committed. People don't want to pay the price and let go of the titles and social status that they've acquired over time. They want a guaranteed spot in heaven but at the same time they still want to have a title in the world and partake in worldly things. We cannot strive to have a "guarantee" from the world and God at the same time. The only guarantee we need and should strive for is to live in eternity in the Kingdom of heaven. Standing with one foot in the world is like standing on sinking sand. Standing in Christ and in His Word means standing on a solid rock (Psalm 18).

Friend, you might think this message is blunt and hard to swallow but the Gospel is piercing and life altering. There is no middle ground when you are completely all in for Christ! The Lord has put this heavy message on our heart in the midst of everything that's happening around the world. The prayer requests coming into this Ministry are from a lot of parents who are crying out for their children because of how the world is indoctrinating them. What is happening in our world today should not come as a surprise to us at all because we're living in the end times. According to the Word of God, things are going to get worse. This is why we want to encourage you, dear partner, to come back to that first love and total commitment that you once had for Christ (Rev. 2:4).

Are you a compromised Christian? As long as you have breath in your lungs and the will to serve Him, the Lord will always be there waiting to commune with you (Rev. 3). Jesus is still saving, delivering, restoring and healing today. The Bible times are not in the past and miracles are still very much happening today! Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He never changes. If you need prayer in any area of your life, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you and ready to pray and encourage you in every area of your life.

For those of you who are living an uncompromised life for Christ, we encourage you to continue praying for our other brothers and sisters around you and for our nation. We thank each one of you for your commitment in helping us continue to spread the Gospel all around the world! Like we've mentioned before, the virtual church has been growing each day since we started our Facebook Live's in 2020. People are hungry for the uncompromised faith-based Word of God that gives life, hope and joy. You are part of that harvest! Thank you for standing together with us to depopulate hell and populate heaven one soul at a time!

In His Service,
John & Alexandra