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Happy New Year, our dear friends!

We, together with our family, want to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year 2023! May the blessings of the Lord fall upon you and your loved ones this year like never before! We are believing God with you for miracles and healings, financial breakthroughs, families to be mended, marriages restored, deliverances from bondages and strongholds in your life, and for every prodigal loved one to come to the Lord this year. It's the beginning of 2023 and our prayer for you is to stay strong, immovable, and steadfast in the promises of the Word of God no matter what is happening around you or in the world.

Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:22

The Lord gave us this verse at the beginning of the year as a reminder to cast all of our cares and burdens on Him. Many of the prayer requests that we receive here at JMM are heavy burdens of worry and fear about the cost of living, the rise in food and gas prices, the economy, the uncertainty of inflation and businesses suffering financially. Some are concerned about how they'll pay their bills each month because most live paycheck to paycheck. We've received calls to pray for people who have lost money in investments and wondering if they'll ever see that money again. A lot of our viewers and partners are still believing God for prodigal sons and daughters to come to the Lord and many partners are trusting God to be completely healed in their bodies. But we, as children of God, have the promise that He will provide all of our needs according to His riches and glory and that His Word will never return void (Phil 4:19, Isaiah 55:11). For those believing for physical healing, we declare that by His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5). We need to remain strong, immovable, and steadfast in His Word knowing that He will never let the righteous be forsaken or His seed begging for bread (Psalm 37:25). The Word of God keeps us immovable in our faith, it keeps our mouth from speaking idle words, it wins the battle of the mind with the cares and worries of the world, and most importantly, it teaches us how to pray with the authority that was given to us by Christ Jesus (Luke 10:19, Mark 16:17).

When we receive phone calls or emails like the ones we mentioned earlier, we encourage people and we want to encourage you as well, to cast all your burdens (release all your cares and worries) onto the Lord. When you feel those concerns creeping back up, you need to confess a scripture or two every single day until you feel the breakthrough and you're no longer bent down under the spirit of worry and doubt. For those who are believing God for healing, we encourage you to take the Word of God like medicine every day, anointing and confessing healing scriptures over yourself (Proverbs 4:22). In our family and Ministry, we believe in the *point of contact* praying. Just like we pray over all of our partners' prayer requests, we also lay hands and pray over all of our needs, including checkbooks; praying and believing in faith that God will **surely** come through for all our needs! Lastly, and most importantly, we continue to tithe faithfully because God is always faithful to us. We don't tithe because God needs our money but because it's a commandment (Malachi 3:10). And we don't stop tithing because our income went down or because we're experiencing a need. Doing these things are essential to being strong, immovable and steadfast. And we are to be doers of the Word and not hearers only (James 1:22)!

The reality is that we live in darkness. Our carnal nature will not always *want* to do those things. We will not always *feel* like confessing scriptures, praying over your needs, declaring our healing, or casting our cares over on the Lord. In fact, sometimes our flesh will fight us on it and want us to wallow in pity! You may even want to call friends or family to help you wallow in pity and worry. This is because we live in a world that is all about satisfying the carnal flesh and not the Spirit. Apostle Paul says that the Spirit and flesh are always at war (fighting with) each other (Gal. 5:17). That's why it's important to be careful and mindful about what we watch, what we listen to and what and whom we speak to so it doesn't hinder the channel between us and Him. "Is my life a reflection of Him and am I honoring God in everything I do, speak, hear and see?"

As Christians, we have to be very careful about what we allow our ears to hear, our eyes to see, and our mouths to speak. When we become distracted, we can become double minded, begin to doubt the promises of God and we lose our hope. If we want change in our lives, we have to make a change. Are there distractions in your life causing you to worry or be fearful and lose complete hope in the Word of God? Are the things you feed yourself with bringing you closer to God or separating you from Him? Another important thing to remember, and we have mentioned this to you before, dear partner, is to be careful who you surround yourself with. We need to surround ourselves with like-minded believers who can lift us up in prayer and encourage us in our walk with God. If you find yourself in a season where you don't have like-minded believers to help you, you are not alone in this battle! We are here to help lift you up in prayer so you can become an overcomer through Christ Jesus (Romans 8:37).

It's easy to enter a New Year being discouraged and without any hope. But as children of God, the Bible tells us that we will overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of our testimony (Revelation 12:11). We have a choice to think like world does or the way the Word of God tells us to. We decide how we spend our days. We decide what we speak, what we hear and what we see. The choice is ours. God can't make that choice for us and we can't blame the devil when we feel fearful and hopeless because **we** are the ones that make the decision to either wallow in pity or be overcomers. Like we mentioned earlier, we are here for you! If you feel stuck, we can pray and believe God together with you for your miracle.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

At the beginning of 2023, we want to encourage you with these words. Let's make God's Word the final authority in our lives and not what the world is currently telling us. God wants you healed (Jeremiah 30:17), He wants you to prosper in all your ways (3 John 1:2), He wants to take your cares and burdens (1 Peter 5:7, Matthew 11:29), and He wants your sons and daughters to serve Him (Luke 15:24). His plans for you are to prosper you and to give you a hope and future!

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Be encouraged today and be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10). We love you and God bless each and every one of you!

In His Service,

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