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I'm in the Lord's Army! Yes, sir!

Dear Partners,

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So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:7-9

"I'm in the Lord's Army! Yes, Sir!" Just like the old song from Sunday school, we are indeed in the Lord's Army together as fellow soldiers. Some plant, some water. We quote this verse from First Corinthians many times here at John Militaru Ministries because no matter which position God has put each of us in, it takes all of us working together to fulfill the Great Commission. Just like the verse says, some of us plant and some of us water, but all will receive a reward for our vital part in obedience. This is a beautiful picture of the body of Christ and the important role that we *all* play as fellow laborers in God's field.

We're so grateful for **you**, our fellow laborers, for standing together with us in God's field and supporting the work that God has entrusted us with. When the Lord put us in this Ministry, He told us that He would send us faithful partners who would labor together with us. Since then, over 34 years ago, the Lord has stayed true to His promise and sent us many faithful, dedicated, loyal partners who have stood by and supported this Ministry over the years. And He is still increasing our reach and our partners every year! We are so grateful to have believers from all over the world connected with this Ministry and standing together with us, shoulder to shoulder, in the Army of God helping us fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12).

We want to encourage you, as laborers and partners together, that we need to stand firm, rooted and grounded in the Word of God to fight the daily spiritual battle raging in the spirit realm every single day (Eph. 6:12). This is especially crucial in the days we're living in when evil is being called good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20). If we are caught off guard, we will get caught in the crossfire on the battlefield without our armor on. That's why the Word says we are to be sober minded, vigilant and cautious *at all times* (1 Peter 5:8) so we can resist and stand our ground on the evil day (the day we are tested, Eph. 6:13). Soldiers cannot be idle in the army on the battleground. The same goes for the soldiers in the Lord's Army. Whenever a soldier is relaxed, passive, and off guard, the enemy can sneak in and advance. First Peter goes on to tell us how we can withstand and prevent the enemy from advancing into our territory (lives).

Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world. 1 Peter 5:9

Being *firm in faith* is the key to withstanding the attacks of the enemy. How do we stay firm in faith? We know that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). But it's not just enough to *read* the Word, we must be doers of the Word (James 1:22) and not hearers only. The Word must be made *alive* in us. We must make the Word of God the final authority in our lives.

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

We want to encourage you to take the time to meditate on how you can be consistently firm and immovable in your faith, so that you are not caught on the battlefield without your full armor on. We do the same thing in our own family and here at JMM because we know how important it is to not be caught off-guard during the battle. Maybe you are in the middle of a battlefield right now and you feel defeated. Don't lose hope! That's why we are here, in the Lord's Army, to help one another in time of need. We're here to pray for you in agreement. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 18:19 that if two will agree concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them. *All for one and one for all!*

We hope that this teaching was as encouraging for you as it was for us! We believe the Lord has selected each one of you to be partners in this Ministry together, and we are daily reminded that each of us have a part to play in God's field. We want to leave you with an encouraging testimony this month from a dear friend and partner! Our friend had recently retired and was praying for God to show her how to continue supporting JMM and other Ministries with the same amount of seed as she did before she retired. The following Sunday, she received confirmation from the speaker in church, who reminded the body of Christ that God is their source, not their job, and encouraged them that if they had a desire to sow, God would give seed to the sower (2 Cor. 9:10). The very next day, she received a message from a couple who she had not spoken to or heard from in 17 years that unexpectedly gave her the same amount of money she was praying to plant into our Ministry. They specifically said to her that they were giving it back to her to use for herself or to *plant in another Ministry*. She was so encouraged (so are we!) to see that her desire to continue sowing in good ground was fulfilled *and* that God even gave her seed to sow! **We are all fellow workers to depopulate hell and populate heaven together!**

If you've ever wondered whether or not the Lord will provide seed for you to sow, the answer is a definite **yes!** We hope that this testimony not only encouraged you but stirred your faith to believe God for seed in your life. We know firsthand the Lord will always provide seed for the sower when the heart is in obedience to God. Stay encouraged and strong in faith in the Lord's Army, fellow soldiers!
In His Service,

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John & Alexandra