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### Dear Friends,

By now you've probably heard this recent quote by an American politician: "Our God still saves. He still delivers, and He still sets free. Because on Saturday, the devil came to Pennsylvania holding a rifle, but an American lion got back up on his feet and he roared, 'Fight!'"

Note this! The "fight," as the Christian who uttered those words knows, is not about politics!! It never will be. This is about our loss of country and self to Satan. This is about pulling people up out of the morass into which we have sunk because we have forgotten God. We have forgotten what He has done for us and put Him back on a shelf somewhere just in case we need Him. Only, the King of kings doesn't reside on shelves. He's in our hearts, our spirits, our lives, our every breath, or it's nothing with Him.

It's indeed time to get back up on our spiritual feet and shout, "Fight." Shout like the apostle JUDE did in the book that bears his name - the last book before Revelation. An awesome

# The Voice of Triumph,

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# book of warning....

"Contend for the faith! Contend! Admission has been secretly gained by some ungodly persons who deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. ... Woe to those who walk in the way of Cain, who have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain" to the easy life.

Those are Jude's words. Words meant to condemn those who have grown weary of the struggle; those who have abandoned Jesus for the sake of gain, and are on the verge of perishing.

We have a responsibility to resurrect the Spirit He has given us and to use it to lift ourselves up out of this worldly quagmire *and to bring with us those who have grown too blind or too weary to do it by themselves.* 

"Save some, convince some who doubt, snatch them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh" (Jude 22,23). P. O. Box 177 Delano, TN 37325

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### JUDE

was *martyred* with another apostle, Simon the Zealot, in Beirut, Lebanon, around AD 65-66. Most reports say he was killed by an axe. Our personal "PR agents"—that is, our bookmarks—have found their way into the hands of yet another inmate:

"I am currently incarcerated. I saw your bookmarkers with the offer to receive free religious or Christian books. If you still offer this service I would be delighted and grateful. I am interested in any books on near death experiences and also a study bible, preferably New American Standard. If you no longer offer this service, it's ok, and I will still send you peaceful positive thoughts and blessings. With divine love...."

The innermost needs and feelings of the heart and soul cannot always be expressed in conventional ways. This woman's one line request for a book was followed by (a part of) her own unusual poem:

"Dear Voice of Triumph, I would like a copy of I'm Gonna Bury You by Gene Neill. Please and thank you. — 'Stuttering speeches; no one understands that kind; what am I to do; it's the blind leading the blind. Religion has filled me with empty lines. Show me the truth so my spirit may come alive. God I need you in these dark moments to be my life line.... The

you give will be forever mine. Evil flees from your mighty sound. My chains are broken, I am no longer bound...."

Your prayers for each of these men and women would mean a lot. This next lady deals with some particularly unfortunate problems:

"... I'm currently incarcerated.... I would really enjoy any free books you may offer and any free bibles or study materials you may offer..."

Life seems like a cruel joke, a harsh puzzle, for many until they are able to see it when the amazing light that is in Christ shines on it:

"I was given a bookmark from your company. I keep it in my Bible and look at it daily. To be honest, I'm struggling in my faith. I miss my family so much and wonder how the path of life led me here. I thought maybe books from you might help. I know God is real and He loves me, I'm just struggling with my ability to love myself. . . . Please pray for my family. Thank you for all you do to spread the Word. I'm trying to find my way. But my enemy is cunning and knows just how to get to me. I pray that reaching out to you will help me spiritually. . ." He's seeking to learn more about the Spirit. And that's good in a maximum security prison with 2,000 inmates:

"Thank you for the previous books you sent. They have helped me so much. If you allow second requests here are my interests: Bible dictionary, concordance, meditation, spiritual guidance/warfare. Thanks in advance for anything...."

Christ is the only way out of this worldly morass that can quickly engulf us body, soul and spirit—like quicksand can the unwary—

"I would like to receive some faith based books. I read a lot. I don't have a TV. I am trying to become a preacher. Can you send me any books that might help me."

Before his death in 323 B.C., Alexander the Great remarked: "I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion." Had he been born 300 years later, he might have met the Lion and the courageous sheep who dared follow Him. Paul said, "Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly understood . . . from what has been made, so that people are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). First God sent Jesus. Now He is sending you and me so that the lost may yet have one more opportunity to believe.

The Old Testament prophets were constantly calling the rebellious and sinful Israelites back to God. Knowing people would never change, God gave us His Son to be an atonement for sin. Suffering is a "good" thing if it leads us to wake up and call out to Jesus from a repentant heart:

"I am serving two years. I was wondering if I could please receive your books, devotionals, studys, whatever you offer, please. God bless you and I'm looking forward to hearing from you...."

What we owe, we owe not so much to one another, but to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ—

".... I came across one of your bookmarks that said prisoners could write to your ministry for free books. I have a bible, but I am a dedicated/devoted learner/ disciple of Jesus Christ; and it would be a blessing to receive some Christian books. I am indigent at this time. I would really appreciate it.... And whatever you send me I will pass along to others. God bless what you are doing...."

Few prisoners who write to us tell us what they are charged with. If for some reason we think it's best we know before we send them books, we can just go to the internet where the information is usually available. But this prisoner doesn't hide the truth. That's a good sign....

"... I am an inmate waiting to go to trial on first degree murder and attempted murder. Before I came to jail I read my Bible every day at home. Now in here I look around for something to read and found a bookmarker with your address. I am 63 years old. I don't see very well. So I am writing to you to see if you have a Bible with large print and Bible books. If so I would love to get one.... God bless all you do."

His letter arrived in Spanish. My high school Spanish is mostly forgotten, but with the aid of the internet translator, I could tell this is what he was saying:

"Blessings for your wonderful ministry. I want to thank you for the inspiring [Spanish] literature you sent me by Pastor Tozer. The topic he touched on in his book was Faith beyond reason. It is a golden author who speaks and teaches on the subject of consciousness. You can also bless me with a biblical book so I can continue learning more from the times of Adam, Moses, until the times of our Lord and Savior..."

Nothing is more encouraging than inmates who hunger for more:

"I was writing to get some more books and bibles. I just got done reading I'm Gonna Bury You. If you have similar books to send me, I would be grateful. Any help with books will be great. Thank y'all so much."

IT IS incomprehensible that God should exist. It is incomprehensible that He should *not* exist. Your reason is no more shocked in choosing one rather than the other. But your happiness! Let us weigh the gain or loss in wagering that *God is*. If you gain, you gain all. If you lose, you lose nothing. Wager then, without hesitation, that *God is*! B. Pascal While on Earth, Jesus told His disciples He didn't know when He would be returning. *Later*, while John was on Patmos, we read. "*The Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. And Jesus made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God. . ."* 

CHAPLAINS' CORNER He's a real gen- tleman, originally from the other side of the world. And his last name is unpronounceable! So he always tells me, "Just call me Nelson;	Best known for "The Badlands National Park," the chaplain at this state prison is one of the best I've ever encountered. A prisoner will never have a better opportuni- ty to come to know the Lord Jesus than while he is there:
that's my first name." I had made my usu- al follow up call to his prison Mail Room to make certain our boxes had been deliv- ered, and then called him. The mail rooms are very busy and often a little tardy about notifying the chaplains of the re- ceipt of our donations:	" We could really use bibles, bibles, bibles. Almost any type We have men who are hungry for time with the Lord. Larger or gi- ant print is great for those with vision prob- lems" This is one of the most beautiful "thank
"I appreciate your call. I just got back from our mail room. I found the things you sent – the bibles and books – and I appreciate them! Thank you for calling to check on that. We are grateful; thank you"	you" letters we are ever likely to receive This Chaplain loves the Lord and the men He has given him to shepherd: <i>"We know that the incomprehensible and</i> <i>eternal God has made Himself and His will</i>
For those with children or who are simply interested in improving themselves, this women's prison offers several opportuni- ties. From faith-based programs to a "family bonding program," they have al- most 20 betterment programs. Their chaplain is one of the best:	known through His Holy Scriptures. There- fore, we believe the Word of God is living and active: powerful and able to set the captives free. It is pure and perfect and by it we find our purpose before God and our duty to our fellow man. But what if a man has no access to the local Church or means to search for the Pearl of Great Price? What if a man is desolate, poor, and cut off from the world?
"I always remember you, Ms. Dorothy. My wife and I just got back from North Caroli- na and we're thinking about retiring either there or Tennessee We can still take ei- ther hard or soft back materials. Bibles are most needed right now"	We thank God for your ministry and pray you continue serving those behind the razor wire. Thank you for providing Bibles which allow our inmates to search the inexhaustible treasuries of God's Word which reveal the love of God towards sinners demonstrated through the life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. As the Apostle Paul
"Your call is timely!" The Chaplain at this next prison for women told me. "We just finished the renovations I told you about a couple of months ago, and I have about a hundred requests for bibles on my desk."	said, 'I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now'" (Phil. 1:3-5).

Even having walked this road with my Gene, both in and out of prison, for forty years, I could not possibly express the importance of what we do in the prisons better than that last chaplain did in his letter. He put into words, as only a dedicated chaplain or Christian inmate could, what it is like to live in body, mind and spirit behind the razor wire.

This is an actual photograph of a prison chapel door. Made of wire, *the doorway into the chapel is open. And Jesus waits inside.* Outside, barely visible in the distance in this photo, is a walkway to the outside—to the so-called "free world." Inmates leaving this prison have to walk that hallway lined with razor wire and steel. It's a reminder of what prison is like, or should be. Because within ten years, <u>82 per cent of those released will be re-arrested</u>!!

"Freedom" is visible through both the open door and the razor wire. But Jesus said enter through the door—I am the door—the way into the kingdom of heaven. In my Kingdom there are no bars or razor wire. Enter through me, and you will be free— "free to go in and out and find pasture" John 10:9.

Free at last!

#### GOD BLESS YOU for helping us open the Door!

#### HERE ARE SOME OF THE PRISONS AND JAILS TO WHICH YOU HELPED US SEND BIBLES AND BOOKS AGAIN THIS MONTH

Calcasieu Parish Jail, Lake Charles, LOUISIANA **Garland County Detention Center, Hot Springs, ARKANSAS** Union County Jail, Monroe, NORTH CĂROLINA Jefferson County Jail, Rigby, IDAHO Florida Women's Reception Center, Ocala, FLORIDA **James River Correctional Center, NORTH DAKOTA** McPherson's Women's Unit, Newport, ARKANSAS **Two Rivers Correctional Inst., Umatilla, OREGON Correctional Reception Center, Orient, OHIO** O. R. U. Malvern, ARKANSAS Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, INDIANA York Correctional Institution, Niantic, CONNECTICUT Kern County Jail, Justice Facility, Bakersfield, CALIFORNIA Anchorage Correctional Complex, ALASKA Jackson Correctional Institution, Malone, FLORIDA Haysi Regional Jail, VIRGINIA **Twin Rivers Unit, Monroe, WASHINGTON** Sampson County Detention Center, Clinton, NORTH CAROLINA



# **HE IS COMING**

**THE PRINCE OF PEACE** has come and walked among us. But the hour when there shall be no more war is not yet here. In one form or another, the battles still rage around the world. And until Jesus returns as Lord of all, man shall continue to fall against man, and sword against sword, until the battlefields of the world lay red with the blood of the slain. Isa. 34:3, Eze. 38:21,22

But the time is coming when the first grey rays of a new dawn shall hurl their light across the darkness and extinguish the night. And with the rush of a mighty wind, the Light shall sweep across the blood-soaked battlefields and every man's sword will fall silent by his side as the King descends with the armies of heaven and a cry of command to call His own to His side.

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.... He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is THE WORD OF GOD"

> Rev. 19:11-14 I Thess. 4:15-18 Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!