



**“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;
I have overcome the world” John 16:33b**

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A Word from us,

The good fact to know about our God is that He is Eternal, out-of-time, not like us every year celebrating a ‘New Year’ and vowing and promising to do definite things. With time we discover that most, if not all of our promises won’t be kept, simply because LIFE takes its course. And if you are not disciplined enough, your vows and promises are but empty words...and a burden to your soul. I learnt to believe in the continuity of time, when guided by the Spirit, Who helps us to use time (Our Life) to glorify Jesus. Let’s learn to live a life FULL of Christ, and empty of Self-Ambitions, without promises, which could not be kept, or oaths which would be broken, instead give glory to the Lord for every single SECOND He gives us to live. Am praying and waiting for that glorious ‘Twinkling of an Eye’ when we will be changed, to be like Jesus...and meet Him ‘I the air’—hope you are longing the same way I do.

**Yours in the Lord,
Salman**

A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Many are feeling ‘obsolete’...do you?

It is a New Year and I was reading some E-mails we received; most of them were offering ‘courses’ on many biblical matters like prayer, baptism, healing...and most of all Evangelism. It was interesting for me, because we used to teach new converts, especially MBBs (Muslim Background Brothers) how to start reaching out to their own families...and others. Some of the ‘offers’ were so strange to our Faith, though they were called ‘Modern Evangelism’ and referring to **Matthew 28:18-20** “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world Amen”. I’ve heard many talking about this ‘subject’ and it reminded me of the contemptuous view many take toward the old and ‘outdated’ methods of evangelism and worship. Once I attended a service in a ‘big Church’ and the worship service could be called “state of the art.” Pulsating lights, amplifiers, and a superb praise team provided an overpowering experience of worship. Members of

that Church may entertain the idea “I could never go back to singing old songs out of a hymnbook. It’s too uninspiring and dull”. Yet those old songs inspired generations of believers – and they still do so today. Worship is NOT done ‘as we please’ and ONLY during the Church Service; worship is a Way of Life. Everything you do or say is worship—and it either honours God...or the devil.

I recall reading a biography on Billy Graham which related a story from his earliest days of evangelism. Would you believe that, in the late 1940s Billy Graham was being told by the “experts” that mass evangelism was a thing of the past? In his time Seminary professors were telling students that Americans were far too enlightened and sophisticated to ever respond to “crusade evangelism” again. Yet it would be through this medium that Billy Graham would reach more than 215 million people with the gospel and over 3.2 million accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour. This proves, somehow, that the ‘experts’ can be completely wrong.

Over the years, and this year I am celebrating the 32nd Anniversary of my Healing and Salvation, I’ve sat through lecture after lecture on how our preaching and presentation of the gospel needs to dramatically change. I always wondered WHY should it be changed when millions were saved through, sometimes, very lengthy sermons and preaching?!

Back in the 1990s they began telling us that ‘Today’s sermons must be no longer than ten minutes long and should be easily digestible’-- but isn’t it the Holy Spirit Who uses such preaching and convicts people of sin, teaching them and revealing ‘things to come’? That was back in the early 1990s. Yet many of my preaching about the Gospel of Christ in the past were taking two hours or more because I believed what the Bible says “For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God** unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” Rom 1:16. I know many preachers who would preach Christ to their congregations in long, expository sermons and it seem to be working just fine.

I want also to remind you of the ‘Old methods of teaching the Bible’ in Sunday School? Do you recall flannel art and flannel boards? Were you ever taught the story about the healing of the paralytic? Did your teacher use a shoebox as a diorama – with a hole cut in the top to show how the paralytic was let down through the roof? Sounds really cheesy, doesn’t it? Sure, those old methods are contemptible by today’s standards. But God worked through them to bring thousands of children to faith in Jesus Christ and they became part of the Christian Foundation of many nations. And don’t be surprised to know that those old, inadequate methods are still used effectively today in less developed countries.

Mentioning all of that, as guided by the Spirit, I want to come to YOU, dear child of God; maybe you feel a little too underpowered and obsolete to be of any use to God in such developed and sophisticated world and ‘Church System’. Or maybe you feel too inadequate to influence others, because you are using ‘old, outdated methods’. **I want you to be encouraged because God created and fashioned you to His own specifications.** He endowed you with gifts and abilities and He equipped you with experience and training as needed in YOUR Field. God did all of this to make you effective for some specific task; and HE is the One Who’ve chosen that task for you. You may feel out of place and time, because many in their ‘Courses’ are telling something different than what GOD’s taught you in the past. Brother, you may feel hopelessly outdated and inadequate for the job, but be encouraged because God knows better. He made no mistake when He placed you in this life, at this time, and at this location to bless and help the people with whom He’s surrounded you. Commit yourself to God and NOT to the ‘modern methods’ of man; those first Disciples of Jesus Christ changed the world NOT because they have ‘special methods’ but because the OBEYED Jesus and KEPT His commandments. Be faithful in the work He’s called you to do and trust Him to bless your efforts and to touch the lives of others through you, also by using ‘old fashioned’ methods. I want you to remember Philipp the Evangelist and the ‘method’ he used in order to see that Ethiopian eunuch be saved (Acts 8:27-39).

Many a man of God was discouraged because he followed the advice of man; but you should be encouraged by the words uttered by Paul the Apostle “And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He said unto me **‘My grace is sufficient for thee: for my**

strength is made perfect in weakness' Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" 2 Cor 12:7-10.

May the Lord of all grace and strength, the Almighty God, keep you encouraged to preach Christ, and Him crucified, giving the Holy Spirit a room to use you and use your WEAKNESS to touch and open the eyes of sinners. Ask the Lord to help you fix your mind and eyes on Jesus and the Spirit to remind you of what HE said.

Prayer Ideas

- 1.** We pray to our Father in heaven, and declare here and now, that we humbly submit ourselves to Him and accept what He's made us and the gifts He's given us. We ask, please Lord take us in our weakness and obsolescence and use us in a powerful way to bless others. Amen. If the Spirit prompts you, join our prayer and unit with us.
- 2.** After the great Christmas Celebration for Children in Iraq, the Lord burdened us to PRAY for the children and cover them with the precious blood of Jesus; we are claiming protection for their innocent minds. We pray that the Lord would help us to TEACH the children the pure Word of God, and that the Holy Spirit would keep them protected spiritually and physically. If you want, join our regular prayer for children and ask the Lord for guidance. We pray that the Lord would help us to gather the children AGAIN, during other occasions, and feed them with the Word, prayer and food for the body.
- 3.** After committing to helping Abuna Benjamin from St Afram Church in Amman, Jordan with their support for Iraqi Christian refugees, we pray that the Lord will help us to be a blessing for many. Join our prayer for those in need, for the sick and weak; ask the Lord for strength and provision in Jesus holy name. Pray for our efforts to help Iraqi Christian refugees in Jordan, to be aligned with God's will. In faith we will continue trusting our Jesus to keep us protected, guided and provided for.
- 4.** Serving the Lord in a hostile environment is not easy, and the enemy tried to put obstacles on our way, but the Lord kept us protected. Still the enemy managed to deceive many and they believed the lie. As learnt from Jesus, we forgave, and will continue forgiving anyone who has any grudge against us. Join our Prayer of Forgiveness for those who confess Jesus as Saviour, but not live their faith, and also for those who do not believe in Jesus. Be encouraged also to do the same and forgive others their trespasses; Jesus commanded us to follow HIS example. In Jesus holy name we claim a year of complete protection from all sides; please unit and agree with us.
- 5.** The method of persecution is changing, whether in Iraq, Syria or other countries in the Middle East, as the Report from Open Doors made it clear. Join us in our prayer for those persecuted and claim protection. Ask the Lord for conviction; may His Holy Spirit do to them, as He did with Saul of Tarsus. Pray that Muslims, and others like them persecuting the Church of the Living God, would have REAL encounter with Jesus. Claim Visions and Dreams for them and purifying fire from heaven revealing Who Jesus Christ really is.
- 6.** We did NOT decide about going to the United States this year, despite so many invitations, but we are praying. Pray with us and if the Spirit prompts you to invite us (If you are in the USA), please let's know. We offered our Service, with Seminars about our Faith and about Islam and its dangers, but the Lord is taking us BACK to the root; we might join YOU if you have some actions like 'Pro Life' or Outreach...etc. We claim wisdom in Jesus holy name for every step we take.
- 7.** There are things happening in the Middle East...unnoticed...and nobody seems interested; we though see them from different, Spirit-guided perspective and we could see the coming, negative impact. Unit with us and rebuke any scheme of the enemy and those serving him. Ask the Lord to give His people wisdom and help to discern and ACT (and NOT re-act!) in time. We are claiming God's mighty Presence, His guidance and protection for the, now, small Christian communities and ask you to KEEP them in your mind and prayer.

8. It is heavy on our hearts to encourage every believer to READ the Word of God and we pray and claim TIME for reading the Word of God. May the Lord grant every desiring believer EXTRA time in order to read even MORE and to encourage others to do the same. We claim the POWER of the Word of God to keep the feet of every believer on the right way and to be LIGHT for them; may the Lord help us to continue praying in Jesus holy name.

Finally we encourage you to keep the Word, live the Calling and continue serving in a humble heart WITHOUT fear, and don't ever forget your joy in the Lord no matter what might happen--- He will never fail you.

We also ask you, dear Saints, to forward our Messages to as many people as you can, whether Christians or else with many thanks. We would love to visit you, if invited to your Church, Prayer Group or else and share our testimony with all the Saints or hear from you. Please let's know through an E-mail containing a phone number to write or call you back. We are waiting for your commentaries; what did the Message tell you and what did the Holy Spirit teach you? If you want us to pray for you, or for somebody else, please let us know and we will pass the name/s over to our 24/7 Prayer Team-Jesus Highland Prayer House- JHPH.

Have a \\^I^/// Blessed Day

“...I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me” Micah 7:7