



Rejoice, give thanks and pray to God while going

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

Periodical Message (February 2020)

A Word from us,

For nearly a month we are active in Iraq visiting families and helping widows and those in special needs; the strength we have **MUST** be from above!

It is **NOT** easy to see a young husband passing away in front of his wife and little children, though it is written “... **it is appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment...” Hebr 9:27—which kind of words should we say to comfort them? Then the next day you see a young man lying in hospital in need to Liver-transplant...but he has **NOTHING** to pay and the hospital demands **IN CASH** 70 thousand dollars--- how can I comfort him? Or to go to a widow, who was waiting (so long!) to see her husband and son come back home--- they were kidnapped by ISIS in August 2014--- she did not see her husband or son, but passed away!

I am glad that our Lord Jesus said “And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another **Comforter**, that He may abide with you forever” John 14:16--- hallelujah, praises be to our God. **ONLY** the Holy Spirit, The Comforter, is able to comfort us and we should remember that when facing such challenges.

**Yours in the Lord,
Salman**

A Word according to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Are you helping other to be set free?

The other day I was talking to a Muslim about ISIS and what they did, not only to Christians and Yazidies but also to others, including Muslims “They were evil” he said “They don’t know God...and they are **NOT** Muslims” he stressed. The conversation began at the City Centre in Erbil while I was sitting there and drinking tea; in the Orient, which also includes Iraq, it is ‘normal’ that the Taxi driver or the one sitting beside you starts asking questions like ‘Where do you come from?’ or ‘What are you doing here?’. In such situations we pray in Spirit and ask for guidance, so the Lord encouraged me to tell that young man “Well, I believe those Jihadists were **REAL** Muslims practicing Jihad’ then I added ‘But they were **NOT** free...’. It was difficult for him to understand or even believe that those murderers were Muslims, exactly like him, because he thinks Muslims should not kill...! He is one of those Muslims who do **NOT** know their Quran. From my dress he noticed that I was ‘different’ because I was wearing the traditional Pastor’s dress and I used **THAT** to quote from the Bible “**Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” Gal 5:1—I wanted him to know that believers in Jesus Christ are set **FREE** by Him for **TRUE** freedom. Led by the Spirit, they’ll be strengthened by the Spirit to avoid sin or transgress against God’s Law and the commandments of Jesus. Also I wanted him to know that every one of us is inclined to do evil, because of our human nature. The conversation was long and we drank many cups of tea and before leaving he thanked me ‘Now I understand what you mean; nobody taught me like **THIS** before. I thought **ALL** prophets are without sin!’”

Brothers/Sisters the Lord God has called each and every one of us to be liberators. The Almighty God has called and equipped us to liberate people from crippling self-doubt and self-hatred by our kind and encouraging words. God's called us to set captives free by connecting them with their heavenly Father Who loves them unfailingly and unconditionally. As our Lord Jesus said "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, **to preach deliverance to the captives**, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" Lk 4:18--- He came to set the captives FREE and we, as His followers should do the same. We should help people to be set free from their false, religious thinking; from their traditions that keep them enslaved and from their self-centeredness. The world is enticing millions, if not billions, to do 'this' and to do 'that', keeping them busy with all kinds of lies; we on the other side should help them to get to know the TRUTH. Jesus IS the TRUTH and only the Truth can set people free; yes indeed, the greatest freedom we can give to any soul is to lead them to Jesus Christ. We know Jesus can break their addictions and reconcile them to God; only Jesus-given freedom is everlasting one. And in God's loving embrace, ALL their soul's needs will be so thoroughly satisfied that their dependence upon substances, peer approval, and abusive relationships will fade away. The Holy Spirit would lead them to get to know Jesus better; their eyes will be opened so they can REALLY see the reality of a world full of lies and deceit. Preacher, how many people around you are still burdened with addiction, tradition and life full of self-deceit? Oh believer of Christ, do you know ANY around you, whether home, in your neighbourhood or at work, who needs to be set free? Remember, Jesus made you and me to be LIBERATORS; He wants ALL those 'heavy laden' to come to Him--- He wants to give them REST, because HE took ALL their/our burden on Himself on the Cross...are you going to lead some to Him?

Dear brother, do you long to help your fellow human beings and free them from their life-controlling problems? Do you want to see the Holy Spirit in action confirming the Word-of-Freedom you speak? Then please share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with them. You can show your love to the Lord by keeping His Commandments; the Great Commission, as it is called, is ONE of those commandments: Go to the world. If that is not possible for you to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with others personally, then support others who devote themselves to leading the lost to Jesus. There are different ways to serve the Lord and to help others to be set free; I pray the Holy Spirit will guide you to the way He sees you fit for. Sometimes we see OTHERS as captive, forgetting that WE too could have been entangled by the snares of the enemy; so if YOU are the one held captive by dependency, self-righteousness, pride, wrong teaching or else then please realize that true freedom is only found in having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The love of Jesus Christ will heal your soul's deepest wounds and the Holy Spirit will comfort you. His loving embrace will set you free from every chain; the Word of God says: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" John 8:36

May we heed the Calling that every one of us received from the Lord, and may we OBEY Him and go to those lost, desperate and without hope and share Christ with them. As we enjoy true freedom through Christ Jesus, we should help others to have the same. My prayer for you is to have anointed eyes, seeing the needs of others around you and to be encouraged by the Holy Spirit to reach out to them. I pray that the Holy Spirit will enable you to see through HIS eyes those who are in bondage around you and to give you wisdom and the right words to touch their souls. May we be active at 'The Market Place' doing our share and waiting upon the Lord until His Second Coming. Amen.

Prayer Ideas

- 1.** We want to give you our praises, Lord God, for being faithful to us; you deserve all our thanks and honour and we want to continue thanking and praising you daily. You are an amazing God by all aspects, and so are your ways; everything we do according to your will turns out to be so amazing...like you, oh heavenly Father. May you keep us loving, praising and honouring you through words and deeds, in Jesus holy name. Amen.
- 2.** So far we've faced many challenges since the beginning of the year, but you brought us through it all more than victorious; continue, oh Lord, to guide us through your Holy Spirit, and humble us with every step we walk with you in faith. Strengthen us to believe in victory BEYOND any expectation, oh Jesus. Let us always look up to YOU before making any decision; give us patience, Lord, to be like you, because all will be done in YOUR time 'You made all things beautiful in your time'.
- 3.** We nearly survived the financial challenge and kept our promise to widows, orphans and those Christians in need; we thank you, oh God, for raising up faithful servants to help and support us, literally,

at the last moment. May you always be our Provider to help your persecuted people; don't let's be in need, Lord, but help us to be generous as you were SO generous and gave us YOUR Son. We want to give, as YOU give, Lord, so guide us and give us wisdom to use what you entrust us with the right way. Guide us to those who are really in need; we want to be faithful with what you put in our hands. Open your heaven, Father, and bless those who are blessing us AND listen to the prayers of the widows who give you thanks and praise but also pray FOR US!

4. A lot has been done in our Mission house and this is the 11th year since we built and dedicated it to Jesus--- it is called Jesus Highland Prayer House-JHPH; please Lord let it be ALWAYS HIGH above envy, self-thinking or greed. We pray that you will keep it filled with YOUR Presence, confirming the Word we speak through signs and miracles and speak through it to those around us. Yes we faced challenges in the past concerning the house, as we still face today, but we have FAITH that YOU will defend and protect it. Continue using it for Service, Prayer and as a Light House in a dark world. It is YOURS Lord and built to be used by you; help us oh Lord to use it the way YOU want it to be and fill it with those Servants you want to send to us here in Erbil, Iraq. We claim protection upon it, upon those serving in it and those coming to serve and stay in Jesus holy name. Amen.

5. Pray with us for the persecuted Christians in Iraq and claim peace for them; so many of them are facing all kind of challenges. Most of them are still struggling with rebuilding what ISIS destroyed; there is no help from the Central Government and many International Organizations dropped Iraq from their plans because 'ISIS was defeated!

Join us in our prayer for those Christians who have nothing to start with; ask the Lord for open opportunities to start working, rebuilding and living normal life in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

6. Lift your voice in special prayer for those suffering from different kinds of diseases; the numbers are increasing and the treatment or medicine is very expensive. Just think of Brother Fadi--- and he is but one from many. Proclaim healing for hard cases, for those with illnesses and diabetics. Special prayer we pray for the children; may our God touch and heal each and every one of them. Pray for those suffering from mental stress because of the ordeal they went through because of ISIS, what those Jihadists did and the long time in Refugee Camps crumbed in tents or containers. They need to be always remembered and prayed for and they are, literally, depending on the Healer--- our Lord Jesus—and nobody else, because they have no means for treatment.

7. Many invitations arrived from the United States, but we are still praying and waiting; if any of you feel led by the Holy Spirit to extend invitation for us to come and serve, please let us know. If you others who might need our service, please encourage them to contact us, because we want to pray before coordinating and preparing a Schedule. Despite everything it is a challenge to travel with the whole family for such a long time (April-May or May-June?!) BUT we have an example: Brother Karl Gessler and his family.

8. The LAST Saturday of May, 30th ---it is G.O.D--- Global Outreach Day and believers worldwide will reach out to lost people, have different activities and DO what Jesus told us to do: GO to the world. Please remember the date of AND encourage others to do the same. We from ICOM will have some activities too, including reaching out to people, distributing tracts, flyers and else AND encourage ALL those cooperating with us to do the same. Please follow the latest developments, fast and pray and encourage others to join: WE have faith our God is going to do amazing things BEYOND our expectations; may His name be glorified. Amen.

Finally we encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep the Word, live the Calling and continue serving in a humble heart WITHOUT fear. 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 believers 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 send a message to or even call you back. We will be waiting for your Feedback or commentaries too. What did the Message tell you and what did the Holy Spirit teach you through it? 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

Thank you for supporting International Christian Outreach Ministry and standing with us and the persecuted Christians in Iraq.