



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

**Periodical Message  
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**A Word from us,**

When we are facing the world, all kind of temptations, betrayal and deceit AND remembering what our Lord Jesus taught us about forgiveness we start asking like Peter did “Then came Peter to Him, and said ‘**Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?**’ Matthew 18:21. Yes, it is easy to preach about forgiveness and encourage others to do it, than practicing it yourself, especially if you were betrayed, slandered and lied about by your own family! But we thank the Lord Who’ve shown us HOW we should behave; yes, He has not only forgive but also taught us to do THE SAME, even towards those who ‘crucify’ us daily. “Jesus saith unto him ‘**I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven**” Matthew 18:22. Well, I believe that says it all: We should forgive as often as we remember that ALL our sins are forgiven, no matter what others, including our own family, do to us. Which is easier to forgive your own brother who lied, cheated, stole from and slandered you...or your enemy, the one who beheaded your brother? Thank Jesus for helping us to forgive...

**Yours in the Lord,  
Salman**

**A Word according to the  
Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

A World in Crisis and God’s Remedy,

Few days ago we had a great opportunity to meet an old brother in the Lord; last time when we saw and prayed for him was in December 2019 and he was in terrible pain. This last encounter was absolutely different; he was radiant, full with energy and without pain --- he did NOT care about the worries of the world and the panic caused by the so-called Pandemic. He had real encounters with the Lord, had a glimpse of heaven AND hell too. He seemed satisfied and waiting for the Full revelation of Christ! When we left I was joyful but also thoughtful; how many of us, believers in the Saviour, are ready? Do we care more about the world than the WORD or we are feeding on the living Word of God, instead of the BIG WORDS of the world?

I am comforted because our Lord always has a remedy for a world in chaos. A remedy He has used for generations to wake up His Church, and those who are saved through His sacrifices, and it is simply this: God raises up chosen men and women!

Our Lord uses definite individuals to respond to a world in crisis in times such as these, when most of the talk, even among believers, is negative, causing panic and fear!

But our Saviour touches His servants in a supernatural way, transforming them and then calling them to a life of total submission to His will. I was reminded of that after visiting that old brother. “Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts..” Psalm 65:4 Simply put the Holy Spirit of God woos this servant into intimate communion with Him. There, the servant is given God’s mind (Remember we have the mind of Christ; “...But we have the mind of Christ”

1 Corinthians 2:16b) and he receives a Divine Call. His soul is filled with urgency and he begins to walk with spiritual authority; I know many on the Field longing to have SUCH authority.

Are you teaching THAT Preacher? Are you reminding those coming to Service of WHAT we've received from the Lord? The above mentioned verse begins with "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him?" 1 Corinthians 2:16a

Our God gives such a servant a CALL; that is what He does when He chooses someone to be set apart for a special, redeeming work—and how the servant responds determines the power and intensity of God's touch in his/her life. This is the call to "come up" (And don't misunderstand what Coming Up means? It could mean that we must Go Down first, through the 'furnace of affliction') and it summons us out of the activities of life and into an unshackled pursuit of God's Presence.

I want you to consider Moses; if you know his story and what he was doing before being called by God; the moment he became Israel's leader, he was suddenly an extremely busy man. In today's Church, so it seems, everybody is busy with something...and all would say 'For the Lord!'

As we know, God's people numbered in the millions and Moses' life became hectic as he judged and ministered to the people from morning till night. Everything was on his shoulder and he had to judge the people according to a different standard, a GODLY standard and not as they used to. They were complaining, murmuring and even planning to get rid of him; but God was with him, he was called out by God. I want you, dear believer, to put yourself in Moses' place; just imagine yourself in the desert leading that crowd! Certainly it was not an easy task, as Scripture illustrates it, still God was there and He was preparing things His Way. Our wise God used somebody to help Moses; it was Moses' father-in-law Jethro, who was watching all of this and then he intervened and warned Moses that he would wear himself out if he didn't make some changes. He was expressing himself this way: "All right you are the pastor, Moses, and you need to shut yourself in with God. Assign others the jobs of arbitrating and counseling. Then get alone with God, seek His presence, get His mind, and receive His word. This should be your priority"

In Scripture we read: "Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. Harken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and **God shall be with thee**: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God. And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee" Exodus 18:19-22.

The Word of God was very clear; Moses' Father-in-law was used by God to give such advice and Moses heeded this wise counsel; he appointed others to act as judges and counselors and he determined to accept God's call to "Come up to the Mount. The Scripture says "And Moses went up unto God..." (Exodus 19:3. Thus in a world full of troubles, chaos and confusion Moses decided to shut himself up and be with God and the Scripture confirms "And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up" Exodus 19:20.

It is evident that Moses, as a humble servant, prized God's Presence in his life, as have many believers over centuries who have experienced this Call and the divine urge to commune with the Lord. The same Lord is asking you dear believer to 'come up' and to meet Him on the mount and let Him fill you anew with His Presence. Don't be dismayed and frustrated in a world full of evil and chaos; be wise and turn to the Saviour Jesus Christ and HE will guide you. If we want to spend time counting evil in the world, then we are missing the point; remember this world rejected your Saviour Jesus when He came to show the Way "And this is the condemnation, **that LIGHT is come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" John 3:19. May you hear His voice, recognize the Calling and seek His Presence.

## Prayer Ideas

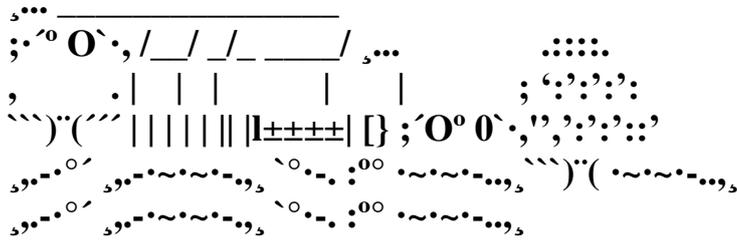
1. We pray, oh God, that your holy name will be glorified in our life and Ministry before the eyes of a world in chaos, fear and confusion. We lift up your holy name and shout with joy “Our God reign...hallelujah!”
2. We thank the Lord for keeping us safe and bringing us, strengthened, through the storm; pray with us and thank the Lord for His goodness to you. Thank Him for keeping you, your loved ones and those around you safe. Express your gratitude that He provided for you during these hard times, where millions worldwide went hungry, having nothing and living in fear.
3. Lift up your hands with us and worship our God, because He is worthy to be praised; let your daily life, your words and deeds be an expression of this worship. Meditate upon His Word, let it fill your being and ask the Holy Spirit to make it a Living Truth in your life. Encourage your own family to read the Word daily and to pray; the Lord called us to be Royal Priest...as such they WORSHIP Him.
4. To serve the Lord at such time is an honour, especially when we are not planning it, thus we want to thank the Lord for opening doors to serve Him and His People. Join us and pray that our God would guide us where we are needed; may He speak to His People through our prayer, worship, testimony and preaching. May the Lord use such new doors to provide for the Ministry and our service among persecuted Christians in Iraq. Pray and ask the Lord, whether we should come and serve you, the Church you go to or Prayer Group.
5. Because of new challenges, the Lord guided our feet to the Christian Area in Erbil, where our Mission House will be. It came in a time of great success on the field of evangelism, much work and renovation in our current Mission House, and victories in the Spiritual, through prayers. We pray to our faithful God and ask Him to guide our feet to where we should be, to strengthen our Teams and to provide protection. We stand firm in our prayer against any attempt to steal what the Lord has given us and rebuke every evil thought, plan our deeds directed against us. Hedge of Fire you put around us, oh, Lord and we thank you, accepting all as from you and declaring “And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to His purpose” Romans 8:28
6. Join our prayer for the Persecuted Church worldwide; Almighty God, the world hated you, and it is hating us, hating our ways and trying to persuade us that their lies is ‘truth’ please help us to continue walking in the Light. Strengthen us in our faith to stand for the truth and to preach Christ to a lost world. Don’t let our personal disappointments to be a stumbling block; take all away from us and help us to walk with you. If there is a block YOU put to redirect our feet, give us wisdom from above to see it. Make us more responsive to your Call and open the stopped ears to hear YOUR voice.
7. Your Word says “And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; **but the greatest of these is charity**” 1 Corinthians 13:13 – help us, oh Father, to be charitable towards others, as you are towards us. Let us give, as we freely received from you; whether food, money or even TIME. We want to touch people, as you did Lord, and speak to them Word of Life. We see ‘rich people’ around us, but they seem miserable; encourage us Lord to tell them ‘Store your riches, where they cannot be stolen’. Help us to share your love with the brethren but also the lost and may YOU use that to change the hearts.
8. We are asking the Lord, as a FAMILY, to guide us to WHERE we should finally settle and serve Him; please join us and pray. We ask you, oh Father, in the precious name of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to speak to us concerning our home; we have nothing, but asking YOU to provide. We want a place where YOU put people around us to serve them and to serve with them. We ask you for finances; we are your servants and absolutely depend on what you put in our hands; you promised “Give up everything and I will provide you with everything” – Lord, we stand on your Word and your Promise. We receive some signals, Lord, but we ask for concrete and clear answer: Whether Vienna, Austria or North Carolina, USA or somewhere else. Speak oh, Lord and humbly we say ‘Here I am’; we give you all honour and glory and ask in the precious name of our Lord Jesus. 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**



**Built on the Rock: JESUS CHRIST THE LORD**

**“Choose this day whom you will serve, As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”  
Joshua 24.15**

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

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