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REJOICE!



"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!" These are words to a song I used to sing in Sunday school when I was growing up. Now, as I am looking at our lives I am hearing those words.

The past two months we have enjoyed ministering at a church in South Dallas. We have about three more weeks of encouraging individuals that they do have more choices than they think they do. Then, helping them connect with God to find the truth in what we are saying. Rejoice with us!

We have seen David (one young man who started attending our classes to please his wife - and now, who wants to be there for himself) go from silence to joy in a short time. I rejoice to witness God's movement!

My heart swells with seeing His hand in our lives over the past 36 years. I am humbled by the times I have stressed out about circumstances that we have lived through. Times that taxed our faith. Times of difficulty trusting God for enough funds to pay our bills or enough strength to carry on. Yet God has called me to rejoice in His love in the midst of all of this.

How?

First by making the choice to fall on my knees and seek His face when I am over-whelmed and discouraged. As I listen to His word I remember all of you who lift us in prayer regularly - and that gives me courage.

Second - I choose to remember that His comfort and strength has always been our refuge. He has always been faithful to meet our emotional, physical, mental and spiritual needs. We are rejoicing that He is still calling us to minister to those who are part of the "least-of-these" in Dallas and around the world.

Finally - I rejoice in Christ alone. He is all that matters. He has been and always will be the reason for everything we do. My prayers are that He will do the same for you.

Rejoicing,

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There is a cost to rejoicing. I need to be willing to let God have control of my life so He can work through me. Then I can rejoice at the outcomes!

Is God working through you? Can you see Him in the circumstances of your life? Do you watch Him touch other people through your life?

It is not just that these things are possible, I believe these things are the minimum of what we can be experiencing when we say "I am a Christian". What is possible is beyond imagination.

If you have questions please ask them, either through the e-mail that is on this letter or call me on the phone. If you have questions, I want to talk with you.

For those who wish to support our ministry, use the donate button to go to PayPal. You will be starting the process of owning part of our ministry and owning part of the results!

If you would rather, use this [link](#) to be taken to our website and print the response card. Mail it and your check to the address on the response card.

Thank you, and in the future be sure to tell us your story of what God is doing in your life.

Answered Prayer

There is a church in Lancaster (a suburb of Dallas) that is our next destination for teaching the principles of *Life Is Full Of Choices*. They also want to start an after school program.

Prayer Requests

Pray for Sheryl. She hit her head last week as she was walking around the 5th wheel. She spent 5 hours in the emergency room and got 6 stitches.

She is OK, just very tender.

Pray for Pastor Donniel who I am meeting with almost every week. This Church is reaching out to the kids of an apartment complex near them. We are talking about how to help the people of his congregation understand kids in order to draw them into Church.

April 9th, Cru Inner City in Dallas/Fort Worth will be hosting a Fellowship Dinner. We will be sharing highlights of the ministry and introducing ministry partners.

This will be a fantastic celebration of fun and fellowship. If you will be close that evening and want more information please let us know.

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