

# From The Battlefield

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through god to the pulling down of strongholds



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This magazine is used as an outlet for expression for all those who have a desire for the Truth, for those who have been given to see how needful it is to maintain this perspective: that we are in fact in a battle! Much as the Israelites, who, after having been delivered from Egypt, found themselves engaging in warfare to move into the land promised to their father by the Lord, we press forward in our good fight of faith that we may obtain the prize which has been promised to those who overcome!

Listed here are some of our regular contributors to this work. We are always open to share the good things that the Lord has given the brethren to see. This opportunity is open to any and all. As long as it is edifying and according to the truth as it is in Christ, it may be considered for inclusion in our publication.

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This news is the single most important message for every man in the earth to hear. It is always relevant, and ever needful. It is a message of revival, it is a message of restoration, and healing, a message of forgiveness, redemption, divine favor, and blessing. It testifies of a God of mercy, a savior for mankind. It outlines a provision of grace, and holds out good hope and everlasting consolation to come.

As such, it is a message that has great power. It is, as the scripture testifies, the power of GOD unto salvation! There is no other message that can motivate and captivate the heart and minds of men like this message. It is, in itself, affective, productive, potent, and convincing. It doesn't need to be modified or added to by men.

There really is no prosperity gospel, social gospel, seeker friendly gospel, gospel for men, women, the young or the old. If you have to add an adjective to modify your gospel to meet the whims and desires of mortal men, then it ceases to be **THE** gospel! It is not a gospel of many messages, many agendas, it is **THE** gospel that testifies of **THE** man, Christ Jesus. As such, It reaches to all nationalities, all races, and all ages.

*The truth of the gospel is unlike anything else in this world in that it is neither tangible nor abstract. It is neither ethereal, nor theoretical. It is not merely an idea resident within the imagination, yet it also cannot be touched, seen, smelled, or tasted. It has no physical substance by which we may handle, measure, or define it.*

*It belongs to another realm, into which we can only peer by faith. Faith is the element by which we have a connection with the 'senses' of the spirit. When we can see with the eyes of faith, we take hold of the substance of things hoped for, and are persuaded by the evidence of things not seen. It is by this persuasion, and in this confidence we are able to "lay hold on eternal life".*

It is not bound by gender or social status. It is equally able to affect the heart of a king as it is a beggar, because it testifies of a provision which meets the most basic need of all mankind.

Whether it is heard by new born believers, steadfast saints in the midst of opposition and trial, or the spiritually mature aged saints nearing the end of their race, The good news of the gospel contains implications that have a bearing upon every season of the believers experience in this world.

The gospel is good news to us as the bride of Christ, His church, because it testifies to us of a man in heaven. It testifies to us of a risen savior, an intercessor at the right hand of GOD, and merciful and faithful high priest who is building his church, a holy habitation for GOD.

The good news is that our lives are hid with Christ in GOD. The hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus is as solid and unchanging as the nature of that life in Christ himself. The life of Jesus is our guarantee of eternal life, and it is in, and according to, this life that we now are able to walk in newness.

# What is "The Gospel" ?

By: Brother David Vanderhoofven

There are a lot of misconceptions about the Gospel.

For example, many times missionaries have gone to foreign countries and were appalled at the dress and lifestyle of the natives. They busied themselves with making clothes for them to wear, and teaching them a set of moral rules to follow. As a result, the native's exterior changed, but their hearts often did not. The Gospel is not to be confused with living a good moral life, or following a code of ethics. Even the pagan Shinto, Hindu, and Muslim religions have a moral code, but do not teach THE gospel.

At other times, perhaps in response to excess in other religions or denominations, good hearted people have crafted carefully worded statements precisely defining "good doctrine". Many churches recite these doctrinal statements on a regular basis, as a part of worship services. But, the gospel is not the same as accepting a statement of faith, or reciting a creed.

You will often hear people say that they admire Jesus as a good man, prophet or teacher: and that they try to live their lives by His principles of doing good and helping people. At the same time, they would deny the Deity of Jesus, and don't want to hear anything about his blood sacrifice or resurrection. The gospel is not "good advice to follow"

Considering the vast number of religions and churches available today, how does one know which religion to follow? Even limiting your search to "Christian" denominations, a careful comparison of the Bible, and these different churches will lead you to despair in choosing which religious system is the best. Joseph Smith came to the same conclusion and started his own religion, teaching "another Jesus", and "another gospel". The gospel is not a religious system

The Gospel is not: a code of ethics or morals, a creed to be accepted, a system of religion to be adhered to, or good advice to follow, It is the power of God unto salvation.

The Gospel is a message concerning Jesus Christ, The God Man, who is able to save us from our sins. The Gospel is the news of Jesus' sinless life, substitutionary death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead after three days in the tomb (1 Corinthians 15:1-5). That is the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is to be preached to every creature (Mark 16:15). Paul said that the Gospel involved preaching "Christ Jesus the Lord" (2 Corinthians 4:3-5)

**PRAISE GOD THAT I HAVE TURNED TO FAITH IN JESUS**

# PRAYING WITH ALL PRAYER

*Warrior of Heaven,*

*You are our mighty Defender against unseen powers, and You provide the armor of salvation as an impenetrable covering against the devil's wiles. Because of You, all that would conquer us is being worked to our good. You are able to keep us from snares set for our demise. Thank You for the wisdom and joy of Christ. Because He has conquered sin and death, we are made more than conquerors.*

*- Amen.*

*A Prayer from: Sister Adah Hutchcraft*

*Dear Lord Jesus, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be. I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, spirit, all my hopes, plans and dreams. I surrender to you my past, present and future, habits, character defects, attitudes, livelihood, resources, finances, occupation and all my relationships.*

*I give you my health, physical appearance, disabilities, family, marriage, children and friendships. I ask you to take Lordship over every aspect of my life. I surrender to you all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear and anxiety, and I ask you to wash me clean.*

*I release everything into your compassionate care. Please speak to me clearly, Lord. Open my ears to hear your voice. Open my heart to commune with you more deeply. I want to feel your loving embrace. Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed. Please continue to set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life*

*- Amen.*

*A Prayer from : Brother Jason Rosselli*



28th annual  
**REFRESHING WATERS  
RENEWAL**

The Refreshing Waters Renewal is an annual gathering of saints who share a common love for the truth, and hope for the world to come. Several brethren who are gifted in rightly dividing the word are given opportunity over a three day period to preach the Gospel of Christ. These quotes were taken from the 28th annual Renewal, which took place in August of 2017



*Bro James Arnold*

"We don't want to be anchored to a world which is destined to be destroyed."

"We don't have to live with a weak, beggarly hope,  
Hope can be **REVIVED** and **STRENGTHENED!**"

"Everything that Jesus produces and strengthens **HOPE** in the believer."

"The hope of the gospel is an *abounding* hope."



*Bro Jonathan Blakely*

"The *harlots*, tax collectors, sinners and publicans were drawn to *Jesus* because they saw in him something **SUPERIOR** to what they had given themselves to in their lives."

"all works are not the same - Paul being separated to the *Gospel* was not a part time occupation"



*Bro Dan Brueck*

"Faith is not simple, it is an **ARDUOUS** work."

"Flesh is wowed by a miracle, but faith sees the purpose of **GOD** in it"

"Faith causes men to *effectually* claim their inheritance"



*Bro Tony Parker*

"You can depend on Jesus, because He is a good shepherd"

"You have to be able to see *Jesus*, as He is, a good Shepherd"

"Only the Gospel of *Jesus Christ* will edify"

" Like everything else that man needs, the Gospel comes from **HEAVEN**"



*Bro Benjamin Blakely*

" We need to receive the blessing of the Gospel "

" We need to make sure that we speak the Gospel,  
because the Gospel speaks truth!"

"It is only through the truth that we make ourselves free  
according to the blessing of the Gospel"



*Bro Tim McCullfor*

"If you have been moved away from the hope of the gospel - then you are not holy"

"If people have no hope , then they have not heard the real gospel  
They probably heard the '~~of all men most miserable~~' gospel "

"If you don't have a clear view of the hope of the glory  
of **GOD** that awaits us in the world to come, you won't  
be able to properly navigate life in the present either. "



*By: Sister  
Nicole Cobb*

*'Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.'* (John 15:16)

***YE HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME,  
BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU***

When we think of the beginning and basis of our confidence, It needs to be seen that on a foundational level, GOD is the primary worker in salvation. This choice did not come about as a result of our own work or desire, rather, it has its genesis in that we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, (Ep 1:3-5). Even on an individual level, although there is most definitely personal involvement in a response to the gospel, there is no one who can trace back their own personal decision to respond in faith towards GOD to anything other than the circumstances present in their lives by divine appointment.

This has always been the case from the very beginning. God's choice is what has determined, led, and shaped the course of human history;

It is GOD who chose Abram, called him out; *"Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham"* (Neh 9:7) What really could Abram have done at the time of his calling to cause these things to happen? Abram was called out of Ur, to a place where GOD would show him.

It is GOD who promised Abraham his descendants would bless the whole earth, it is GOD who gave Abraham a son, GOD who blessed Isaac with Jacob, and GOD who made Jacob's descendants into this nation, Israel.

*"For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure."* (Psalm 135:4)

It is GOD who chose Moses to lead his chosen people out of Egypt. He chose Moses to lead this nation, to represent them at this crucial time. It is GOD who chose to bring this people into the promised land, and chose them as his people in the earth, to distinguish them from all others.

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance"*  
(Psalms 33:12)

And, it is GOD who chose the apostle Paul to be the apostle to the gentiles;

*"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel"* (Acts 9:15)

I am thankful that it is not us who does the choosing!

Consider the circumstances surrounding Pauls conversion: In the 9th chapter of Acts, the Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision and told him to go after Saul of Tarsus. Ananias answered the lord in verse 13 and 14 speaking about Saul of Tarsus:



*"I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy Saints at Jerusalem and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name." (Acts 9:13-14)*

Ananias, on his own, would most likely not have chosen Paul to do this great work.

I am thankful It is GOD who does the choosing. Think about before you came to the Lord, would you have chosen yourself to do a work for the Lord? It is GOD who does the choosing. Not only so, but He made his choice before the foundation of the world !

We see in all of these things that GOD's choice is a choosing of intention, of a working towards an appointed end,

### **AND ORDAINED YOU**

To ordain in our text means to place, appoint, make, purpose, put, set (forth), to settle.

This word suggests the working out of purpose. God's choosing means something. We are set apart unto a very specific work. Just as we are able to see how these choices of GOD revealed unto us in past events in the scripture lead to an appointed end, we are also being used in that same way, GOD works in the same way now as he did then because He is the same GOD. He does not change.

The language of scripture constantly points towards GOD's present intentional choosing in redemption. GOD does the choosing, He is the one working these things out for His purpose.

*"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath ENABLED me, for that He counted me faithful, PUTTING me into the ministry " (1 Tim 1:12)*

Paul also testifies in the 12th chapter of his first epistle to the Corinthians of the manner of GOD's choice involved in Christ's work of ordering the church:

*"And God hath SET some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues". (1 Cor 12:28)*

Peter also speaks of the church in this way:

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;*

**(1 Peter 2:9)**

So, why has he chosen us? What is the purpose of these things? That we should go and bring forth fruit.

*" This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise". (Isa 43:21)*

All of these appointments are unto the glory of GOD, they are set unto the purpose of magnifying his name. You being called into and unto these works is a confirmation to you of the Lords choice.

We are told to examine ourselves to see if we're in the faith, to make your calling and election sure. Not to GOD, or to other men, but to ourselves. As we lay hold on these things, press forward and give haste to the doing of the will of GOD, his spirit testifies to our spirit that we are the sons of GOD, as we are able to perceive the working of GOD in us to glorify him, and increase us - we are confident that he that began a good work in us will perform it. Jesus is the author of our faith, and as we continue in it, we can have confidence that he will finish it.

So I encourage you brethren to make your calling an election sure, abide in him and he will abide in you. I exhort you Now go forth and bear fruit YE chosen of GOD.

***I am thankful  
that it is not  
us who does  
the choosing!***





For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

(1Co II:26)

Why use "bread" to symbolize the body of Christ? We know from the scriptures that our God does not do things "randomly" but everything that He does is with precision and purpose. The same holds true when it comes to this matter. Actually, if you can receive it, God created the whole process whereby bread comes to us in order that we may have a greater understanding of what it meant for Jesus to say *"take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you"*

Bread is not grown on trees, it is the result of intense labor and there is more than just one step to making bread. Men do not merely plant bread trees and then wait by while they grow! The seeds must be planted, and then after the shoot grows up out of the ground, then, the fruit begins to develop and mature, and when the plant is ready for harvest, the work is just beginning for men! Once the grain is harvested it must be separated from the shaft or stalk, that process is called "threshing" and it is very abusive for the wheat corn. Once this is accomplished it must be "ground", and this process is not something that can be done in a matter of moments. Once the grain is ground into fine flour it must be mixed with other ingredients (water, oil, salt, leaven) to produce the bread. However, the bread at this table is even more specific than that ordinary bread.

Why has the Lord taught us a lot about the preparation bread? Because Jesus was going to one day pick up the bread, break it and say "take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you." The bread that was used in the service of the Lord was of a very specific recipe, it was to have no "leaven" used in it. We know that leaven is put into bread to cause it to "rise". This process takes a little bit of dough and causes it to appear to be much larger.

When you take a piece of leavened bread into your hands it may look like a lot of bread, but if you compare it to the unleavened equivalent, it would be surprisingly little. God began teaching us about this type of bread early on, it was this kind of bread that Lot fed to the "special men" (Angels) that had come to inspect the land of Sodom (**Gen 19:3**) – God also told Moses to instruct the children of Israel on the night of the Passover, to make unleavened bread, and with bitter herbs they were to eat it! This type of bread had no add mixture, it did not misrepresent itself, and it did not appear to be one thing, when in reality it was something else.

There was another kind of bread that was very unique for the children of Israel, and the Lord himself gave them the ingredient from which their bread was to be made, it was called "manna" and it was all they ate for forty years! – Later it would be called "Angels' food" or "corn from heaven" by David (Psm 78:24,25) – Later, when Jesus was in a boat with His disciples he brought up this concept of leaven when He said *"... Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."* (**Matthew**

**16:6**) There is always danger to be found in men pretending to be one thing, when they are really something else. So we can see that leaven is not just something that is put in bread! Jesus is teaching us that just as leaven makes the bread to "rise" and become larger than what it really is, the "leaven" (or teaching) of the Pharisees can alter the truth by adding things (customs of men) to it, and in the end, because of that admixture, the truth is compromised in them.



In other words, when men take the word of the gospel and mix in with it the requirements of man, they have in fact neutered it of the power that God has placed in the gospel. When men lead people at this table to think about "other things" than what God has accomplished in the death of Christ, they have robbed men of the blessing.

Why did God go to so much trouble to instruct the human race concerning which "type" of bread he would receive? Because Jesus was going to use this type of bread to one day illustrate something about salvation.

Jesus is directing our minds to consider some things that are hidden to the mind of the flesh. On the night He was betrayed, while they were observing the Passover dinner, Jesus takes the bread, the unleavened bread, and He breaks it and says "take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you" by doing this He is revealing the "behind the scenes" nature of what the cost of salvation would be, He is speaking in connection to "His body" and the bread (1 Pet 2:24) – these two elements are now forever connected, when we come around the table we are to also make this very profound connection. Just as bread is grown from a seed, Jesus was required to be born and raised up from a child, He would have to "grow up among them as a tender plant" (Isa 53:2) and just as the grain is harvested from the shaft, through much threshing, the corn is actually bruised in the process, (Isa 28:28) Jesus would have to endure much threshing or bruising from His Father, as He bears the sin of the world. (Isa 53:5) The Prophet Isaiah was given to speak of this time in which God would pour out His wrath and indignation against sin (Isa 53:5) – God would "lay on Him" the iniquity of us all, (Isa 53:6) and Christ would survive to rise from the grave on the third day. (Isa 54:8)(Acts 2: 31)

Just as we eat bread to sustain our life here in the flesh we also need "eat", "imbibe" or take in Christ, we are not able to sustain our lives for a single moment!

The breath that we presently enjoy is a gift from our God and if we are to receive another, it is because of the Lord's great mercy towards the sons of men. "For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again." (Psalm 78:39)

When we gather at this "table of remembrance" the focus is not on us, even though the ones doing the remembrance are the ones who are being blessed, but the blessing comes from fellowshiping with the one who bore our sin away from the presence of God – Jesus is using this time spent around his table to bring us closer to His Father! – We must not allow for diversions at this time, the Apostle Paul warns us that there were some at Corinth that God killed because they did not "discern" the Lord's body (1 Cor 11:29) This should not cause anyone who is walking by faith to draw back from gathering at this table, but it should produce an environment of sober mindedness. This time is not for the silly, nor for the lighthearted. We must see what is really going on, behind the seen, at this table. God is here, Christ is administering at this time, and the Holy Spirit is making the application to our hearts. This is not a time for men to attempt to correct other men, NO, this is the Lord's Table! The Apostle Paul leads us in the proper approach when he says "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread." ( 1 Corinthians 10:16-17) We have come together, as they did, to "commune with Christ" as we consider Him – He will then transfer the relevance of salvation to all the vast members of the body, fitting them together in love, strengthening them together for the day when the whole body, both in heaven, and on the earth" will be made "one with God", even as the Father, Son and Spirit are now.

Bread! - Only God could create something so sublime as this! To create our bodies with the need eat, in order to show us the deeper reality of needing to have His life in us if we are to live unto Him.





# THE REASON FOR THE STRUGGLE

Part 6 of a series entitled *"Inner Conflict and It's Remedy"* By: Brother Given O. Blakely.

Faith brings the capacity for reciprocity with heaven. This is described in various ways in Scripture. It is being *"called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Cor. 1:9). It is also referred to as *"the communion of the Holy Spirit"* (2 Cor. 13:14), and being *"joined to the Lord"* (1 Cor. 6:17). This is *"eternal life,"* which consists of the spiritual knowledge of *"the only true God, and Jesus Christ"* Whom He has sent (John 17:3; 1 John 5:20).

## NEW LIFE INTRODUCED

The introduction of this new life is glorious. We have become *"partakers of the Divine nature"* (2 Pet. 1:4), as well as *"partakers of Christ"* (Heb. 3:14). God has *"sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts"* (Gal. 4:6), as a pledge of future glory. Our personal involvement in the process is set forth in the new covenant promise, *"I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them"* (Heb. 10:16). This describes a very real inclination toward, and preference for, the will of God. The absence of this in much of the religion of our day is cause for great alarm. From within, *"the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us"* (Rom. 5:5). Thus are we empowered to love God with all of the heart, soul, mind, and strength, fulfilling the law of God (Matt. 22:37).

This inward work results in the possession of a *"sound mind,"* capable of distinguishing both good and evil (2 Tim. 1:7).

The new birth is not a metaphor, as some would have us believe. An actual transformation has taken place. We have been united with Christ, and are now indwelt by Deity (John 14:34; Rom. 8:9,11; 2 Cor 6:16; Eph. 2:17). However, our rebirth did not eradicate the old nature. It will remain with us until we are *"absent from the body"* (2 Cor. 5:6-9). *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (2 Cor. 5:17).

This does not mean that the old nature has passed away--it has not! The capacity to sin remains with us. The person in Christ still is tempted, *"drawn away of his own lust, and enticed"* (James 1:14). Old things *"have passed away"* in that they are no longer loved and preferred. We are being oriented for heaven, where *"no unclean thing"* can enter (Eph. 5:5). From this perspective, conflict within may be viewed from two perspectives. First, Satan is attempting to remove our appetite for spiritual things, and increase our appetite for the passing things of this world. Second, the Holy Spirit is culturing an penchant for things that are eternal. This will allow us to make the transition to glory without any trauma.

God does not intend our induction into eternity to be abrasive. "All things" have become "new" due to spiritual perspective and appetite.

We are looking for "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Pet. 3:13-14). That prospect has made everything "new."

Yet, while we occupy the realm of sense and time, proclivities to evil remain in us. We are not content with this condition. Its presence accounts for all of our setbacks, shortcoming, and insensitivities.

The reason for the struggle is the introduction of heavenly life! As soon as the "new" came, the first was made "old." This is the principle revealed in the old and new covenants (Heb. 8:13). It is not only true of the covenants, it is also true of man's nature. Our Adamic nature become "old" when we "received" Christ (John 1:12) and the "Spirit of adoption" (Rom. 8:15). At this point, the conflict began! The Divine life, now in "the sons of God" (1 John 3:1) requires the crucifixion of "that which is born of flesh" (John 3:6). Though crucified, however, the "flesh" remains adamant and expressive, like the impenitent thief with whom Jesus was crucified (Luke 23:29). Unlike the penitent thief, however, the flesh cannot and will not change (Luke 23:40-42).

## **CONTRASTING VIEWS**

Conflicting principles are now found within us. We have a "heavenly treasure" in an "earthly vessel" (2 Cor. 4:7). In that condition, it is not possible to be without the experience of fierce inner conflict and contradiction. That situation is the source of contradictory feelings, thoughts, and inclinations. Our "earthen vessel" struggles for dominance, and in its conflict with the "treasure" we have our warfare. The "treasure," like Abraham, is found in strange and hostile environment (Heb. 11:19).

Both "light" and "darkness" exist in us. The presence of these moral influences requires diligent effort to "walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8). Light has no "communion" with

darkness (2 Cor. 6:14). No place is this lack of communion as evident as it is within the believer. It becomes the source of incessant struggle.

Good and evil wrestle within the reconciled, struggling for the dominance (Rom. 7:15-23; 1 Cor. 15:33). The influence of one of these cannot be experienced without the influence of the other. Good cannot be pursued without evil crying for attention, and evil cannot become the focus of attention without good objecting. Two contrary voices cry simultaneously, demanding our allegiance.

"The Spirit" and the "flesh" have mutually antithetic desires, and make them known within the redeemed (Gal. 5:17). They "lust" against each other, pulling in opposite directions. Their contrariety is the cause of inner struggle and conflict.

The eternal and the temporal orders cry out for the attention of the saints. The sobering reality is that believers have the ability to behold them both (2 Cor. 4:18). This condition requires spiritual vigilance and diligence in the child of God. It is not possible to be passive or casual in this struggle, and still be found "accepted of Him" (2 Cor. 5:9). The presence of warring principles creates a "valley of decision" (Joel 3:14).

There are an "old" and a "new" man within the saved. The "old" is to be subordinated and "put off" by the believer, and the "new" is to be "put on" (Eph. 4:22-24). This cannot be accomplished without hearty effort on the part of the believer. Neither will it be achieved if assemblies of believers do not contribute to their spiritual strength. The casual sharing of general information and news items will never give the saints an advantage in their warfare. Intellectual treatise of interesting subjects, historical analysis, and humorous anecdotes will not do it either. Leaders that take the warfare seriously will feed the flock. Those that do not should be discharged immediately, and without question. Eternal issues are at stake!

A struggle between life and death rages in everyone that has believed and obeyed the Gospel. It is something in which you are involved. It has to do with eternal life and condemnation, and it was initiated by the introduction of spiritual life.



# LET

By: Brother Matthew Cobb



BE IN  
YOU

There are certain admonitions that can only be given to those who are walking according to the Spirit of God.

**Php 2:5** - *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

**Col 3:15** - *And Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

**Col 3:16** - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom*

**2 Co 7:1** - *.... let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of GOD.*

All of these type of exhortations from the apostle Paul appealed to the readers connection with Jesus. He gave these words to them with their new life in mind. These are words which men who are living according to their own lusts cannot even receive, let alone fulfill. They draw attention to, and stimulate, the ability of the spirit of GOD to motivate and empower men to walk in, and according to, the new life they have been given in Christ. These things are unto us a good example of what gainful communication looks like between the people of GOD.

I was blessed in considering this word 'let'. The most common usage involves allowing, permitting, or submitting. It assumes that the one doing the letting has the liberty to do so. It is also used to mean; *'To grant the occupancy or use of'*. What these exhortations are saying is this; submit yourself to the Spirit in the working out of the salvation into which you have been put. Let Him have his way in you, don't allow anything to frustrate His intention to do His good pleasure in you, allow your vessel, your house, so to speak be 'let' by the Spirit.

**THERE IS NO "SUBLETTING" ALLOWED IN CHRIST**

When we meet together with other believers, it is profitable and appropriate for us to appeal to our brethren in this way as well. We recognize the liabilities that are involved with remaining in the flesh, and having the influence of the old man within us. However, as it concerns our emphasis, the thing we focus upon, it is best to speak with the ability of the Spirit that has been placed within us in mind. Don't emphasize things which do not require a new nature to engage in. Likewise, do not speak words that assume rebellion, bad motives, and skewed desires. Rather, speak words that address one who is believing, one who wants to do the right thing, one who has good desires Godward, and good affection toward the brethren. Craft words that are designed to stimulate, or provoke your brethren to more fully engage in the kingdom.

**Heb 10:24** - *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works*

On a personal level, strive to live in a manner that will provide for holy provocation. Edification in its very nature carries with it the idea of building. Something which had been edified becomes an edifice, a building, a tower. When you think of a tower, you don't think of a very strong stack of single bricks, you think of many crafted, strategically placed bricks.

I exhort you then, reader, to Let GOD have his way in you. Strive always to more fully and completely be given over to the will of GOD being performed in you, and may we all continue in this good work, to intentionally strive to speak and act towards one another in a manner that would cause our brethren to be moved towards a more lively, intentional involvement in pressing forward in kingdom labors.

# *edification from* facebook



Here are some insightful comments taken from the  
"from the battlefield" Group on Facebook.



**Bro Jason Rosselli**

*Only the spiritually ambitious man will lay hold upon the kingdom of God. To be spiritually ambitious is to earnestly desire God's best – in His way and time, according to His purpose, and always and only for His glory. It means to seek first the kingdom of God in all things! It means to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul, and strength. It means to come only to do the will of the Father, and to do only what we see the Father doing. To be spiritually ambitious is the very spirit of sonship! There is a place for ambitious men in the kingdom of God! Jesus explained the process, "Whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." He did not turn the man away from the ambition to be great. He simply told him how greatness can be achieved – become the servant of all!*



**Bro Matthew Cobb**

*"It is a dreadful thing to consider what life would be like without God being with us."*

*We ought always to be faithful to recognize, and quick to be thankful for, the present nature of the upholding power of God. It is by him we have been renewed, resurrected and redeemed. In him, by faith, we presently live and move and have our being and in him we have a living hope to look forward to.*



**Bro Robert Cobb**

*"God has not called us to a life of ease a comfort! - We are in a war!  
The enemy is real and the reward for living by faith is "eternal life "*

*Now is not a good time to be distracted by the "things which are coming on the earth." Jesus told us these things would "come upon the earth" but the proper response is for all those with faith to "LOOK UP." Cast your eyes upon Jesus! Do not allow these things to distract us from the main point of salvation, which is "Christ Jesus our Lord" These things cannot separate us from the Lord our God!*





## TAKE IT BY FORCE!

*"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."*

**Matthew 11:12** ... *"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."* **Luke 16:16**

These words are a puzzle to people with passing or superficial knowledge of Biblical content. The prevailing view of Jesus is that He was and is a passive man of non-aggressive words and behavior. Yet, in these words on both occasions, Jesus stated a primary aspect of God's Kingdom, throughout its revelatory history. Heaven has an aggressive agenda that moves forward, ever forward, without regard to human feelings or interests. Consider the revelation of God's decision to Noah of destroying the whole human race. Also, God bringing the famine in the days of Joseph or His demand that Egypt release the Hebrew slaves or else! These slaves were the strength of Egypt's economy. What would they do without their slave laborers? Still, according to God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 15, Israel came out of Egypt by force!

So, Jesus' words, in our focus text, are spoken in the midst of religious conflict. In Matthew's text Jesus comments on John the Baptist's ministry as He answered a question sent, by John, through two disciples.

The question let Jesus affirm His stunning public ministry, especially the works of wonder which fulfilled Scripture. The old english word 'suffereth' means 'allows.' So, there is a provision for spiritual violence as we see in John and Jesus' ministry in Israel. In the other text, from Luke's record, Jesus dealt with objections from His ever present opponents, the scribes and Pharisees. They ridiculed His teaching about earthly riches and kingdom riches. His words affirmed God's values contrasted with men's. And His words were aggressive not a suggestion or the basis for discussion by academics. He revealed that God loves certain things and despises others!

God Almighty works at a purpose and agenda by which He fulfills that purpose in heaven and on earth. The temporal earth is part of God's agenda, yet, His purpose is eternal. It is work in which God has always and will always be busy. His wisdom, power, and attention are always set on this purpose and the agenda by which He fulfills it. He never falters, retreats, or is thrown off track by anything in heaven or on earth. Nothing is able to detour Him or surprises Him. Jesus demonstrated this in His earthly ministry. He led the way and everyone had to run just to keep up. Many times the disciples awoke from a nights sleep and Jesus was already up praying and prepared to engage the day. Remember when they stopped at Sychar to get food. Jesus still worked, even as He rested by the well. He revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman.

The point is that God's kingdom is aggressive and determined as it unfolds from the Father's wisdom. Jesus went about doing good so much so that a detailed record of these things could *not be made*. "...If they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." **John 21:25**. His enemies tried everything to debate and object to His words and deeds. Yet, He just moved forward after cutting them off!

Remember a Galilean synagogue one Sabbath. *"And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, 'Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.' And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, 'There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.' The Lord then answered him, and said, 'Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?' And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him."*

**Luke 13:11-17**

Such was the nature of Jesus' public ministry which revealed and affirmed His identity. He simply rolled over and crushed opposition, including demons who tormented and destroyed people. These included... a man in a Capernaum synagogue, Mary Madalene, the young man brought to Jesus by his father, the daughter of the gentile woman, and the man with 'Legion' in him.

All abused by these wicked spiritual powers which Jesus simply drove out, forced them to release their victims. This was the beginning of Jesus tying the 'strongman' spoiling his house and taking his possessions, **Matthew 12:29**! He pressed the enemy with violence and brought the kingdom of heaven to bear against Satan and his works. Also, two times Jesus took control of the Temple area and removed the marketplace, **John 2:14; Matthew 21:12**.

When Jesus encountered anyone or anything that pressed its will against God's will, He just removed it by word or deed. He had spiritual power and He used it for the glory of God and the benefit of those who suffered from the ravages of disease, demons, or men who knew not the truth. Christ also used divine power against a storm on the Sea of Galilee, **Mark 4:39**. And to feed hungry people, hunger is violent and presses people, however Jesus has power to change the course of its violence. **Matthew 14:16!**

Later the apostles pressed into the ministry work Jesus gave them when He returned to the Father. They preached and filled the city of Jerusalem with the message of His resurrection and ascension, even after the elders and chief priests commanded them to stop. They obeyed God rather than men now that they understood what they had not seen when Jesus was with them. That understanding came by God's Spirit in them and is the violent nature of this kingdom into which Jesus calls believers. His disciples now had insight into its working and they got to work along with the purpose of God in and through Christ Jesus who was in them!

They eventually passed from the city of Jerusalem into the countryside, other cities, and across the Roman empire with the message that God fulfilled His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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They went to synagogues in every city they entered and delivered the message of goodness and power in Jesus of Nazareth, His beloved Son! Many Jews opposed them as did gentiles. Yet, these enemies confessed the reality of their work. Some in Philippi said they 'turned the world upside down.' At one point enemies stoned Paul and Barnabas leaving them for dead but God raised them up and restored their strength by which they continued to press the battle.

Such is the 'violent' nature of God's truth and its manner of 'pressing' into the lives of people. He has done this even in this present generation as the gospel goes across the globe by means that men never imagined only a generation ago. The gospel truth enters into nations where governments and religious culture prohibit its message and the results of believing the gospel. However, it goes forward to those who need to hear and believe. Then God adds those souls to His kingdom daily, as many as should be saved... are we not among that vast believing multitude from every tribe, tongue, and nation in the earth?

Brethren, someone pressed through the circumstances of life to bring us the gospel. Others then pressed to exhort us to add to our faith that we then bear fruit as the truth works in our hearts to mature and stabilize us. Let us then 'press the battle' to maintain those good things. The Father and Son pressed into the earth with wisdom, goodness, and truth to reconcile us. And the Holy Spirit presses forth to enable us with insight that we would then have understanding for strength of heart and mind. Let us then stretch forth the hands of our faith to obtain what God provides and expects us to possess by the faith once for all delivered to His saints! Such is that firm stance of faith and God's Kingdom in this evil day on the earth. Unless we do so we will deny the truth of God's work and so be ashamed at the last day and we stand to give account!

*Lord, how can I who once was dead  
Who, in sinful pleasure did make my bed  
Rise up in faith and live to thee?  
From sin and selfishness be free?  
How can this heart which once was hard,  
This sinful nature which was marred,  
Be transformed into tenderness?  
A heart towards GOD, and desire to bless?  
How can these hands which labored sore  
In sin and against thee did war  
Be turned to tools of righteousness?  
Sanctified towards works of holiness?  
Only in Christ by Grace through Faith  
Can this be given, the scripture saith  
Only Jesus could for our sins atone  
Renew our minds, change this heart of stone  
So why would you not seek him now?  
How could you not before him bow?  
Who gave his life to make a way  
For you to follow him today.  
Only in Him can our lives be pure!  
Only in Christ, can our hope be secure!  
Only in pursuit of his purpose and grace  
Can we ever hope to see our Fathers face.  
So, run the race, fight for the cause  
Don't for the things of this world pause  
For affliction is light, when compared to reward  
And securely in heaven our treasure is stored  
Soldier, make haste! press in! Take hold!  
Have hope in Jesus and you can be Bold!  
Run with Patience! Endure till the end!  
And when Jesus returns, a crown you will win!*



*“The effect of growth on the one growing”*

*By: Brother Jonathan Blakely*

## THE DESIRE TO INCREASE

In the Kingdom of God, growth is of critical importance if one desires to make it to the end and be saved. When we start out in the faith, we start out as babes needing milk, but this cannot be a permanent situation. Eventually the child of God must put away childish things and speak as a man. Eventually the child of God must stop going over the basics and move on to perfection. Growth is expected, but in my case, I really wanted to grow up in Christ. There was a time I couldn't understand a lot of what was being said when the gospel was being expounded. There was a time I could not talk about a lot of spiritual things, and what spiritual things I could talk about, I could not talk about for very long. There was a time when I could not endure much, so it was easy to break under pressure.

I think many others reading this can relate to this stage in spiritual life. It feels like you can't do much at first, or even at times like you won't amount to anything. However, we must never think Christ has put us in the body just to stand in the background and do nothing. Jesus has saved us so that we can be used. With growth, you will become more productive where Christ has placed you. As you detect growth, it will move you to do greater things for God and to live with confidence.

*“And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.”*  
(Luke 17:5)

## GROWTH IN UNDERSTANDING

How many times have you sat in church and what was being said just flew right over your head? How many times have you read the scriptures and left scratching your head? This was me for a little while. Yet, I was discontent with not understanding the Lord's message.

I knew what was being said was being said for my benefit and edification. I knew I would be greatly advantaged by knowing the scriptures. Thankfully, the Lord does not leave us in such a state when we desire to understand. He is the God of all wisdom, and will graciously give it to those who seek Him. When I did not understand something in scripture, I still held onto it. Thankfully, there came a time when I could understand what was being said at last. What you can perceive tells you about how much you have grown. If you can comprehend things that previously stumped you, it is not the result of the truth being brought down, rather it is you being brought up

*..God will not  
keep the truth  
from those who  
desire it..*

to higher place. As Christians, we should be mindful to be reaching up to see what we can get. Something that helped me was the scriptures that talked about being given “hinds feet” and being set in high places. Hinds feet are particularly noted for being swift and being able to leap to high places. Such feet are to help the animal escape a pursuing foe, or catch an escaping enemy. Apply this to understanding. If you are growing, you will find eventually you can jump up and catch those things that went over your head. Do not give up when it comes to understanding! God will not keep the truth from them that desire it!



**"I WRITE THESE THINGS THAT YE SIN NOT"**

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"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:17)

**GROWTH IN SPEAKING**

I can preach and minister to the saints now, but this was not always the case. There was a time when I could hardly speak on anything at all. You know you really know something when you can talk about it. When it came to things of the Lord, I did have a large list of things I could expound, but I wanted to speak about those things. However, this certainly did not discourage me from speaking what I did know, even though it wasn't much. In this case, growth is actually seen in the process of speaking about the Lord.

One must be careful, only speaking what he knows without theorizing and speculating about the truth. This shows us that while God does open up our understanding, it is not just for the sake of having mere head knowledge. God gives us truth so that it might be spoken and given to others. In the process of growth, you will find yourself speaking more intelligently about the Lord. You will find yourself covering more ground and being able to not only declare the truth from the pulpit, but in general conversations with different people. You will find yourself having discussions about the truth and being able to contribute when previously you would just sit and listen. I remember sitting and listening to the saints speak and realizing I actually had something to say, and because of that awareness I was not intimidated from sharing what was given to me. I was more inclined to testify when the Lord had done a work in me. I was more inclined to give an answer when asked about something in the scriptures. When you speak the truth, you see its power, and that it is never spoken in vain. The things of the Lord have a good sound to them that hear them, but you will find that the truth has a building effect on those who receive it.

It is a good day when you see that the words you ministered have bettered the ones who heard them. If you cannot say much, speak what you know anyway, and in that process, you will see the Lord giving you more words to say.

"...That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ..."  
(Ephesians 4:14-15)

**GROWTH IN ENDURANCE**

Starting out in the faith, you may not feel very strong, and it may not take much to press you down and cry out for help. However, with growth comes an increase in strength.

There may have been things that really agitated and distracted you, but growing up will help you not to be constantly troubled. Consider the athlete working out in the gym. He spends his time there running and lifting weights with the intent of getting faster and stronger. He may lift the same weight each time he is there, but soon enough, that weight feels much lighter than before, and now he is able to increase that weight. He may tire easily at first when running, but soon enough, he is able to run for long periods of time without losing his breath. Is it not the same way in the Kingdom of God? The Lord does not put on us more than we can bear, but think about that. How much can you currently bear? You can look at your current state and see how much you have grown. The trials you have passed through recently, were you able to pass through such things before? Any infirmities you may have to live with, could you live with such things before? Things that troubled you in the past, do those things trouble you now? In all these things, we are seeing that God is making us stronger as we continue in the faith.

We are able to fight the good fight with more aggression. We can stand fast and endure fiercer opposition. We can maintain a firmer grasp on spiritual things. The trial of our faith is not a strange thing, rather it can be a means to know where you are in the faith. Each trial you pass through tells you something about the status of your faith. If you have passed through fiercer trials, it is because you have grown!

“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:7)

### **ALL TRACED BACK TO OUR PERCEPTION OF JESUS**

While growth is always an encouraging thing we detected, we must understand the source of all growth in spiritual things. All of these areas of growth are traced back to our perception of the savior, the man Christ Jesus. How well do you know Him? How much can you say about Him?

How much are you willing to suffer for His names sake? If we desire to grow, we must focus our full attention on the one died for us. He is the author and finisher of our faith. It is Him that the scriptures testify of. He is the one who increases our faith. He is the head of the body. To whom else should we go brethren?

When we say we are growing, we are growing up IN HIM. His words “Without me you can do nothing” remains true today.

This includes spiritual growth in the Kingdom of God. Without Jesus, you will get nowhere and will only wither.

So, I encourage you to abide with Jesus, because with Him growth is inevitable. Never be content with how much you know Him. Get closer! Never feel like you have exhausted what can be known about Him with your words. Add to what you say! Never feel like you have suffered enough for Him. Keep carrying your cross! Growth in Christ is worth it, and if you continue in Him you will see that for yourself. Growing up in Christ will have a tremendous impact on your understanding, ability to speak the truth, endurance, and even your confidence in the Lord. One of the best thing about it is that this doesn't have to take a long time. You don't have to wait years and years to see the results I mentioned above. At the same time, there is still plenty of room for growth even if you have been in Christ a long time. Jesus doesn't give slow motion increase, rather He causes us to grow rapidly and exceedingly. If you are not happy with where you are in your understanding, go to Jesus! If you feel you have a firm grasp on the truth, go to Jesus! He will always have something to give you when you come to Him.

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

## Concerning the responsibility of being freed from sin ..

*Jesus is able to forgive sin because He “took all sin away” while He suffered the wrath of God on the cross. He did this in order that those who have had their sins removed would live free from the defiling influence of sin, and live unto God!*

*When we come to realize that we have been called to “crucify our flesh” (Gal 5:24) and “die with Christ” (Rom 6:8) in order that we might serve God acceptably, then any sin, no matter the size, becomes unacceptable. If Christ had to be put to death for our sin, so we could come to God, then let us beat a path (as it were) into the throne of all grace and enjoy the eternal first fruits of salvation that will sustain us until we are “fully satiated” with His presence forevermore!*

*- Bro Robert Cobb*



# All the Building.. Groweth

**Eph 2:21 : In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

This is intriguing language in this text. "*all the building.....groweth.*"

In the world, there is no example of this type of thing. These two are contrary to one another.

Buildings are constructed to be unchanging, immovable edifices. There is no expectation of growth, in fact, they are built purposely to prevent something happening to the building that would change it's construction.

In contrast to this, plants are not built , they are grown. In the case of the plant, there is a very real expectation of a growing up. There is provision made to facilitate that growth.

Buildings are made of inanimate objects, materials, impersonal and generic. When constructing his project, the builder considers not the personality of the wood out of which he makes the frame of the house. He does not know the name of each plank, he does not fellowship with each nail which fastens them together. And, likewise, the materials have no relation, except at the point at which they contact one another in the interest of holding up the structure.

Again, on the contrary, plants are made of living cells. When growing up the plant, the husbandman considers the nature of the plant and its needs. He knows the characteristics of its type, and what needs to be provided for its growth. The different parts of the plant have an intimate connection with each other, and rely upon one another to nourish and feed the entire planting.

Yet, in this divine building project, we read here of a structure that is growing up. A building and yet also, a planting. It is not a work of something which is merely constructed, yet it is not a result of natural organic growth. It is designed, controlled, facilitated, built, and yet it grows, increases, flowers and brings forth fruit.

This is a marvel of divine engineering and a unique expression of eternal life in a created being. God working out salvation in you, and yet you working out your own salvation. Jesus building his church, and yet the church submitting to the leading of, and following in the footsteps, of their king.

This truly is the demonstration, and fulfillment of the mystery, Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Let us rejoice in, and submit ourselves to, this building and remain planted in this place in which we shall grow and increase!

**- Brother Matthew Cobb**



# Steadfast Saints



## *Brother David and Sister Linda Vanderhoofven*

I have not known these brethren for very many years in the flesh, but from the moment I became acquainted with them I have been blessed by their evident love for the truth of the Gospel, and for the people of God. I was almost immediately aware of their heavenly citizenship, because they speak the language, so to speak of Zion! There is a certain heavenly culture that exists between fellow stangers and pilgrims that allows for a sweet fellowship and evident comradery, and I confess that i have had this experience with these brethren!

Brother David and Sister Linda exhibit a honest and gentle spirit which is contagious to all who come in contact with them. Brother David has a powerful testimony of overcoming the wicked one, and presently, evidently presents his body as a living sacrifice to God in both his bodily conversation, and in his communication with other believers. He has been given the ability to communicate the truth in an intelligent way, and is gifted in music, specifically in his profession of instrument tuning.

Sister Linda exhibits a Godly tenderness which is encouraging and edifying. Her presense elicits a comfort and joy, that promotes peace and edification. She is also an excellent helper and encourager of Brother David both in his profession and his ministry.

These Brethren have a hearts desire towards being used of God to witness to those who have been , as they once were. deceived by doctrines of demons, and have been used of Him to have this type of influence upon others.

It is my prayer that the Lord would continue to lead, direct, empower, and encourage these brethren.

I THANK GOD FOR THESE STEADFAST SAINTS !





## COMMENTS FROM THE FOXHOLE

**“People who do not subject themselves to obedience to the Gospel and believe that Jesus Christ came in the flesh are NOT of Christ”**

**- Brother Bill Dinwiddie**

**“Good news! There’s a compatible donor! New creations in Christ have received His new heart by way of a spiritual heart transplant!”**

**- Brother Jeff Hostetter**

**“Think of the bitterness of life in this world as a tool in the hand of our Shepherd to make us thirsty for the water of the life”**

**- Brother Aaron Hutchcraft**

**“Followers of Jesus have an advantage not available to anyone else in the world : They are not left clueless about the tactics of satan”**

**- Brother Justin Cobb**

**“I would rather sow in righteousness and reap life, than to sow in sin and reap death”**

**- Sister Katie Miller**

**“There are some burdens that you are not intended to bear alone, because they are too great!”**

**- Brother Given O. Blakely**