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Dear Friends,

*Greetings to you this month of February, in the precious name of Jesus! I definitely want to make sure, as I write you; that my greetings and salutations are shared; in the right attitude, with all the right motives. I, like you at certain times, have had a very difficult couple of months, with the enemy knocking at my door on a continual, daily basis; and I feel quite exhausted, to be honest with you. I have been tested to the very letter, and have had to call up some prayer partners to - **help uphold me before my God, and to stand against the attacks by the enemy, and assist me – to wholly stand on the promises of God.** Have you shared such experiences? Are you experiencing something similar right now? Welcome to our fallen world and the flesh in which we dwell!!!*

*The **good news**, though, is that Jesus says in John 16:33 - **“He has overcome the world... and sin... and the flesh”**. Wow! **What a promise!** And I sure needed to be reminded of that, these past few weeks. Let’s read what this verse actually does say, from the Amplified Bible.*

*Joh 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have **tribulation and trials and distress and frustration**; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have **overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]***

*Well, I sure felt a whole lot of that; **tribulation and trials and distress and frustration!!!** I admit, I felt like reversing some of the things I believe, and wished I*

could just act the way I used to do all the time, before Jesus became Lord of my life. I'm human, just like you. And the very reason I am writing you about this very real and present experience, is because it is relevant to our very basic daily living, for all of us. **We all need one another.** We are not islands, afloat on the sea of life. We all are flesh, living in a fallen world; and that makes it all the more **important that we watch out for one another. That is the Christians' job. That is the task of the church (believe it or not)!** (Re-read August 2012 letter – Fellowship).

Too often, we find someone floundering, because we have not been vigilant enough; to pick up on the fact that someone may have been screaming out for help, and we have not been sensitive enough to notice. Or, if we did, we may have passed them by, hoping someone else will pick up the pieces. Whatever our excuse, we need to closely examine our personal faith and motives, and **be sure LOVE is in action, all of the time.**

I just feel so blessed, that when life was at its most stressful, I could pick up the phone and call three friends and say: - **"I need someone to stand with me in this situation. The devil is having a field day, and I just refuse to allow him a win. This is urgent. We need to pray, and now! Thank you for watching my back and that of my family"**. I cried to the Lord, **"I am struggling here Lord, but You can help my unbelief. Thank You Jesus!"** He gave me three scriptures. He reminded me of this: (again, all from the Amplified Bible)...

*Rom 12:18 If possible, **as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.***

I had these words going over and over in my mind, and I was speaking them out loud, and reminding the Lord - that may be easy for Him to accomplish, but for me ...well, I needed a helping hand just now. There were some thoughts and actions I found very tempting to use, and knew I shouldn't. (About now, you are feeling rather normal, aren't you?) Then, the Lord reminded me of two more scriptures: Romans 12:14 and 1Cor 4:12.

*Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you [**who are cruel in their attitude toward you**]; **bless and do not curse them.***

*1Co 4:12 And we still toil unto weariness [**for our living**], working hard with our own hands. When men revile us [**wound us with an accursed sting**], **we bless them.** When we are persecuted, **we take it patiently and endure it.***

I am so pleased I have learned to walk in obedience, however difficult it may appear at the time. Because, within a few minutes of my engaging my prayer partners, and my obeying God's Word, my **PEACE** returned, and I got on with the task of being a blessing to all those concerned. I did not have the need to try to vindicate myself, or justify any situation. **I simply believed what HE had said... "I have overcome the world... I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you"**.

My thanks became an instantaneous melody. I sang His praises for hours. I rang my prayer partners and shared my love and appreciation. Is life perfect? No!!! But, Rev 12:11 gives us great encouragement:-

Rev 12:11 And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing].

*This scripture refers to the end of the age when the devil will be overcome for good; but for now, we can defeat him on a daily basis, using those same principles. **Rejoice in the fact that - Jesus' blood is our entry ticket onto the stage that, allows us the opportunity to voice our words of testimony, and stand on His amazing promises; which bring Life and Victory. Amen!** And don't think you have to achieve that all by yourself. Like me, you have opportunity to seek out for yourself friends of like mind, and get them to stand with you. **There is strength in numbers, and much power in unity.***

I pray that as we walk through the pages of our lives, together, for another month, you will reflect on the things I have shared with you here today, and for that matter, go back over some of the past months letters, and feed your spirit from the wonderful promises of our awesome God. The Lord even gave me a scripture at the end of this journey, to remind me He had heard and had delivered. It is Psalm 107:6-7...

*Psa 107:6 **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.***

*Psa 107:7 **He led them forth by the straight and right way,** that they might go to a city where they could establish their homes.*

*I am so grateful for His amazing faithfulness to me - His blood-bought child; and I pray you, too, know Him to be your strength and salvation; your provider; your everything - even when times get tough, and somewhat rough. **Remember, there isn't anything that should cross your path today - that you and God - together, can't fix!!!***

Amen and Amen!

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

