

WITH THE HELP OF THE LORD

And Adam knew Eve as his wife, and she became pregnant and bore Cain; and she said, I have gotten and gained a man with the help of the Lord. And [next] she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground (Gen 4:1-3).

There are many reasons for speaking out. And of course, the title given this ministry For God Fore His Glory is the stance that has been taken. And as an archer whose aim is for that bullseye, the goal is for Love to penetrate the depths of your heart. And this prayer would be our mission statement, "That your heart would be flooded with Light so you can see something of the future God calls you to share with Him. I want you to realize God has been made rich because those who are Christ's have been given to Him," Eph. 1:18 TLB.

What has been shared in this first paragraph of Genesis chapter 4 could fill volumes. And though we previously spoke of covenant relationships, the hope, the intent was for your eyes to be focused on

the Truth so that you could see exactly what it is God is calling you to do by making you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally (Eph. 1:17-18 Message).

Won't you join in this prayer: That the Father of Glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, may give to us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Enlightening the eyes of our understanding so we may know what is the hope of His calling (Eph. 1:17-18 NKJV). That we may know real peace with God because of what Jesus has done for us bringing us into a place of highest privilege into the grace of God because we have been justified and made right in His sight through faith in His Word (Rom. 5:1 TLB).



There is no way we can know what life in the Garden of Eden was like. To walk with God and witness the absolute Power of His Word. Father, Son and Holy Spirit working together as One to create life and beauty, peace and security. This may be a good time to share a little about an experience I had with God on Father's Day June 20th 1999. I was at church early that day and after learning of an upset my sister had I started grumbling at God.

Now mind you I hadn't even said Happy Father's Day before I started in complaining. We had a guest speaker that day. As he was delivering his sermon, my head was resting on my sister's lap while a really unusual experience was occurring. I had no idea what God was trying to get across because I couldn't see anything. I just knew I was in His presence.

Like I said this experience was very strange, but what was even more bizarre, though I was surrounded by a church full of people, for lack of a better explanation my spirit seemed to be in an entirely different realm. Afterward, when I felt God's presence lifting, I literally tried to catapult myself into heaven. I know that sounds silly, but I was standing at the front of the church jumping up and down pleading with God to take me with Him. I had no thought of family or surroundings I didn't want to leave His presence.

While I was behaving so oddly my sister went to get my daughter who called out to me. All I could think was "NOOOO," but yes it happened like a finger snap things returned to normal. Later that day God opened my eyes so I could see where I was standing with Him. In every direction there was this meadow with grass that was so beautiful the color, the texture so amazingly beautiful. And the air itself seemed

to be emanating the presence of God. It was a sensation like no other. The atmosphere was embracing, welcoming. Yes, it was peaceful and comforting yet so much more. There was a sense of being loved and of feeling securely confident of this knowledge. A certainty of belonging, no wonder I didn't want to leave.



My husband drove me to work that evening, and as I looked out the window it dawned on me. That meadow was complete perfection. The grassy areas I gazed upon as we drove were flawed with weeds and dry patches, but that was not the case for that heavenly meadow. As far as the eye could see there was the gentle rolling of those blades of grass covering the entire landscape. This realization of such perfection seemed to magnify its glorious beauty.

By the way I should mention, this amazing experience was how God chose to chastise me for complaining. Asking me to consider how He felt as He watched His beloved Son being treated so cruelly. Thorns that pierced the head of Jesus also pierced the heart of God. A cross so heavy to be carried, His Son fell under its weight weakened by the violence that He was forced to endure and the loss of blood, and God watched as every drop fell before Him.



God's Word became flesh and blood and bone and dwelt among us so His Father could enjoy relationship with mankind not just in heaven but while we're living here on earth. The blood of Jesus flowed from His body into heaven so grace and hope and faith and love could flow continually and abundantly from the Word of Truth onto the earth. Because of God's free gift of grace this amazing hope gives us assurance of sharing His glory when Christ is living in us (Col. 1:27). And as we look forward to the joys stored up for us in heaven faith and hope and love can spring up and grow strong and steadfast in our heart (Col. 1:5).

Faith comes from listening to God, and His message is heard when the Word is proclaimed. When thought and consideration are given to what Jesus accomplished so God's Word can transform our lives, then spiritual strength will increase. Many voices have spoken God's Word out into all the earth - their words to the ends of the world (Rom. 10:17-18). Their hearts filled with gratitude thanking God for those who heard their message and accepted that what they said was from God Who sent His Word to dwell and to work in those who believe (1 Thess. 2:13).

Yes, those who believe (trust, swallow, conclude) God's Word is dwelling in them. The very Power of God Who said:

“Let light shine out of darkness!”

Has made His light shine in our hearts to give us the Light of the knowledge of His Word of Truth so we can understand that it is the brightness of His glory that is seen in the face of Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 4:6). Jesus was heard to say:

“How difficult for those who accept praise from one another to believe, because they make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God.”

John 5:44



So I commit you to God and to the Word of His grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified (Acts 20:32) (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth (John 17:19 AMP). I encourage you to speak the Word of God more courageously and fearlessly (Phil. 1:14). For just as you have received

God's Word as Lord, continue to live in Him. For you will be rooted and built up in Jesus, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness.

Trusting the Word of God as the gauge for determining Truth so you can be freed from or not captivated by hollow and deceptive philosophies that depend on human tradition and the basic principles of this world (kill, steal and destroy) rather than on Christ (Col. 2:6). This is why it is so important for our minds to be focused on the things above, not on things here on earth (Col. 3:2).



The first successful thing the enemy did was to pull eyes off of God so their focus would become fixated on deceptive words: "God doesn't want you to be like Him." An accomplishment such as this involved more than a shift in their line of vision. These words caused a shifting in their soul. Strange and different thoughts and feelings were awakened when fear and doubt and deception were introduced. It's easy to imagine the concern that arose: I'm not good enough.

Deception has caused much cheating, delusion and misleading to occur, even to the extent of denying God's existence. This war between

Good and Evil started in heaven. The great dragon, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, fought for God's position, but he was not strong enough. As a result, Satan and his angels with him lost their place in heaven and were hurled down to the earth. The devil is the one who has been leading the whole world astray (incorrectly, unpromisingly, inappropriately) (Rev. 12:7-9).

Why is Satan so determined to lead mankind astray? Though many struggle with doubt, denial and disbelief, our soul and our spirit give evidence to God's likeness. He set eternity in our hearts (Eccl. 3:11). Satan enjoyed relationships with God and His Word in eternity; however, he chose to lead astray, to tempt (allure, betray, seduce) far away from the Father, Who always counters deception with His Word of Truth.



That first couple were robbed of the privilege and opportunity to walk side-by-side with God, but the Lord ensured they did not lose their place in heaven. Unfortunately, there are many who have been completely hoodwinked (conned, tricked, misguided) because they have chosen to distance themselves from their heavenly Father.

The Word of Truth reveals those made in the image of God go into captivity. They are taken away by deception, delusion and error without even knowing it because they don't really know God. Therefore, they will die, and the place of death will open its mouth wide without measure and swallow many for its appetite has been enlarged (Isa. 5:13).

The way that leads to Life in heaven is narrow. However, the highway that leads to hell is broad, and its gate is wide enough for all the multitudes who choose its easy way (Matt. 7:13 TLB). Unfortunately, those who are narrow-minded have set their focus on what can be seen. This is what deception does. Only by faith can a person understand the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible (Heb. 11:3).

Through deception the original narcissist was able to diminish what was God given so selfness could be birthed: self-absorption, self-centeredness, self-concern, self-interest, self-preoccupation, self-importance, complacency, conceit, pride, self-admiration, self-love, smugness, self-glorification, self-consequenceSelfishness makes everything about me and what is mine, mine, mine.



How powerful deception is. Customs, practices and dependencies form because the inclination (one-sidedness, affection, bent) is to focus on a single or limited goal or point of view. Tunnel vision leads us to do that which is right in our own eyes (Judg. 17:6). Why is it so hard to admit to being wrong? Is it that same fear I'm not, can't seem to be enough? So it becomes a matter of proving if not to anyone else than to ourselves that our opinions, our values, our customs and morals are good enough.

Proverbs 14:12 offers this as a warning: There is a way that seems right to a person, but in the end it leads to death. God brought eternity into that garden and set it inside man. When sin occurred the eternal was exchanged for the temporal and time began ticking. Personally, I believe in their innocence (naivety, unfamiliarity, childishness) wanting to be like God they ate more than that piece of fruit, in their gullibility they ate the deception too. All the child abuse in our world makes it abundantly evident that evil preys on the innocent.

Instead of accepting accountability, in fear and shame anger and accusations were spewed in all directions because this is what follows

sin. Certainly their ability to walk on earth with their eternal God was put to an end, but their time to walk on earth was yet to be determined. God saved them from eternal damnation by removing them from the garden. He also saved them from the penalty of sin, which is death, by substituting one life for another.



Walking with God is to walk and live (habitually) in the Spirit (responsive to and guided by the Spirit, Gal. 5:16a AMP), for surely then nothing impure or shameful or deceitful will gain entrance to God's presence. Only those with faith and hope and trust in God, in His Word, Christ Jesus, in His ways and will shall have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev. 21:27), which grants a person entrance not just into God's presence but into His heart.

God has always been clear with mankind regarding the limits and boundaries that He set. However, the goal of deception is to usurp (invade, occupy, embezzle). This intrusion (trespass, offense, ignoring) is both insulting (hateful, malicious, spiteful) and assaulting (violating, assailing, pressing). How easy to understand our actions speak louder than words. We do things not fully realizing what our actions are actually communicating.

Due to a bad decision to enter into temptation, Satan was able to turn the world upside down. However, we are continually enabling the enemy to throw us off balance and into confusion with every bad decision that is made. God assures His decision to make us in His image was very good. We are spiritual beings with a soul where God placed our intellect, emotion and freewill. Then He hedged us in an earthen vessel behind and before laying His hand upon us (Ps. 139:5 NKJV) so we would not be afraid.



I pray a confident assurance fills your heart for the Word of God says:

“I have chosen you. I will not cast you off or reject you. So do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed (distressed, overwhelmed, confused) for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. My right hand is filled with righteousness and victory.”

“Those who are far away, hear what I have done. You who are near, acknowledge My power! Who can dwell with the consuming fire? Who can dwell with everlasting burning?”

“Sinners should be terrified, and the godless gripped with trembling. Those who walk righteously and speak what is right their eyes will see the King in all His beauty and view a land that stretches afar. They will ponder thinking about former terrors, but those arrogant and irreverent people will be seen by them no more.”

“By My name multitudes are saved. By My might they are vindicated. Though you experience those fighting against you they will not overcome you for I am with you to rescue and to save you.”

“Yes, I will save you from the hands of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel. For surely, in faith and trust you will be confident of this, the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear,”

Isa. 41:9-10, Ps. 48:10, Isa. 33:13-19, Ps. 54:1, Jer. 15:20-21, Isa. 59:1.



Yes, there are things God keeps secret that belong only to Him, but those things He has revealed belong to us and to our children forever so we may follow His Word (Deut. 29:29). For several years I was a member of our church's evangelistic outreach ministry EE - Evangelism Explosion. This is one of the short examples we shared.

Think of the person you most admire. If you went to their house would you be greeted as a friend. You may know them, but that person doesn't know who you are. There is so much that goes into establishing friendship. So many of us have been hurt, which makes words not readily believed. Actions are what speak volumes about sincerity and loyalty and the time that's involved in developing a friendship. Absolutely no one enjoys being made to feel foolish because somebody took advantage (opportunity, profit, availed) over them.

Adam and Eve's foolishness has been made glaringly apparent. Satan enticed them into acting on temptation, and has enjoyed their being ridiculed throughout the years. Though this first couple spent time with God, they didn't stay committed to His Word. Many are guilty of the same exact behavior. A definition for insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result.

Like Cain who was a tiller of the ground, there are people working for their own agendas. They too are only familiar with God. Like Cain they too are obstinate and proud only bringing an offering to the Lord at their leisure – choosing to do exactly as they see fit (Judg. 17:6).

Though the distance between the heart and head is mere inches, the distance between knowing someone and believing someone with all your heart will prove to be as a chasm that will not be crossed. Why should God let them into His heaven when they are not committed to Him or to His Word?



Many people may be doing as Heb. 13:15 instructs by offering God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess His name. Sadly, they are sitting on a fence as Lot did. Proclaiming God as their Savior; however, they are not committed to making God's Word their Lord.

They have not done as Paul instructed in Rom. 5:6, to crucify their old self with Jesus so the body of sin might be done away with. God desires to free us from sin with the resurrection power of His Word. That we would no longer be slaves allowing sin to reign in our mortal

bodies obeying its evil desires (Rom. 5:6-11) proclaiming the power of deception and fear; instead of becoming an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work (2 Tim. 2:21) proclaiming the power of God's Word and His love.



I pray Paul's appeal is heard for there are things God has planned that can only be done by you. So I beg of you in view of all the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication (with all your heart, mind, soul and strength) of your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy (wholly, devoted) and well-pleasing to God. For this is your reasonable (valid, convincing, substantiated) service and spiritual worship.

Don't be conformed (accorded, blended, conjoined) to this world; instead, be transformed (converted, regenerated, transfigured) by the (entire) renewal of your mind (by its new ideals {principles, standards, intentions} and its new attitudes {stance, demeanor, behaviors}) so you may prove for yourself what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Our gracious God warns everyone not to estimate and think of themselves more highly than they ought (not to have an exaggerated

opinion of their own importance), but to rate their ability with sober judgment, each according to the degree of faith apportioned to them by God (Rom. 12:1-3 AMP). For as the Word of God pointed out the error in the Pharisee's thinking regarding marriage, so too will any error in our thinking be revealed.



The first step is to be Berean. For the Bereans were of noble character, they received the Message with great eagerness, and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true (Acts 17:11).

The power of God's Word is not known; instead, Truth is questioned and compared to personal belief. The Pharisees stood before the living, breathing Word of God, Who said:

“You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like angels in heaven. But, about the resurrection of the dead – have you not read what God said to you, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”



The next step to be taken - confess our sins, for God is faithful and just and will forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9); that we may be healed as we pray for one another, for the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective (James 5:16). Continually holding fast to this hope of eternal life we've been given without wavering. Knowing, believing and trusting that He Who has promised is reliable (steadfast, unerring, sure) and faithful (Heb. 10:23) for He has given us His Word.

So don't lose a minute building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the other. With these qualities active and growing in our lives, no grass should be growing under our feet. No day should pass by without its rewards as we mature in our knowledge and experience of Jesus (2 Peter 1:1-6 Message).

Let us allow God to help free us from any errors in our thinking so we can come to know His will for us (2 Tim. 2:25-26), which we have been doing since we began this journey:

BY PUTTING INTO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES
FOR TAKING STEPS TOWARD
RENEWAL AND RECOVERY
TO BE MORE GOD-DEPENDENT INSTEAD OF
CO-DEPENDENT

- The first key is to maintain an honest view of reality not only considering particular circumstances and events as substantial, but recognizing the substance of Truth – the Life, the Alpha and Omega, the heart and the spirit as we work on deepening our personal relationship with Jesus by taking steps of faith remembering:
 - God exists and I matter to Him
 - Admitting I am powerless
 - Acknowledging in certain areas my life became unmanageable
 - Believing God will restore me with Love, a Sound Mind and Power

- Believing God will help me stay committed to this decision to put all of who I am into His possession and safekeeping
- Believing the Word of God will encourage, support and strengthen me as I make a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself
- Because of God's loving-kindness I have become willing to admit to God, to myself and another person the exact nature of my wrongs
- With Truth as my solid foundation I have become entirely ready to have God remove all my defects of character
- Having received faith and hope and love for the Surety God has given I humbly ask Him to remove my shortcomings
- Having gained knowledge and insight and understanding I have become willing to make a list of anyone I have harmed, and to make an amends to them all
- Having gained confidence and trust in God's refuge I have become willing to step out with the mindset I am doing this with God and for His glory to make my amends whenever possible unless to do so would cause injury to others
- I embrace my covenant relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by continuing to take a personal moral inventory, and when I am wrong being prompt to admit it

- I invest in my relationship with God by communicating through prayer and meditation to improve my conscious contact with Him seeking knowledge of His will and the power of grace to carry that out
 - I seek Revival, Restoration and Reconciliation, a spiritual awakening, as a result of taking steps to carry God's message to others and to practice these principles in all my affairs
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- When we got serious about this process of renewal and recovery, about spiritual growth, we took that first step admitting that we have some problems that make our lives unmanageable
 - We turn to God asking for His help with those problems
 - It may feel as though we are free falling
 - Out of control in a way
 - We can no longer live the way we are so used to living
 - The old ways just don't work anymore
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- To complicate matters, we find our problems are really being driven by a whole collection of character defects, that have been growing under the surface of our lives
 - We have to inventory them, list them, confess them and own them

- We need to take responsibility for our pride, anger, envy, lust, greed, gluttony and sloth; however, we MUST remember to extend ourselves kindness
- This is a difficult and challenging process so also consider the good assets you have practiced
- Consider the following list, which identifies Character Defects and the Opposite Asset

Aggressive, Belligerent//Good-Natured, Gentle

Angry//Forgiving, Calm, Generous

Apathetic//Interested, Concerned, Alert

Apprehensive, Afraid//Calm, Courageous

Argumentative, Quarrelsome//Agreeable

Arrogant, Insolent//Unassuming, Humble

Attacking, Critical//Fair, Self-Restrained

Avoidant//Faces Problems and Acts

Blocking//Honest, Intuitive

Boastful//Modest, Humble

Careless//Careful, Painstaking, Concerned

Cheating//Honest

Competitive(socially) // Cooperative
Compulsive // Free
Conceited, Self-Important // Humble, Modest
Contradictory, Oppositional // Reasonable, Agreeable
Contrary, Intractable, Pigheaded // Reasonable
Controlling // Lets go, Esp. of Other's Lives
Cowardly // Brave
Cynical // Open-Minded
Critical // Non-Judgmental, Praising, Tolerant
Deceitful // Guileless, Honest
Defensive // Open to Criticism
Defiant, Contemptuous // Respectful
Denying // Honest, Accepting
Dependent // Accepts Help and is Responsible
Depressed, Morose // Hopeful, Optimistic, Cheerful
Dirty, Poor Hygiene // Clean
Dishonest // Honest
Disloyal, Treacherous // Faithful, Loyal
Disobedient // Obedient
Disrespectful, Insolent // Respectful, Reverent
Enabling // Setting Boundaries, Tough Love
Envyng // Empathetic, Generous, Admiring

Evasive, Deceitful // Candid, Straightforward
Exaggerating // Honest, Realistic
Faithless, Disloyal // Reliable, Faithful
Falsely Modest // Honest, Has Self-Esteem
Falsely Proud // Modest, Humble
Fantasizing, unrealistic // Practical, realistic
Fearful // Confident, Courageous
Forgetful // Reliable
Gluttonous, Excessive // Moderate
Gossiping // Closed-Mouth, Kind, Praising
Greedy // Moderate, Generous, Sharing
Hateful // Forgiving, Loving, Concerned for Others
Hypersensitive // Tolerant, Doesn't Personalize
Ill-tempered, Rancorous // Good-Tempered, Calm
Impatient // Patient
Impulsive, Reckless // Consistent, Considered
Inconsiderate // Thoughtful, Considerate Actions
Indifferent, Apathetic, Aloof // Caring
Indecisive, Timid // Firm, decisive
Insecure, Anxious // Self-Confident
Inflexible, Stubborn // Open Minded, Flexible

Insincere, Hypocritical//Sincere, Honest
Intolerant//Tolerant, Secure, Understanding, Patient
Irresponsible, Reckless//Responsible
Isolating, Solitary//Sociable, Outgoing
Judgmental//Broadminded, Tolerant
Jealous//Trusting, Generous, Admiring
Lack of Purpose//Purposeful
Justifying (own actions)//Honest, Frank, Candid
Lazy, Indolent//Industrious, Conscientious
Loud//Tasteful, Quiet
Lustful//Healthy Sexuality
Lying//Honest
Manipulative//Candid, Honest, Non-Controlling
Masked, Closed//Honest, Open, Candid
Narrow Minded//Open Minded
Nagging//Supportive
Obscene, Crude//Modest, courteous
Over Emotional//Emotionally Stable
Perfectionistic//Realistic Goals
Pessimistic//Realistic, Hopeful, Optimistic, Trusting
Possessive//Generous

Prejudiced//Open Minded
Procrastinates//Disciplined, Acts Promptly
Projecting (Negative)//Clear- Sighted, Optimistic
Rationalizing//Candid, Honest
Resentful, Bitter, Hateful//Willing to Forgive
Resisting Growth//Willing to Grow
Rude, Discourteous//Polite, Courteous
Sarcastic//Praising, Tolerant
Self-Important//Humble, Modest
Self-Centered//Caring of Others
Self-Destructive, Self-Defeating//Self-Fulfilling
Self-Hating//Self-Accepting, Loving
Self-Justifying//Admitting Wrongs, Humble
Self-Pitying//Grateful, Realistic, Accepting
Self-Righteous//Humble, Understanding
Self-Seeking//Selfless, Concerned for Others
Selfish//Altruistic, Concerned for Others
Slothful (Lazy)//Industrious, Taking Action
Spiteful, Malicious//Forgiving
Stealing//Honest
Shy//Outgoing
Stubborn//Open Minded, Willing

Superior, Grandiose, Pretentious//Humble
Sullen//Cheerful
Suspicious//Trusting
Superstitious//Realistic, No Magical Thinking

Tense//Calm, Serene
Thinking Negatively//Being Positive
Treacherous//Trustworthy
Unfair//Fair
Ungrateful//Thankful, Grateful
Undisciplined, Self-Indulgent//Disciplined
Unfriendly, Hostile, Snotty//Friendly
Unkind, Mean, Malicious, Spiteful//Kind
Unsupportive of Others//Supportive
Untrustworthy, Unreliable, Dishonest//Trustworthy
Useless, Destructive//Helpful
Vain//Modest, humble
Vindictive//Forgiving
Violent//Peaceable
Vulgar//Polite
Wasteful//Thrifty
Withdrawn//Outgoing

Willful//Willingness, Accepting of the Inevitable
Wordy, Verbose//Frank, To the Point, Succinct

- You might be feeling as if you are trapped at the bottom of a deep, dark well
- If you stay there long enough you can become disoriented, and wonder why you took this renewal and recovery journey to begin with
- You might feel like you want to bail out at this point
- You need to get someone next to you before you give up, and get back into denial

Jesus prayed for you

“My prayer is not that You, Father, take them out of the world, but that You protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth. As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify Myself, that They too may be truly sanctified.”

John 17:15-19

Holy Spirit is interceding for you right now

“If God is for you, who can be against you? He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for you, for us all – how will He not also, along with Him graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those Whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died – more than that, Who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for you, for all of us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?”

Rom. 8:31-35

God’s Word of Truth speaks to comfort

Strengthen and bless you

May the Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you;

May the Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you

And be gracious (kind, merciful, giving favor) to you;

May the Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and

Give you peace (tranquility of heart and mind). I pray this is the

Name of Jesus (Num. 6:24-47)

