

A
MESSAGE OF HOPE,
comfort and freedom in Jesus Christ

Submissions from our Voices for Christ ministry partners

“Praise Report”

By Amy Black

I am proud to report that after years – yes, decades – of standing firm on God’s promises, and more specifically Habakkuk 1:5, God has indeed done a work in my day that (just as according to this scripture I stood firm on for year after year) I would not believe even though it had been told to me.

I got the opinion from the judge and he ruled in my favor and is going to be resentencing me to a term of years. All praises and glory go directly to God who directs all paths and all decisions.

My prayer now is that I get timed served and that I can get on to starting whatever good works God has for me after this prison. Please stand with me in this prayer. I am thankful and honored that your ministry has been behind me this entire time. I will not forget that. Thank you and God bless you abundantly!!

Hopefully my praise report can be an encouragement to you, my fellow brothers and sisters in the struggle, who may at times doubt the blessings God has for your life. Do not give up. If God can bless me (the one prisoner that the administration probably would have never picked to give a second chance to) that just reaffirms the fact the God is Lord of all. Remember that! Follow God in all ways and in all days God will keep you. Through it all He is there always!!

In his humble service...

“Keep Going”

By Raymond Carr

Early one Sunday morning, I felt a pull that lured me out of bed. So, out of bed I am, but I didn’t stop there. This pull, pulled me to the kitchen, where I ate breakfast for the first time in years. It’s something, this pull has been tugging at me for some time now.

But, on this Sunday, I didn’t pull back and this pull, pulled me to church, but I didn’t stop there. The pastor seemed as if he was preaching specifically to me. Then, the pastor opened the doors of the church and that pull tugged at my heart. This pull, pulled me to the front of the church, where I was saved by grace and received the gift of eternal life, but I didn’t stop there.

Now that I have been saved and blessed with salvation, I know that I had to keep going because this pull is pulling at my spirit. Then, I heard a voice say, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” And in my study, I found in II Peter 1:5 that Peter told us to be diligent in adding to our faith virtue and to virtue knowledge. When we give our life to God, it doesn’t stop at the altar. We are children of God now, and we must go from glory to glory.

So, grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen. Keep going.

II Timothy 2:15 & II Peter 1:5, 3:18

“Love the Lord Thy God”

By George Walker

“And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Is'ra-el; the LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these” Mark 12:28-31.

Dear Family,

Love is the first commandment that Jesus Christ gave us. Our Father is love and, without a doubt, love is talked about all throughout the Bible. It is so important to God that First Corinthians chapter thirteen is called The Love Chapter. Here are some other thoughts from the Father about love.

Love is our first commandment, Mark 12:30.

Love suffereth long and is kind, love is not puffed up, 1 Corinthians 13:4.

Love is not easily provoked, love thinketh no evil, 1 Corinthians 13:5.

Love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth, 1 Corinthians 13:6.

Love never fails, 1 Corinthians 13:8.

Love is a friend who loveth at all times, Proverbs 17:17.

Love is loving your enemy and doing good to them which hate you, Luke 6:27.

God loveth a cheerful giver, 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Love forgives, Luke 23:34.

Love corrects, Proverbs 3:12.

Love gives instructions, Proverbs 12:1.

Love allows us to walk in love as Jesus did, Ephesians 5:2.

Love is having compassion for one another, 1 Peter 3:8.

Love is mercy that endureth forever, Ezra 3:11.

Love is serving one another, Galatians 5:13.

Love is perfect and casteth out fear, 1 John 4:18.

Love is husband and wife obediently cleaving to each other, Matthew 19:5.

Love is keeping Jesus' commandments, John 15:10.

Love hates evil, Psalm 97:10.

Love freely gives us all things, Romans 8:32.

Love makes us more than conquerors, Romans 8:37.

Blessing

“The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

(Numbers 6:24-26; Romans 15:13 NIV)