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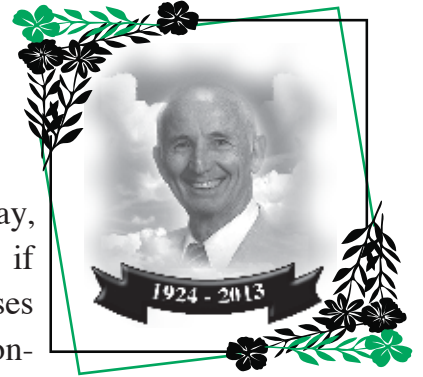
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RISE UP AND BELIEVE




By Merlin Carothers




Jesus' disciples were called ignorant and unlearned. Jesus taught them for three years and at their graduation ceremony they all fled when He was arrested. Yet before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He gave them their assignment.

Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation (Mark 16:15 NIV).

Jesus also told His disciples that they would be despised, persecuted, and killed if they obeyed Him. Not an effective way to recruit, but as always, He told people what God was telling Him to say. But what was Jesus saying to you and me? 

Two thousand years later we can avoid trouble by believing in Jesus, as the disciples did. Yes, people can embarrass us if we invite them to know Jesus, but that is not the same as being killed for sharing about Jesus!


In many parts of the world people can believe whatever they want, but if they try to convince others about God's plan, they are subject to imprisonment, torture, or death. Now that is a really good reason for people to keep quiet about what they believe.

Here in the USA the lines are being drawn. In new ways rules are being passed that want to control where and when we can witness to others. We are being told that we must be more careful to not offend other religions by our Christian symbols, songs, or prayers. Every day we have opportunities to witness for Christ, but when we are too afraid to do so we are doing what His disciples did when He was arrested. Satan can cause us to be afraid to even hand someone a small 

book. He doesn't say, "You might be killed if you do this," but he uses whatever tactic will convince us to do – nothing.

Let us rise up and believe that we can do what God calls every Christian in the entire world to be doing. We can be afraid but still get God's Good News to others. We can be timid but just go ahead and do whatever we can. God promises to, in some way, bless every effort we make. If we take one step forward, He will help us take two steps.

If we give the Good News to a prisoner, soldier, a friend or a stranger, the Holy Spirit will give us the same strength He gave to Jesus' disciples when they asked God to fill them with His Spirit. We too will reach around the world and give Jesus' message to many people.

Please do not feel limited by lack of money! Just as Jesus told Peter how to find money in a fish, He will help us learn how to get His message to others! What will He tell us to do? Well, He has never told me to find money in a fish! I ask Him for wisdom to know *what I should do*. If I obey Him, He produces His results. But what if someone prays for instruction and receives none? They can keep asking and keep expecting Him to answer! In the meantime, they can do whatever they *can* do. When we do that, God is pleased. He will never fail to give us some blessing out of His abundant resources. 

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OUR ATTITUDES

By Mary Carothers



“I just got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning.” “I’m just in a bad mood.” Have you ever heard either of these expressions? Or perhaps said them yourself? We like to excuse ourselves, don’t we? (My bad attitude or bad mood is never *my* fault!) Oh, no. Of course not!

But did you know God has something to say to us about our attitudes? When I looked in my concordance (what would I do without my concordance!) I found several scriptures dealing with our attitudes.

God was angry with Solomon. Although the Lord had blessed him, Solomon had allowed himself to develop a *divided heart*. Oh, he still worshiped God, but not with his whole heart. In I Kings 11:6 we are told that Solomon did evil in God’s eyes because he did not follow after God alone. He had begun to follow some of the gods of his day. God said to him in verse 11: *Since this is your attitude* . . . Then God told Solomon the sad results of his wrong attitude which had inevitably led to bad choices.

Now I know that our moods and our attitudes are not *exactly* the same, but they are close enough for us to realize that *we can control them*. The day Jesus began to work in my life, the very first thing He did was to begin showing me all the times in my life I had indulged in bad attitudes. The humbling part of this experience was the Lord didn’t show me just a few times when I had wallowed in bad attitudes. No, He made sure I understood that this had been a habit for many years. Each time I admitted to Him that yes, He was right, and I had been wrong – no matter what someone else had said or done.



Rejoice Always, Pray Continually

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-17

I am not responsible for what others say or do. But I am most certainly responsible for my attitudes because my words and my actions come from my attitudes. In other words, whatever thoughts I indulge in will inevitably affect my speech and actions.

Each time the Holy Spirit convicted me of my wrong attitudes, I told the Lord I was truly sorry, and asked Him to forgive me. I have often wondered if I had not humbled myself and repented – would I have continued to grow in the Lord? Perhaps I would have remained an immature, carnal Christian.

In Ephesians 4:23 the Lord uses Paul to urge us to be made new in our attitudes. We need to be constantly changing the way we think - from the way the world looks at things - to the way our Lord thinks. One way we can accomplish this is to read His Words to us. Each time we begin to read the Bible, it’s helpful to pause a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to teach us whatever He wants us to understand.

Let us decide to change our old ways of thinking. Let us determine to no longer justify our bad attitudes or bad moods . . . no matter what someone else says or does. Not only will this result in our being happier, but we will also find that we have *pleased* the Lord and *honored* Him! And isn’t that what we really want to do? If you have trouble wanting to have right attitudes, ask Jesus to help you to change your mind and attitude. He will gladly help you!

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March 30th will be the second year of Mary’s passing to her Heavenly Home. We continue to miss her, but we are celebrating her new life in Heaven in the arms of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We also celebrate that Merlin is right there beside her!



GIVING THANKS!

I am in the process of reading Merlin's books, and I am very impressed. I have read several of them and would really like to read them all. I think his books are amazing and easy to read. Thanks again.



STEPHEN, CORRECTIONAL CENTER, LA

The inmates here at Butte County Jail are really enjoying Merlin's books and we are requesting more copies as we are totally out. We have a population of 500 inmates, so your books go fast. **CHAPLAIN, CA**

Thank you for all you do for the jails, prisons, and military. Your witness goes to many places I can't go. Bless you for your work. **VICKIE, MN**

To all the staff at the *Foundation of Praise*, I am praying that this will be a very fruitful year for the ministry. Praising God for all His blessings upon you. **ANNE, IA**



Thank you for continuing the work of spreading the importance of praising God all the time! **JUDY, CA**

Thank you for continuing to send the *Praise News*. It remains fresh - Merlin and Mary's articles are based on the Bible, and it doesn't change. **KATHY, CO**

I was asked in a class what book changed my life and what came to mind was *Prison to Praise* and *Power in Praise*. I had read those books over 50 years ago. As a result of my response to that question I decided to re-read those books. I have learned to praise God in everything that I face.



TERRY, E-MAIL

I am still grateful for your wonderful ministry, and I thank God who led me to this ministry. Please continue on as we all need it and love you for all you do to help share the message of praise. **MARIE, NJ**

"CHURCH" BUILDERS

Your donations are helping to build "churches". How? A man or woman becomes a Christian and wants to tell others about the Good News! They may start a Bible study and soon a new "church" is born.

All of this frequently happens within prison walls. You have helped to lead these new Christians to know Jesus as their Savior and open their hearts to grow in Christ as they study God's Word, and the praise books we send them.

These new "church members" often remain with their "church" for years. What happens when they are released from prison? Some study to become a pastor and continue their zeal to lead others to Christ. We often hear wonderful praise reports from them.

Others join a local church and seek to serve God in whatever ways they can.

Thank you for being a "church" builder.



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