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Praise's of the Month



Well this picture is my view out the window as I write this months newsletter. Winter has come in Wyoming. Our first praise is that we are seeing more and more people wanting to receive our newsletter. As the ministry grows it gets harder and harder to keep up with all the things going on during the day. Our second praise is that our Lord and Savior keeps Mary, Scott and I going to be able to keep His ministry going. We are praising the Lord that Pastor David Wilson Byangu of Uganda and his wife Mary (hey I like that name) have a new baby girl named

Jemie. Keep them in your prayers, the little one is having some sinus problems. Please take time to check our partners page and read about what Pastor Byangu and his wife are doing for the Lord. We are praising the Lord for the increased work for the small company He has given us. Without that work many of the projects the ministry takes on could not go forward. Finally I praise the Lord for the many Bible truths He has been revealing to me the last couple of weeks. I will be sharing them with you in the news letters, radio program or sermon tapes. We are working on the CD's of the park ministry and hope to be sending them to all our partners as a love gift. It should turn out to be a two CD set with music and preaching. For the what it is worth department this picture is what it looked like here 3 days ago.



Mary's Thoughts for the Month

The Lord has been showing Jay and I some fascinating things about how important worship is to the Lord. I adore Jesus, but it hasn't always come naturally to me to get down on my face before Him and worship Him in Spirit and Truth. I can honestly say I have never been in a church body who truly honors the Lord in this manner, to reverently prostrate themselves before Him. Just in the last year or so have Jay and I have decided to lay prostrate on the floor in our prayer and worship time, what a difference this has made in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Read Revelation chapter four and see how they worship the King in the Throne room, and I am sure you will be making some adjustments to your own worship time.

Love in Christ Mary.

Pastor's Corner

One Nation Under God?

Sometimes I just weep when I see where America is going. What ever happened to one nation under God? What ever happened to a moral nation? It saddens me so much to see the moral decay in this county. I sometimes do not know why our Lord and Savior has not executed judgement on this county. But when I see the massive destruction wrought by the latest storms, I have to wonder. In Matthew chapter 22 starting in verse 17 the Jews try to trip up Jesus. ¹⁷Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? ¹⁸But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. ²⁰And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? ²¹They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. ²²When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

Jesus told the religious leaders of His day that they should give unto Caesar what was his and give to God what was His. Notice on the coin that it was Caesar's image and superscription. Today many anti-Christians try to rewrite history and claim that the founding fathers of this country were not Christians. I have to go back to this example in the Bible. If you pick up any of our money it says "In God We Trust". Give to God what is God's. If our country was founded by men who did not rely on our Lord and Savior why is this on our money? Now I am sure some of you are going to say that did not happen until the 1950's, wrong! The words "In God We Trust" appeared on the first U.S. coin in 1864. It was by a law passed by the 84th Congress (P.L. 84-140) and approved by the President on July 30, 1956, the President approved a Joint Resolution of the 84th Congress, declaring IN GOD WE TRUST the national motto of the United States. IN GOD WE TRUST was first used on paper money in 1957, when it appeared on the one-dollar silver certificate. In 1957 this country was still a Christian nation wanting "In God We Trust" to be our national motto. Do you think this would pass today?

You can go on the internet or do a search in your local library and make your own conclusions. But My research shows that the men that founded our country were God fearing men. But what has happened to this country. Do even "Christians" fear God? I find it hard to believe they truly do. When was the last time you told a stranger what Jesus has done for you? Notice, I did not say preach to them, I said tell them what Jesus has done for you. Have you looked at the television lately? It is filled with soft core pornography. Why? Because we are not like our founding fathers, willing to take a stand for the Lord. Let's just look at a few quotes.

George Washington

"What students would learn in American schools above all is the religion of Jesus Christ."

--George Washington in a speech to the Delaware Indian Chiefs May 12, 1779

"The name of American, belongs to you...[and] with slight shades of difference, you have the same religion."

--George Washington in his Farewell address to the American people, Paragraph 10; September 17, 1796

John Adams

"The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity...I will avow that I believed and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and the attributes of God."

[June 28, 1813; Letter to Thomas Jefferson]

Thomas Jefferson

"I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus."

[Letter to Benjamin Rush April 21, 1803]

James Madison

At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, James Madison proposed the plan to divide the central government into three branches. He discovered this model of government from the Perfect Governor, as he read

Isaiah 33:22;

**“For the LORD is our judge, [judicial]
the LORD is our lawgiver, [legislative]
the LORD is our king; [executive]
He will save us.”**

Abe Lincoln

Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day

Washington, D.C.

March 30, 1863

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

"Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation..."

Maybe if all those that believe that our country was not founded on "One Nation Under God" have their way we will soon see on our money "in us we trust" or "in man we trust" My friends I am 50 years old. I do not have to study history to understand just how much this country has changed in 50 years. When I was ten years old it was talking and chewing gum that got you in trouble at school. Now it is knives, guns and liquor. When I was a kid if you cheated you wrote on your hand etc, and if you got caught you got an automatic F! Now kids and college students use there cell phones with the cameras and have the notes in the memory and none of the teachers care about cheating. When I was a kid the raciest thing on television was Ricky and Lucy sleeping in separate beds. The most wicked thing on television was "Bewitched" or "I dream of Jeannie." This fall we have shows on the air like Desperate Housewives. I have only seen the commercials for the show in which they show a housewife trying to have sex with a handyman on the kitchen table. You wonder why I only watch the news.

You want to tell me this country has not changed? As one minister has said " When we are more interested in coming out of the closet than cleaning it, we are asking for the Lord's judgement of this country." Let's get back to our Christian roots before it is too late!

Love in Jesus

Pastor Jay



From the Directors Chair

The Folly of Reliance on Egypt

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy one of Israel, neither seek the Lord! (Isaiah 31:1) In the world today there are many inventions that save time, and do the work of many men. We are able to send and receive information all over the world with the click of a mouse or place a call on a wireless phone from anywhere. We have entertainment that never stops, with a variety for everyone. The ability to travel anywhere, and with a speed that has never been so fast or comfortable, has reached an all time high. Doctors can do things today that were science fiction only a short time ago (as far as I knew at least). These are comforts and conveniences that can benefit our lives. But, what happens when we rely on these devices for peace, and safety, and wisdom?

I can remember when I was a kid I would ask my Dad for money for these gumball machines. Once in a while he would give me money but not always. I can remember one time we were with a friend and this friend was real nice and I thought, "You know I have been asking my Dad for money quite a bit and he says no a lot and I'll try this guy and I won't bug my Dad. Let me tell you that opened up a whole can of worms I wasn't expecting. He started to let me know that he was my Dad and that if I needed anything I should come to him and ask him. By the time he was done I was sorry I had said anything about asking this other fellow for money and I never did it again.

My Dad is one of those dads that was honestly a 'my dad can beat up your dad' kind of a dad. No one ever beat up my Dad unless there was more than one and then they still had to cheat with some kind of weapon. He has always held his own and then some when it came to defending himself. If I would have wanted to rely on someone else for protection when I was a kid, Dad would have wanted to know why I was turning to someone else, when he has never let me be hurt or neglected.

One more point about my Dad, he always had a point and purpose. Whether he was working on a car, or doing some work on a ranch that he worked on when I was in third grade, or whenever it was. If I would ask him, "Dad why are you doing this or that?" many times he would respond, "To make you ask questions, and it worked too, didn't it? Now he might or might not let me know what the purpose was, but he had a goal and a method he was trying to accomplish during one of these times and if I would pay attention I would possibly learn something (usually the point of knowledge would have been way over my head anyway, or more than I needed to worry about).

When the twelve spies returned (Numbers 13:25) from spying out the the land of Canaan two of them were excited about entering into the land of promise, but, the other ten said that all they saw was defeat. The two brought back samples of the fruit. They

might have thought, "Wait until they get a taste of this, they'll do backflips!" They had just come through a desert, it would be encouraging to see some fresh fruit. What do you suppose was the difference why ten saw something impossible, but two said, "We are well able to overcome it".

Joshua, you have to remember, was the one who led the fight with Amalek (Exodus 17:9) and as long as Moses held up his hand with the rod of God Israel prevailed. So it was that Joshua and the Israelites prevailed and it was written in a book and rehearsed in the ears of Joshua (v.14). And again in Exodus 24 we learn that Joshua was Moses' minister. He was right hand man to the man of God. He was walking with the Lord and the man of God during the crisis and the rest of the week as well.

Whose strength do you suppose Joshua and Caleb were relying on? There were great obstacles in their way. They saw the children of Anak there (Exodus 13:28). It says in Deuteronomy 9:2, "Who can stand before the children of Anak!" They were relying on the Lord to fulfill His purpose and plan. They saw that God's plan, God's purpose and God's method was greater because they already had the habit of trusting the Lord, of waiting upon Him, and seeking Him for His will.

Jeremiah 17 talks again about the sin of Judah. [Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.](#) We, in America, can try to remove all references to God from our culture and we will have culture without God. We will have to rely on our own inventions which we have made with our hands. Inventions that see not, that hear not, and neither can they save.

You may say, well I'm just not good enough for God to do anything for me. I've really blown it. There is no way that God would want to do something great for me. He couldn't use me to do some great task, I have nothing and I don't know how to do anything. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6 The Scott Adams paraphrase says, "In all your ways, let him know, care, recognize, instruct, designate, advise, answer, appoint, assure, be aware, comprehend, add his cunning, declare, let him be familiar with, instruct, make him privy to, regard, teach, and tell you, so that, he shall direct your paths.

In other words He even provides the wisdom and strength, we trust in and rely on Him. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Judah was the southern part of Israel, the part closest to Egypt. They no doubt saw the strong horses and those nice chariots and thought now how would it be? Jeremiah 17:7 says, "[Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.](#)" It looks very appealing to run to Egypt and look for help. We won't bother the Lord, He's very busy.

Read Romans 8:11-17. Let us remember we have been adopted, born again into God's family. We are not to serve sin for sin cuts us off from God (Isaiah 59:2). But we cry out, Daddy God, You are the source of safety, peace, and strength. Your hand is never short, and you are never late! Nothing can overcharge me or overtake me without your knowledge. Merlin Carothers has a great book I would like to encourage everyone to read called, PRISON TO PRAISE. It is a great testimony of what happens when we trust God, and praise and thank Him in the midst of anything

If you don't know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is alive in you and that you are born again in the family of God, and that you have favor with God, then I ask you to consider that none of us is worthy of heaven. None of us deserves to go to heaven. We

can't do enough, or be good enough to earn or deserve heaven. Only through asking God to forgive us our sin, and asking Jesus to be our Lord, asking God to help us not to sin, and seeking him and his fellowship can we be born again into the family of God. I need this preached to me also, I haven't arrived at perfection, but let us keep our eyes on the one who never left perfection, Jesus. **Hallelujah!**

God bless, Bro Scott

This Months Bible Moment



With Pastor Jay

ARE WE TO BUSY WITH LIFE? Or STOP THE WORLD I WANT TO GET OFF!!!

Do you ever feel that you are just too busy? Do you feel that the world is just too noisy? Pastor Bill Hybels often asks himself " Is the Ambient noise level of my life low enough for me to hear the whispers of the Lord?" I never understood what it meant to have too much noise in my life until I spent about a year living and working in and around drilling rigs. One day Mary and I were at the forest service campground above our little town. That was when I realized that my ears had a buzzing in them. I had grown accustomed to the constant noise and did not realize that even in the still quiet of God's nature I still had the buzz in my ears. Many years ago there was a Broadway play titled "Stop the world I want to get off". The theme of this was a very busy man with many problems. One day in sheer frustration he yelled "Stop the world I want to get off!" Next thing he knew the world stopped and he got off. It turned out that being totally alone in total quiet watching the world go by was not as attractive as it sounded. The show ended with him screaming at the top of his lungs "STOP THE WORLD I WANT TO GET BACK ON!" Have you ever felt this way? Is the world around you just too noisy to be able to hear the still voice of God. Many times I have to find a quiet place. The demands of the ministry and life just seem too distracting and I have to seek a still quiet place. These last three weeks I have had to get up at 3 am and drive about 50 miles to a job. During that time I have the greatest time of praise and communion with the Lord. No noise of the world except a little wind noise. I do not like getting up at 3 am but I would not trade this time for anything. I believe this is the way poor Elijah felt in 1 Kings chapter 19. In chapter 18 God had just shown up on the scene and burned up the sacrifice. Elijah single handedly killed all the prophets of Baal, 850 men. Now in chapter 19 Elijah is threatened by Jezebel and instead of standing with the power of God he runs. We find him under a tree feeling the old poor pitiful me syndrome. In verse four we see that ***"But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers."*** Elijah just had a great

victory in the Lord but now was in the depths of depression. It is interesting that the Lord did not come to Elijah and talk to him as He usually did. He sends an angel to feed Elijah and send him on a 40 day fast and journey. So the Lord gave Elijah the directions to go and the strength to fast for 40 days. We will never know for sure what went through Elijah's mind for 40 days. But we get a good idea when he arrives at his destination. He enters a cave and the word of the Lord comes to him and asks what is wrong. Why is he here? What does Elijah do but respond with his complaint. Not " Lord your angel directed me here". The word of the Lord tells him to go outside and stand before the Lord. Then the fun happens; first is a wind so strong it literally blew the mountain apart. I picture poor Elijah hanging on for dear life as the mountain is being blown apart. Yet God was not in the wind. Then comes an earthquake. Again I picture Elijah being shaken to his very soul. Yet God was not in the earthquake. Then comes fire, I can picture old Elijah running for his life not to be burned up. By this point in time he must be getting a good remembrance of might and power of the God he serves. Finally still small voice God speaks to him. The Hebrew here means a very quiet almost breath. So Elijah by this time was really listening for Gods Voice. But God had to get Elijah away from the business and noise of Elijah's world so he could hear the voice of God. Then God asks again what is wrong and Elijah again speaks his complaint. You have to notice that the Lord basically ignores Elijah's complaint and gives him his final orders. Then before leaving the Mighty God of the universe says he has 7000 who have not defiled themselves with Baal. Then Elijah goes on his way to do what the Lord has instructed him.

Is your life this way? Does God have to get you alone for you to hear him? Our world gets noisier and noisier each day. Our little town of Pinedale has gone from a sleepy little mountain town to a bustling community. Our Lord seldom hits us over the head to get our attention. He wants you to get away, seek him and listen for His voice. You cannot hear the voice of the Lord if you will not listen. I always tell Mary that one of satan's greatest ploys was to make our world so busy and so noisy that it is near impossible to hear the still small voice of the Lord.

My friends find somewhere and sometime to wait upon the Lord to hear his voice before it is too late, and you can no longer hear that voice. Before you become so entangled in this world and its noise, that you only remember vaguely the feel of a close relationship with the Lord. Remember what Isaiah said. 40:31 ["But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."](#)

Love Ya
Pastor A. J.

TEACHING OF THE MONTH

STANDING IN THE GAP

I believe it is every Christian's duty to stand in the gap (interceding in prayer for their country). God actually searches for those who will stand in the gap: Ez.22:30 ³⁰So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. ³¹Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD. Recently the Lord has been giving me a burden for prayer. I have such a sense of urgency to pray for the United States of America. Clark's commentary on Ezekiel says this about Ezekiel 22: 30-31:

Ezekiel 22:30

I sought for a man—I saw that there was a grievous breach made in the moral state and feeling of the people, and I sought for a man that would stand in the gap; that would faithfully exhort, reprove and counsel with all long-suffering and doctrine. But none was to be found!

Ezekiel 22:31

Therefore—Because of the profligacy's already mentioned; because of the false worship so generally practiced; because of the false prophets tolerated; because of the unholy and profane priesthood; because of the oppressive princes; because of the unfaithful and deceiving prophets; because of the oppressions of petty officers; and because of the total corruption of manners in all ranks, places, offices, etc.: —

Have I poured out mine indignation—consumed them with the fire of my wrath—Considering the above, has there not been sufficient reason why I should abandon such a people, and pour out upon them such a destructive storm of calamities?

When we take an honest look at our nation, we can see that we have not defended the ways of God. As Israel we are a nation known from the beginning to have known and followed God. Israel strayed many times from God, and He always brought her back with judgement. Every nation who forsakes the Living God is ripe for judgement. God was specific in dealing with the nation of Israel especially Jerusalem. The corruption within Jerusalem made its judgment inevitable. Several specific sins are mentioned here, including idolatry, misuse of power, lack of respect for parents, neglect of widows and orphans, desecration of the Sabbath, incest, bribery, and usury. Violence filled the city. The princes and civil officials took the lead in this regard by oppressing the poor and helpless. Even the religious leaders were corrupt. The priests failed to instruct the people in the law and made no distinction between the holy and profane. The false prophets proclaimed lies in the name of the Lord. When the Lord

looked for a man to stand “in the gap” and intercede for the nation, no one was found. Consequently He would purify the city by judgment and scatter the people among the nations. How close are we to this in the nation of the United States? In this country founded on God’s principals, over forty million babies have been aborted since 1973, sacrificed on the altar of convenience. Immorality is rampant, and truly the love of many has waxed cold. How much longer will the Lord stay His judgement? We desperately need strong spiritual leaders to rise up in this nation and to heed the call to stand in the gap, and not only in this nation, but also in every nation of earth. Jay, Scott and I want to stand in the gap and pray for this nation. We need strong spiritual leadership here in America.

The record of the developing church constantly affirms the importance of spiritual leadership. On their first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas “appointed elders for them in every church” (Acts 14:23). Elders, along with the apostles, presided at the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:2, 4, 6, 22, 23). As already noted, Paul had appointed elders at Ephesus (Acts 20:17, 28). Paul addressed the book of Philippians to “to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons” (Phil. 1:1). He wrote to the Thessalonians, “We request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work” (1 Thess. 5:12–13). In a similar vein the writer of Hebrews exhorted his readers to “obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you” (Heb. 13:17). Peter wrote: Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. (1 Peter 5:1–3)

Since godly leaders have always been the backbone of the church, it is essential that they be qualified. In an unsuccessful church, the issue is all too often not poor programs or uncommitted people, but substandard leadership. Godly leaders are not produced by Bible colleges or seminaries; they merely give them the tools with which to work. Nor do pulpit committees or ordination councils make men fit for the ministry; they merely have the responsibility to recognize those who already are. Only the Holy Spirit can produce a true spiritual leader. The Lord expects godly leaders to stand in the gap.

When Saul failed to be a godly king over Israel God sought out David, “a man after His own heart” (1 Sam. 13:14). In Ezekiel 22:30 God cries out, “I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in

the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.”

George Liddell wrote,

Give me a man of God—one man,
Whose faith is master of his mind,
And I will right all wrongs
And bless the name of all mankind.

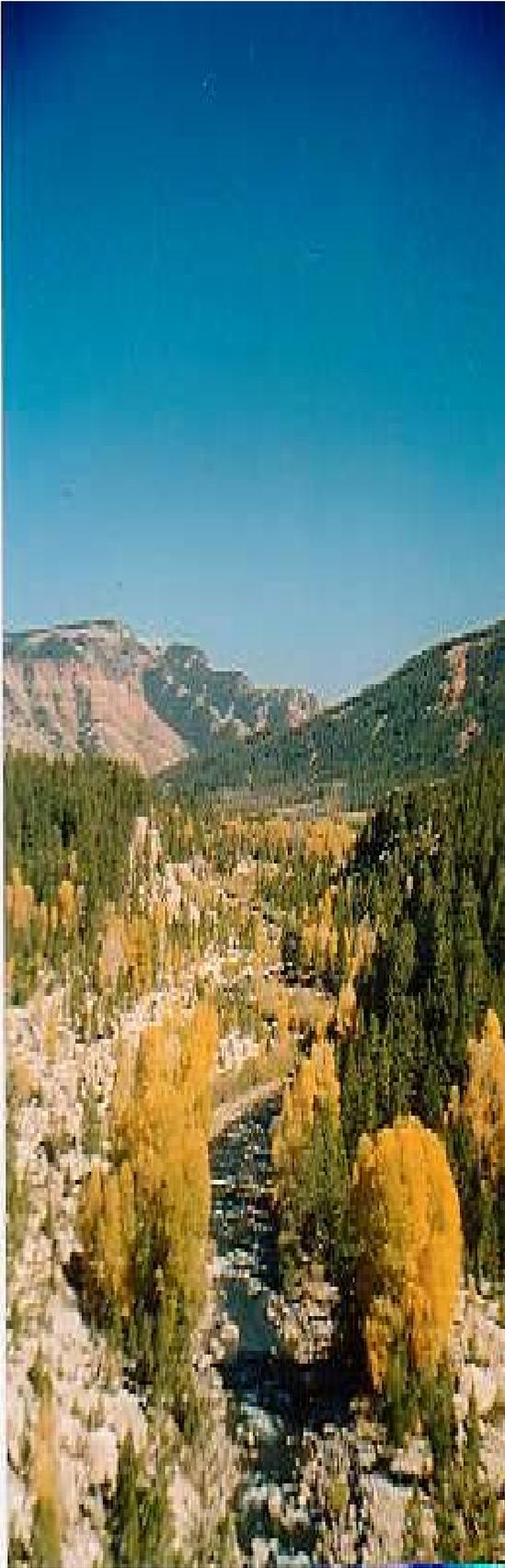
Give me a man of God—one man,
Whose tongue is touched with heaven’s fire,
And I will flame the darkest hearts
With high resolve and clean desire.

Give me a man of God—one man,
One mighty prophet of the Lord,
And I will give you peace on earth,
Bought with a prayer and not a sword.

Give me a man of God—one man,
True to the vision that he sees,
And I will build your broken shrines,
And bring the nations to their knees.

(Cited in J. Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*, rev. ed. [Chicago: Moody, 1980], 17–18)

Saints of the Living God get on your faces, bow down low to our Almighty God and stand in the gap. Stand in the gap before it is too late.



Walking Together

We walk together, my Lord and I
Where clouds drift and eagles fly,
He talks to me, I talk to Him
Until daylight begins to dim,

Time passes too quickly by
As we walk there, my Lord and I,
The sun highlights autumn's gold
Oh what a sight to behold,

The wild geese wing on high
As we walk on, my Lord and I,
He guides me with His gentle hand
Across the fields and rugged land,

Majestic peaks make me sigh
As we walk on, my Lord and I,
The trees are dressed in gold and red,
It is hallowed ground that we tread,

We both grow quiet by and by
As we walk on, my Lord and I,
Words grow weary and weak
It is not necessary that we speak,

He knows my heart and every sigh
As we walk there, my Lord and I,
He knows me through and through
He knows my love for Him is true,

I know Him more as we draw nigh
And we walk on home, my Lord and I,
The world grows dim as does the sky,
And we walk on home, my Lord and I.

WHAT YOUR INVESTMENT IN THIS MINISTRY DOES DEPARTMENT

Because of your prayers, support and gifts His Will Ministry is able to broadcast "Where the Rubber Meets the Road in Kampala, Uganda. Because of the program we have another partner in Pastor Byangu. Please keep him, his wife Mary (I like that name) and their new daughter Jemmie in your prayers. They need our support and love. Pastor Byangu's note gives just a little window into the problems these overseas ministries have. The Lord is allowing His Will Ministry to "Stand in the Gap" with these ministries and help them in many ways because of your investment in this ministry and the Kingdom of God. Thanks

We are facing some challenges here with the property that we've been using by hire where we had erected our temporal structure that we use for services. We have been asked to leave though our tenancy agreement was signed for one year, we have only used the place for now four (4) months. It is quite a challenge ahead of us, but I know the Lord will help us to get to



some place. Will inform you of all the developments, but we are moving out by faith, though we would have the legal right to sue the landlord, I feel that is not what God wants us to do. We have left it all with Him to whom vengeance belongs. Please stand with us in prayer. Otherwise the Church is growing both in numbers and in spirit. We are praying and also looking forward to the day when God will bring you over to our country to minister with us here. Well, my dear Pastor, allow me say bye to you for now, and lots of love for you and your wife. I will pass on your greetings to my wife as you have asked me to. God bless you, and let's stay in touch.

Yours,
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