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Beloved,

As the year comes to an end, we want to send you our heartfelt thanks for your love, prayers and support of our ministry. It has been another fruitful year and we are so grateful to the Lord for all the lives He enables us to touch for His Kingdom.

I want to end this year with these thoughts so that you may look forward to the New Year with **Joy** in your heart, **Faith** in your spirit, and **Vision** in your soul!!

Joy comes from surrender. In our flesh we try to hold onto things and people, as if by intensifying our grasp we can control the outcome of situations and relationships. This is the opposite way of the Kingdom of God. We must learn to open our hearts and release to the Lord everything that controls, constrains, or condemns us. **Your past failures are of no concern to the Lord**, as long as you surrender them to Him. *Use your gift of repentance*, (Acts 5:31, 11:18, Rom. 2:4) turn afresh to the Lord and turn your back on your failures, on your past, on anything that brings negative thoughts and feelings into your soul. When the ancient Israelites brought their offerings to the Temple, they laid their hands on it, and transferred their sins to the sacrifice. Then they gave it to the priest who offered it to the Lord in the fire on the altar.

We can learn a powerful spiritual lesson from this picture. We can do the same thing in the spirit, right now. Because Jesus died for us and His precious blood atones for our sins, we can offer ourselves to God (Rom. 12:1-2). As we do this, we surrender to God everything and anything that we need to. Whatever situation or circumstance, or relationship that is not right, that needs to get right, or needs to change, can be surrendered to Him. In your heart, put whatever it is on His altar and let His fire “consume” it. You will sense the freedom of the Lord as you do this. **As you rest in that freedom, His “unspeakable joy” will flood your heart (1 Peter 1:8).** This is not a onetime experience, but a daily lesson to learn. The more you learn how to surrender your “stuff” on the altar of God, the greater your joy will become. Continue to practice doing it. A life of surrender is a life of joy and freedom!

Faith comes from hearing the Word of the Lord (Rom. 10:17). His Word is alive and active and powerful (Heb. 4:12). He promises that His sheep will hear His voice (John 10:27). As you surrender your “stuff” to the Lord, you create a place in your spirit where you are open to hear what the Lord will speak to you. Give yourself permission to make mistakes as you learn to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit in your spirit. As you hear, surrender that to the Lord and set your heart to obey. If it is not the voice of the Lord, ask Him to show that to you. Then turn again (use that gift of repentance!) to the Lord and tell Him that you want to learn how to hear His voice. As you practice doing this, your ability to hear Him will increase. **He wants to speak to you; He is searching for those He can speak to (2 Chr. 16:9).** Listening to God is part of worshipping Him. So as you do worship the Lord, keep your “ears” open to hear His voice. Tell the Lord that you want to listen to Him

and that you will set your heart to obey Him. A life of listening and obeying is a life of faith. A life of faith grows and grows and grows!!! (2Thess. 1:3)

Vision will fill your soul as you surrender everything to the Lord and hear Him speak to you concerning His will and plans and purposes. He wants to teach and train you. He wants you to be one of His disciples. He wants to lead you besides the still waters and into the deeper depths. Let Him lead you. Do not hold back anything. Do not shrink back from a life of obedience. Do not let fear or any other negative thoughts and feelings control your decisions or your behavior. Surrender all negative thoughts and feelings to the Lord. Surrender you future, your family and your finances to Him. Tell Him that you want to do His will. He longs to find people who will obey Him and be trained to rule and reign with Him (2Tim. 2:12, Rev. 5:10). In His own way, in His own time, He will clarify your calling. Your "I want to's" will change. As you live in joy and faith, you will see the Lord pour His vision into your life.

Our prayer for each of you is that these things will become the reality of your life.

Would you pray about including our ministry in your end of the year giving?

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We do so appreciate your support of our work for the Kingdom.

Thank You So Much!

Blessings and Shalom,

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