



ENCOURAGE YOURSELF

It's time to start "DREAMING" again!!!

"DAY DREAM" if you have to, but DREAM!!!

And kick "FEAR" to the curb!

AMEN? Amen! Amen!

Bro. Erick

Praise the Lord, Men of God! Do any of you ever *day dream*?

I LOVE TO "DAYDREAM!"

Just be careful, though! Do not let your mind **wander off, too far!** Then, you got to reach out, real quick, **and grab it back!** You will be going around all day hollering, *"MIND STAY!"(smile).*

Why? Because, as all of us MEN know, **our thoughts can be the hardest battleground to fight for.** Nevertheless, when we keep our thoughts fixed on Jesus, He will guard our hearts and minds and keep us pure. *When we fix our thoughts on Jesus,* we do not dwell on the *negative things* of this world, but rather, the *positive attributes of the Kingdom of God. (Hebrews 3:1).*

When I was told that it was time for me to do the *"JULY NEWSLETTER"*, **WOW!** DID I begin to pray!? *(Sorry I am so late! I know this is August, now. I guess I day dreamed too long, HUH?) lol.*

Moving right along, let me share with you how God orchestrated this thing!

I knew W-A-A-A-Y in June, that I was going to have to write the newsletter, right? O.K. I KEPT ON **PUTTING IT OFF!** Basically, I started feeling everything, (from fear, to OVERWHELM). I did not have a "CLUE" about WHAT I would write, or where to begin! So, **July was just about gone!** Only about 2 more days left in it. The editing committee kept calling me. Finally, I gave them a **"DEADLINE TIME"**, that I would have it ready.

Now, I knew that if God did not help me, I could not do it. Plus, I had my baby daughter with me and I had to go to work.. I needed more TIME! I thought about calling off from work, but that would be lying, because there was nothing WRONG with me. *Now, listen men of God, all of you know Pastor Carmen. So you know that we have been taught to fast, consecrate and pray, as we seek God, about what HE wants us to write.* Instead, I decided to EAT! *And, "EAT", I did!* A really good, nutritious and healthy meal.

Suddenly, out of NOWHERE, I began to feel **"very ill"**. *I experienced nausea, vomiting, fever and diarrhea, all at the same time!* I became so weak, that I could hardly move from place to place. I can not begin to tell you how terrible I felt. **Thank God for my mothers' help with my daughter. I ended up having to "call off" from work, anyway! And, I did not even have to LIE! Look at OUR GOD!** He gave

me the “extra” time I needed! Plus, I did not even want to “*smell*” food. The devil kept saying, “**Oh, No, Buddy! *You will not meet this deadline!* You will not WRITE this newsletter!**” I started resisting that **liar** and declaring that “**I shall live and not die!**” “I WILL write this newsletter!” ***I had to repent for EATING, instead of SEEKING God,*** as I should have, in the beginning. My mother wanted me to stay at her house, so she could take care of me, but I kept feeling that God was giving me to ***go home***. **Once I got there, alone, God started to ENERGIZE ME AND PUT HIS words in my mouth.** All I could say was, “***God, you know what you are doing?***” God will get “OUT” of us, what he wants, one way or the other! It is always BEST to just go on and be OBEDIENT, the first time that GOD speaks to us. See, we never know HOW he will choose, or WHAT he will use, to get what he wants out of us!

Well, as God led me, concerning what to write, I began to feel like the *Apostle Paul*. ***Looking back over my life, I started “daydreaming” about how I, myself, had felt like, “AN AMBASSADOR IN CHAINS”! SHIPWRECKED! BEATEN! BIT BY (HUMAN) SNAKES! AND ETC.***

But, my mind began to “muse”, as I looked back, at how GOOD my God has been to me. Soon, I found myself “daydreaming”, again. This time it was about the song, “***HOW I GOT OVER! MY SOUL LOOKS BACK AND WONDER, HOW DID I MAKE IT OVER?***”

Look, men of God, **PRISON is still PRISON**, regardless of how you look at it! Whether you are confined behind fences and iron bars, *or just restricted, limited, cramped and restrained in your MIND, it is still BONDAGE!* **And, it is usually satanic FEAR that gets us there.** It is with our mind that we serve the Lord. **Believe me when I tell you**, that the devil would love to **keep our minds in fear and bondage**. I never would have made it, *this far*, if God had not put **His WORD** down inside of me. It has been through the GRACE of GOD, that I have been able to ***encourage myself in the Lord. THROUGH HIS WORD!***

Time does not permit me to tell you of all of the COUNTLESS periods, in my life, that I have had to say to myself, “ERICK, Paul said, in Philippians 1:12-14:

“Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me, has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else, that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident, in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear”.

I thank God for having a Big Brother like Paul, who left US this kind of advice. ***Satanic fear stinks!***

Listen, fear has torment! (***1John 4:18***). And, too often, we allow satan, to infiltrate us, with his torment. Believe it or not, we could live “**Bold**”, “**Victorious**”, and “**Triumphant**”, HOLY lives for our God, if we did not YIELD to satans’ FEAR! **Fear of the UNKNOWN causes us NOT TO ADMIT!** We have a problem admitting! Instead, we omit, *to our own hurt*.

If we MEN would only admit it, we would **Quickly** declare that we are afraid of many things, **many times!** **Completely traumatized!** And, we know that, AT THAT MOMENT, we should just BACK DOWN! BOW OUT! RUN AWAY! (He who backs down *today*, lives to be VICTORIOUS *another day*). But, NO! ***Our male EGO and PRIDE causes us more HURT and HARM, than anything.***

We say, “*I ain’t scared of nothing!*” We know that we are SCARED, at times. Better yet, most of those times, when we feel that “***unpleasant emotion***” called **FEAR**, it is God saying to us, “**Be Still, my son! STOP!**

WAIT! *I got your back! I am going to fight for you!* **You do not even have any need to fight in this battle!”** That is called, CONVICTION! *But, what do we do most times?* Let our **PRIDE OVER RIDE OUR CONVICTION!** “NO WAY MAN, *I can not* BACK DOWN NOW! EVERYBODY IS LOOKING AT

ME, and they will CALL ME A PUNK!" But, when we look back and see all of the DAMAGE that WE did, to ourselves and others, afterwards, we could KICK ourselves. AMEN?

See, Men of God, there are several different types of fear! One type, most definitely comes from the devil! And, it is the most *harmful and detrimental*, to you and to your soul. It is **this kind** that will cause **overwhelming stress, physical sickness or disease, and emotional break downs or mental disorders**. This is the fear that causes us to ***hastily act in panic***, usually leaving us or someone else, **hurt, incarcerated or dead**. Look at Judas, it drove him to suicide! (2Timothy 1:7) -*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but power, love and a sound mind."* In one form or another, we all struggle, at times, with "powerful fears" that throws us into mental tensions or depression.

Then, there is REVERENTIAL fear. Respectful fear! Solomon tells us, "Now, let us hear the conclusion of the **whole** matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the **whole** duty of man!" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). **Fear God and keep His commandments!** "Well, Men of God, IF this is our **WHOLE DUTY**, then, we do not have any need to try to defend our honor or prove anything to anybody! Just reverence our God and keep His commandments! Isaiah 26:3 said that God would keep us in perfect peace, if we just keep our mind STAYED ON HIM! NOT our problems, troubles or how to get even with someone, who has done us wrong.

This reverential fear is a God given emotion or potential. It was designed for our protection in this uncertain world. **It can be an asset to us, if we respond to it correctly.** It cautions our physical and mental state and makes us CAPABLE of tackling whatever is ahead of us. It prepares us for ACTION! It prepares us to be **PRO-ACTIVE! NOT RE-ACTIVE!** See, God created us so that, in times of fear, our glands would release more *adrenaline*. This adrenaline is a hormone that enables us to FIGHT the enemy or RUN AWAY! Our "SOUND MIND" is supposed to help us rationalize this fear, and act accordingly.

Proverbs 18:10 says, ***"The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous 'run to it' and are safe". Yes, safe! From the devil!***

Alright, Brother Erick, that is easy for you to SAY! BUT, YOU ARE NOT LOCKED UP IN HERE, BEHIND THESE BARS! O.K. Remember that in the beginning of this letter, I started off telling you that it did not matter whether you were behind bars or in the "SO CALLED FREE WORLD". BONDAGE is still BONDAGE, either way you look at it! Temptation is temptation! **And, fear is fear!** If it is used the **wrong way**, WE BECOME CAPTIVES OF OUR FEAR. It then, **prevents us** from doing what we are capable of fulfilling! Our dreams! It **stifles** the capabilities of a talented, gifted artist, musician, singer, dancer or athlete. ***I was a professional college athlete! DREAMING BIG!"***

AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED?"

About two and a half years ago, I was going through **quite** a few things: My father, **who I loved dearly**, had passed. I was trying to deal with my grief and fear. I was fearful of not knowing, how I would make it, without my father. I went through a life style change, on my job (making less money and more added pressure). ***I was not happy with where I was, in my life!*** I was looking at, where I **wanted** to be! I was **dissatisfied!** I was ready for another phase in life and yet, it was just not happening "fast enough", for me! There was just, one issue after another one, that I had not dealt with. Still, I was trying to allow "**Patience**", to have her perfect work in me.

One day, some friends and I made plans to take a trip together. It was going to be a *mixed group* of men,

women and children. We were looking forward to having a *much needed rest and good, clean fun*. Well, a **female** friend of mine expressed an interest in going along. I didn't think much about it, after all, we were all having our own rooms. I rationalized it with, "*Oh, well, I don't really like her, IN THAT WAY, so there is NO THREAT THERE*". And, of course she said that she was *SAVED* and she painted this great picture of both, she and her family. Leading right up to a few days, before the trip, everyone was still excited about going. Suddenly, they all cancelled out. *Everybody except my female friend*. At this point, I couldn't get my money back. It was a "demonic set-up"! I SHOULD HAVE BACKED OUT, RIGHT THEN! BUT, I DID NOT! See, I was trusting in my own strength, thinking everything will be cool! I got this". **Looking back..... Just plain old stupid! Pride! Fear of being called a "Scary Punk!"**

Even though **I** was not prayerful, my mother was! She heard God. She asked me if everything was still okay and what was going on with the trip? God had her to even ask, if "certain ones", would still be going. I chose my words *very carefully*. You got to understand, **I wanted a "break", from my daily reality, "SO BAD", that I didn't want NOTHING OR NOBODY, to stop me from going on this trip. And then, the lies came.** I made up some doozers! I said that I had prayed about this trip! *Wait, now!* I did pray, but it wasn't with my WHOLE HEART. I was afraid that God was going to tell me not to go. *I didn't care, at that point, who went!* **I just wanted someone to share the expenses and go.** I had made it up in my mind, that I needed this trip and **I WAS** going to take this trip.

To make a long story short, ***I TOOK THIS TRIP AND HAVE BEEN ON A "JOURNEY", EVERY SINCE!! I CAME BACK A FATHER!*** After that, believe me, I **wanted** to PRAY, *with my whole heart!* ***I wanted to hear from God!*** Look what I got myself into. I stepped into the room *unrepentant* and the SIN that I should have dealt with, ***BEFORE THEN***, re-surfaced. My NOT being right with God, caused me to jump, right back into "My old habits". **Now, I'm "reacting instead of thinking"**. I was on the devils' ground and "THAT" was right- where- he- wanted- me. **I was Not covered, not prayed up, lying, unrepentant, walking in anger, had not waited on the Lord, in my own way, heavy, with all the "stuff" I didn't deal with before and in my own strength. Your physical strength can not help you, if you are out of Gods' will. Remember the story of Samson?** Just like me, Samson was out of the will of God, too! And, just like me, he got a hair cut and did not even know it was "CUT". (I was about to be a daddy and did not even know it). I felt like all of my hopes and dreams were gone, for sure.

Well, there I was, once again, dealing with those OLD familiar friends called, "*lust and fornication*". **That was the moment that made me a father.** I knew that it was never Gods' will to have a child out of wedlock. On top of that, *everything* that I thought I knew about the mother, *was a lie*. ***I thank God for my daughter, but this has been one of the roughest tests that I have ever had to go through.*** However, God is helping me to become a "great father", from His Holy example, as my FATHER, and the prayers of Jesus, myself and others. **I am not with my babys' mother**, but I do play an active role, in my daughter's life. Thanks be to God. Through this, I can say that God has made me watchful, as well as prayerful, to not allow myself to be placed in certain situations. ***God knows what he's doing! He is bringing me to an expected end. (Jeremiah 29:11). Hallelujah! My Brothers, it ain't "OVER TILL GOD SAYS IT'S OVER!"***

- **But, Men of God, UNDERSTAND THIS!** It was not the FEAR, so much, as it was MY RESPONSE to it. **James 4:7-** tells us to "resist" that devil and he and everything that belongs to him, (including his FEAR, lust, fornication and etc.), must FLEE!

Listen, men of God, this is why I say, "Don't be so quick to **WRITE ME OFF** AS SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR PAIN!"

I can not even **begin** to tell you, of all the countless times, (*of fear and temptations*), WHEN I have had to **ENCOURAGE MYSELF**, with these words! Daily, I constantly MUST remind myself of what God says about "**ERICK**". "A man of God! My son!"

- **Psalms 82:6** I have said ye are gods: and Erick is a child of the most high!
- **Ephesians 6:20** God called ERICK an ambassador!
- **Romans 8:17** Erick is an heir with Christ!
- **John 1:12** **Erick is a** child of God!
- **John 15:1** Erick is a branch of the true vine!
- **1 Corinthians 6:19** Erick's body is the temple of the holy spirit!
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** Erick is a new creature in Christ!
- **Ephesians 1:17** Erick is redeemed and forgiven by the grace of Christ!
- **And 1Thessalonians 1:4** God loves Erick and HE has chosen ERICK!

These are just SOME of the things that God has said about us! *Not just Erick!* **And, even right now, I have to use these SAME things, to ENCOURAGE MYSELF, in God's word.** As I MEDITATE on the Word of God, I can hear MY FATHER, GOD, clearly saying:

"Erick, MY SON! A servant of Jesus Christ! Called to obedience! Separated unto the gospel of God, in **(Erick)**, before the foundation of this world, in my Holy scriptures!

- "Now, Erick, concerning my Son, Jesus Christ, your Lord, who was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: **by whom ERICK has received grace and apostleship**, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: **among whom are ye, (Erick), also the called of Jesus Christ:** to all that be in your country, state and place of habitation, beloved of God, called to be saints: grace to you (Erick) and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ".

You know, men of God, the Lord wants us to know who we are, by knowing who HE says we are! My brothers, every time I have fallen, it was because "I stopped reminding myself" who I am and whose I am.

See, from the beginning of our lives, God placed *a seed* down on the inside of us and *all that seed knows to do is, TO GROW*, by any means necessary. As we grow, that seed, **which is the word of God, NUDGES, POKES AND HITS us**, BEFORE AND WHEN we are doing wrong and IT reminds us of Gods' word. Its' intention is, to put us back on THE RIGHT track. Growing up, we hear "**the word**", in the voice of our parents, grandparents and pastors.

Now the big problem comes, when we **over ride** that voice. That is nothing but "that old flesh", trying to push it's way out OF HIDING, to be pleased! Flesh loves to be pleased! We have to start pushing back, and stop giving in to fleshly desires! God, through Paul, did a great job expressing that struggle, between the spirit and the flesh, in **Romans 7, (the whole chapter).**

Most of us have grown up in the church, hearing Gods word. We hear our parents and our grandparents, speaking the word in and over us, yet we REBEL! Then, on the other hand, I have seen some people, that have never even heard of God's word before! They **FINALLY** hear it, and receive it, then they hit the ground running, for the Lord. In **Hebrews 3:15**, God tells us, "**Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts and to walk in the ways that the lord have commanded us. (Deuteronomy 5:33).**" Believe me, *it's one thing to hear Gods' word but another thing to walk in it!* We must have a "well made up mind" and a heart that is totally "fixed" to live HOLY. **In Matthew 22:37 - Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind".**

We must love our God, with all of our heart, soul and mind. We hear Gods' word, then all of a sudden, it becomes like **GREEK TO US**. Because we have heard it, so much, we feel that it is not touching us, at that moment. **We become immune to it.** Satan tells us that it is meant for someone else in the room, not us.

And, because that is what we want to hear, anyway, we believe that LIE. BIG MISTAKE! We say, “AW, God delivered me from that, a long time ago”. Yes, and how many times have you continued to go back to it, since you got delivered? It is not enough, to just be saved and delivered. *The thing is, we have to be* “set free”! MOVED FROM THAT “OLD HOUSE”, COMPLETELY! **We hate to see ourselves and ADMIT that, we are UGLY! God has said through Pastor Carmen, many times, that God doesn’t have a problem finding ways to discipline us! **Oh, trust me, He knows how to get our attention, my Brothers! He sure got mine!****

Our flesh doesn’t like to suffer! It doesn’t want to go through nothing! So when it hits us in the natural, it is because we didn’t listen or receive it in the spirit! God sees ahead and sounds the alarm. Warning comes BEFORE DESTRUCTION! Suddenly, at this point we want to examine everything. Humble ourselves and REPENT! ***I know I do.***

- **So, let me tell you where I was in the natural:** Raised up in the CHURCH but I was a whoremonger, fornicator, masturbator, a drunk, covetous, liar, full of pride, too much folly, fasting from Gods’ word, wasn’t consistent in him, a hot head and ***taking joy in those that did evil.***

But, thanks to God, who loves us so much, that he doesn’t want us to continue in sin. If we will just look back, we will see events in our life that were the starting points, of the devil trying to move in, even as a child. We have been taught that demons and evil spirits loves to get into a child, an adult, an animal or an inanimate object. Those spirits want to get into a child, so it can grow up WITH that child.

Lamentations 2:19..... ***Lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children.*** That’s why it’s so important for us ***to cover and protect our families***, as men of God. All satan wants is an open door, even in the form of a parent being disobedient, to Gods word. One of the most prevalent forms of disobedience, today, is lustful, sexual sins! **1 John 2:16.**

One way that a door was open to me, as a child, was when an older guy, in my neighborhood, gave me a **porno movie**. I was in elementary school. I didn’t know or understand what it was, but, I didn’t tell my parents, either. His intent was, to **contaminate the seed**, that God had planted inside of me. Again, that thing wants to grow in you! If you do not get delivered, it will sit in you, DORMANT, appearing to be asleep but waiting to stick up his ugly head!

It went from that, to a young lady “exposing herself” to me and “violating me”. I know men want to joke and say that a woman can never take advantage of a man, but it happens everyday. Also I’m not talking about grown men, **I’m talking about children.** *I was a child! It’s happened to a lot of male children, all around the world and it affects the way that we view women, too.* Its not just women that have done this, we are not crazy. It’s a perverted, demonic spirit and in Romans 1, ***God talks about that unnatural lust.***

Then, we get to the time when a young dude starts ***to “smelling himself,” as the OLD FOLKS call it*** and the young man starts “getting a little freedom”. They are ‘too quick’ to want, to leave out, from under their covering! They think that they know what’s out there. Often times, that’s when that evil spirit WILL stick his ugly head up. **The Bible said that each generation would get WEAKER but WISER! Satan is starting in, on our children, MUCH too early.** He wants them alone and isolated, from the God fearing people who are covering them. ***Thank God for the prayers of the righteous, still working on our behalf.*** See, men, like many of you, I went through a stage of wanting to be **“the man”** and thinking that, it’s something **“SPECIAL”** about us, that has the opposite sex “IRRESISTABLY” drawn to us! **But it’s a set up!** Satan gets a lot of Gods’ men with this, “She wants me!” “I’m the man!” complex.

These women are **COUNTERFEIT!** Satan sends you just what he thinks will SWAY you over to his side. He wants to **ruin all of your chances**, of ever getting that one and **only REAL, ORDAINED, ANOINTED and APPOINTED, WOMAN OF GOD**, that God has as your wife. **Real talk?!** When we were out in the world, we were not even thinking about a wife! **Precautions, what was that? And WHY? “I am the**

MAN!” *What Fools!* Satan just wanted us to do, ‘every ungodly thing’, that would ***tear down our bodies, our reputations and our health.***

Knowing that we were wrong, and that we shouldn’t proceed the way we were doing, FEAR jumped up! Afraid that someone would NOT think that, **“WE WERE THE MAN!”** Now that we are saved, many of us have excess baggage, that we would not have had, if we had only obeyed the word of God. Satan’s counterfeit was just one more thing, to take our focus off of God. Men of God, make sure that you hear from heaven and know that you know, that you say that you know, before you react **and propose to one of the counterfeits**, that satan sends your way. **Wait! Wait, I say, on the Lord!** BEWARE!! Satan is just setting us up, when he sends his counterfeit. Don’t fall for it!

God wants many sons in the kingdom and the devil knows it, so he tries to pervert Gods desires and promises that HE has for us. **If the devil can’t get in that child, directly, he will use an adult to hurt that child or cause harm, that will be painful for that child, for years.** Then, we have to watch the things that are around us. When satan has been cast out, he goes away (for a season) but he will be back. **Close the door to the devil, for good. Do not hold onto, or play games with the devil! YOU WILL LOSE!!** When satan gets through bringing in seven other devils, greater than the first, you will be so messed up, that only God can help you. **We must ENCOURAGE OURSELVES, TO MOVE ON, FROM UNGODLY RELATIONSHIPS! Turn them loose and let them go! Completely!**

I had to learn, the hard way, that I had to deal with me, first! And I really had to focus on cleaning my OWN house, before I could help anyone else. **Get rid of all the BAGGAGE!** You can sometime think that you have dealt with something and it’s on the inside, lying dormant. Remember when mama told you to clean the house, and you did not do it until it was time for her to almost walk in the house? You grabbed everything and threw it under the bed, hid it in the closet, and even swept trash under the rug! When mama came in, the room looked clean, but actually the trash was still there. It was just WELL HIDDEN! Well, spiritually, the trash is still there, too! It is **just WAITING, until you’re in the right situation that it can cause you to fall.** ***Not being in an environment, that can cause you to be tempted and being set free, are two different things.***

It’s the same thing as someone on dope. You can keep yourself from around it and say, **“I’m clean”**. But, a time is going to come up, where you will be SO stressed, tested, put to the fire, or things are just not going the way you want them to go, then you will run RIGHT back to that familiar thing. Whatever that spirit is, that you never GOT FULLY DELIVERED FROM, it will talk to you and make you feel loved and tell you what you want to hear. Don’t fall for it! See, as soon as the occasion pops up and you run back to it, it will cause you harm. It may even be DETRIMENTAL! ***Psalms 81:12, So I gave them up unto their own hearts’ lust and they walked in their own counsels. The devil seeks to steal, kill and destroy us.***

Again, men of God, we can not do it on our own, on our own terms OR OUT OF THE WILL OF GOD! I thank God I’m not under the law but GRACE and MERCY. Have faith and wait on God. He has your best interest in his heart. He’s waiting on us to step into his will. I’m learning how to really take myself **OUT OF THE EQUATION**. It is all about God, His Kingdom and His plans for me. ***Job 34:21 and Proverbs 16:2*** let us know that NOTHING is hidden from him. He just want our ways and thinking, to line up with his, having his “heart of flesh” and “the mind of Christ”. Gods’ word says: **“A mans’ going are of the Lord; a double minded man is unstable in all his ways; there is a way that seems right unto a man; the way of a slothful man is surrounded by thorns; mans ways are forward and strange; a wicked man hardened his face; the steps of a good man are ordered by God and He shall give his angles charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. WOW! Do we make the angels job hard!? Our ways are something else, aren’t they?**

I am so very BLESSED that God TRUSTED me enough to show my transparency, in giving both my “test” and my “mony”. I am a living TESTIMONY! I am in the middle of my “Test” and my “MONY”. Revelation 12:10-11 “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of the brethren is cast down. Which accused them

before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

No, the devil didn't want me to write this "Newsletter". He fought me on every end, even attacking my body with "a great affliction", but, TO MY GOD, BE THE GLORY! **God allowed it, to build me up on my most holy faith, as I prayed, in the HOLY GHOST.** Just like Job, God only allowed satan to go so far! And, God still gave me a chance to write this portion of my story, myself. Even after disobedience!

I shall live and not die! God gave me something to help me run on. How can your muscles grow, unless they be exercised? GOD is working it out. Learn from a FOOLS mistakes! I am now acknowledging GOD in ALL MY WAYS, so that HE can DIRECT MY PATHS. I pray daily to cross over into Gods' wisdom. **I refuse to perish for a lack of knowledge, when I can ask HE who knows all and sees all.** The ONE who made the angels ask, "What is man that you're so mindful of him?" I call forth "MY Ways", that they line up with GODS ways. ***Proverbs 16:7 when a mans ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.***

He also wants us to be consistent in him. **John 8:31-** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples, indeed. Verse 32 says,** And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. **God wants us to abstain from all appearance of evil (1Thessalonians 5).** Trials and tests are sent to us, to give us the tools we need, to fortify ourselves, "against" the evil wiles of the devil. **My Brothers,** I pray that as we "safely" travel, all over this country, that I will find YOU, operating in the fruits of the spirit and walking, as Christ. I pray, "FATHER, that the words of my mouth and the mediations of my heart, has been acceptable in thy sight, Oh Lord, you are my strength and my redeemer in Jesus' precious name". **Men of God, Daydream and Dream,** all you want to, but just REMEMBER **Isaiah 26:3, He really will keep you in perfect peace, if YOU will just keep your mind STAYED ON HIM!**

AMEN! Praise my God! I am "DREAMING" again! As I "ENCOURAGE MYSELF!"

Your BIG BROTHER, IN CHRIST!

ERICK



WE WISH ALL OF YOU MEN OF GOD BORN IN THE MONTH OF "JULY" A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!