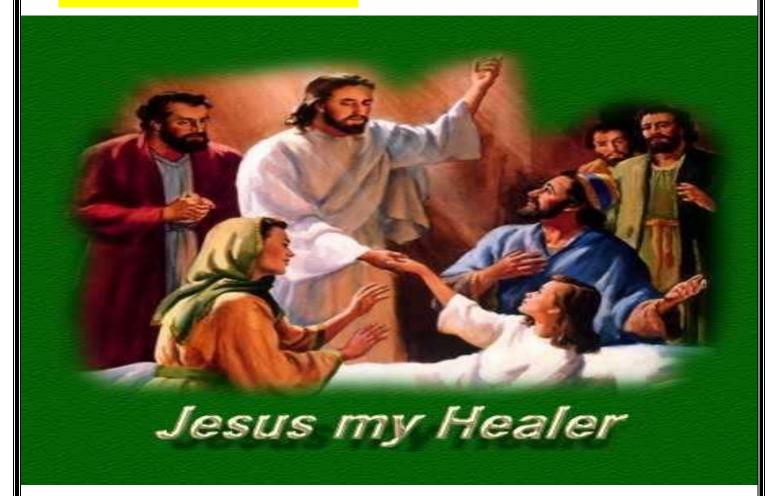
YOU GOTTA LET THE "HEAL!!!!!



AND LET THE "FORGIVER" FORGIVE"!!!!

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YOU CAN'T DO IT BY YOURSELF!

Verse 1: We've all heard it said that time heals all wounds, but

I've learned firsthand... that's not the truth. We've all had a hurtful past at some point in

our life, where the pain that's deep inside scarred you like a knife.
But, I know a man that took some nails through his hands and on the cross he bled and died for you and me.



Chorus: You gotta let the "healer heal"...

Cause only by "his stripes" you're healed,

There's a pain you can't reach that's deep inside.

You gotta let the healer heal and let the forgiver forgive, those wounds and scars God sees that you can't hide.



Verse 2: For so many years you've hid behind things like Drugs and Alcohol to ease the pain. You don't know who you are. You don't even have a clue, and you are just so sick and tired of being confused.

Give Jesus a try! Man, I promise He will change your life! Won't you let him dwell inside and remove that piercing knife?



<u>Chorus:</u> You gotta let the "healer heal"... cause only by "his stripes" you're healed,

And there's a pain you can't reach that's deep inside.

You gotta let the "healer heal" and let the "forgiver forgive", those wounds and scars God sees that you hide.

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Recently, at a local prison, a young man got up during "TESTIMONY" time, in our service. I listened as he began to talk and my HEART became wounded. He was very polite but the first thing he said was that he had NEVER had a testimony and that he did not have one then! Everyone was shocked! He went on to explain that he would E.O.S. from prison, in a few days.

It was extremely EVIDENT that he was very "resentful", "bitter", "angry" and "hostile" inside, AGAINST GOD AND MAN! (After years of incarceration). Yet, he seemed to think that he was O.K. However, me and everybody that heard him knew better. We could see that he was like a walking "time

bomb" waiting to "BLOW". He was hurt! In pain! Yet refusing to admit that "I NEED GOD TO

HELP ME"!!!! (PAIN OF A BROKEN HEART AND PRIDE DO NOT GO TOGETHER)!!!

We could see that His release without God's relief, would only bring about destruction to himself and/or others, if God did not intervene for him SOON!!!

Shaking my head, I silently said to God, "Lord, I have seen many others that have walked out of that front gate with that SAME LIVID mentality, that cold heart of UNFORGIVENESS and that PAINFUL mindset, knowingly and on purpose".

See, they thought that they could do it all by themselves, too! Today, they are either BACK in the penal system, in the mental institution, in the streets on drugs, MAKING A SPIRITUAL OR NATURAL "SHIP WRECK OF THEIR LIFE and OTHERS LIVES" or THEY'RE DEAD! Preaching, needing deliverance themselves!!!!

Immediately, I thought of a heart touching "testimony"



that I had heard a few days before FROM A YOUNG MAN OF GOD. During PRAISE and WORSHIP, Minister Victor Allen sat down, picked up his guitar, closed his eyes, and opened his mouth and the ANOINTING FELL!!!!

Through tears, he sung a "song" that God had given him to write DURING THE TIME OF HIS DELIVERANCE. It ministered to all!!! *Afterwards, he shared his testimony*. Wow!! I don't think

that there was a "Dry Eye" in the house or a heart that was NOT touched (even the officers). Minister Victor's obedience to God brought a TOTALLY COMPLETE LIBERATION TO EACH PERSON IN THE WHOLE CHAPEL!!!!

MALE AND FEMALE ALIKE!!! Myself included!!!!

If you really wanted DELIVERANCE, it was there to get!!!
I only wish that EVERYBODY COULD HAVE BEEN THERE TO
EMBRACE AND RECEIVE IT! YOU CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW
RELIEVED I FELT IN MY SPIRIT TO SEE "THAT YOUNG MAN"
THAT GAVE his TESTIMONY... COME UP TO THE ALTAR!!!
PRAISE GOD!!!

Recalling how I persistently implore you precious men of God to "GET DELIVERED" before you get out, I felt compelled to SHARE Minister Victor's Song and Testimony with you. I pray that you will be as BLESSED as we all were by it!

And, may it bring complete deliverance to your souls. NO MATTER how hard you try, you cannot do it by yourself! Let the one and only TRUE

"Healer Heal and our precious redeeming Forgiver Forgive"!

Remember, in order to avoid Satan's demonic grief, you must

GET GOD'S TRUE "RELIEF" before you can get a non-contaminated' "RELEASE"!

Let us hear the TRUE TESTIMONY OF Minister Victor Allen in his "OWN" words:

"You Gotta Let the Healer Heal"!!!!!!

BLESS THE LORD, MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD!!!

I am Victor, a prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ. First and foremost, I want to give honor to where honor is due. To my Father Abba and my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! To my spiritual Granddaddy- Chaplain Brown and to Chaplain Woodfin; to my spiritual daddy- Pastor Dee-Dee and to all of the pastors, elders and ministers of the Covenant House.

And last, but definitely not least, to "Hedges and Hi-ways"; my "Mama" in the Lord, (Pastor Carmen McCain) and to all of the "Warriors" Of the House of Praise. We have all, in some form or fashion, been hurt, cut, wounded, scarred or bruised at some point in our lives! There's a lot of pain that is deep on the inside, that only you and God knows about. You have used a "false character" or should I say, "You put on a front"? Why? Because you didn't know who you were in Christ Jesus or maybe you still don't know who you are"! You were either hurt by someone or maybe YOU HAVE hurt someone and it seems like you've never been able to get past the hurt, the pain, the wounds and the scars that have left the very innermost parts of your being to feel mutilated.

Maybe you have searched all around and you've hid behind people, drugs, sex, alcohol and all sorts of "ungodly" things.

Your mind was extremely messed up... or maybe it still is? Has satan had you or does he still have you, at a place in your life, where you've thought of just ending it all through "suicide"? And, you feel there's no hope?

Brothers, I beg to differ! Open your mouth and say this with me, "Satan, you're a liar and the Father of them"! (John 8:44). "I shall live and NOT die and I shall declare the illustrious and wondrous works of the Lord Jesus Christ"! (Psalms 118:17).

Let me ENCOURAGE YOU! There's only one way to a PEACE

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And Binds Up
Their Wounds

that surpasses all understanding. It is the <u>only way, the</u> <u>only truth, and the only life</u> and His name is Jesus Christ!!! And if therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. <u>John 8:36</u>. Now, I just want to take a few minutes to share 'a piece of my story' with you. I want to tell you how I've learned that Jesus is my Healer!

Also, let me express to you how those wounds and those scars that I had kept hidden inside of me for so long, before I finally began to allow "JESUS" to Heal me. I was being raised, as a baby, by my Mom and her parents (my Grandparents). See, like most kids today,



my biological father **abandoned** me and my Mom when I was only 6



months old. When I turned 3 (three) years old, my

Mom married my Stepdad, whom I've known (as a Dad), till this day. Well, My Dad had three daughters of his own when my Mom married him. Little did my Mom know that she had just married into a family that had a generational curse upon it, for years.



(John 10:10)- The thief cometh not but for to steal, kill and to destroy.

See, God had an "amazing" purpose and plan for my life and he had anointed me for His service! So, that thief (satan) came into my life at an early age and *started promptly*, trying to "frustrate and destroy" my purpose, my destiny and my life. *Frustrate means to Defeat!* (*Ezra 4:5*).

<u>Romans 8:35</u> asks, "WHO shall separate us from the LOVE of Christ"? (When satan wants to destroy you, he sends <u>a person</u>. It is the WHO that brings the WHAT). One day, I was left alone with <u>my</u>

<u>Stepdad</u> and he "sexually molested" me at only 3 years old. My Mom's Mama picked me up to spend the night with her some days later and I began to tell her "explicit details" of what had taken place. She took me to a doctor and <u>he also verified that something had definitely taken place</u> and that I needed to be removed from the home.

My Grandmother contacted my Mother, very upset! However, my Dad and Mom blamed it on my Mother's (ex-boyfriend) who was nowhere to even be found anymore. Of course, my Grandmother believed this lie and I was forced to go on living in the household. At 10 years old, he abused 2 (two) of my other sisters.

One day, we were at school and my younger sister told the principal some things about what was going on in the house. The school contacted D.H.R. and we were scheduled for an appointment to talk with them, me and my 3 sisters.

Well, My Dads' mom coerced us into lying, all night, (the night before we went to speak to DHR). She did not have any concern for us. She was trying to protect my Dad (her son), from getting into any trouble! Of course,



we were young and scared so we did as we were told. Well, my Moms' Mama tried pulling me out of the home at 10 years old and even again, at

16 years old. But, each time I went back for fear of my mother and my sister's safety.

Now, my Dad had admitted to my Mother that he had done these things to us! I begged her

to leave but she chose him over me... my whole life! It could have been "Love", or "Fear" of him, who knows? But, what about me? Wasn't I worth saving? He was strung out on "crystal meth" my entire life as a kid, a teenager and throughout my adult life.

I watched him abuse my mother physically, mentally, and emotionally! Growing up, I watched him cheat on her with <u>numerous</u>

women, "HITTING HER "and even handling her, in any way that he pleased. My mom simply accepted it. She never left him! It wasn't long, as a teenager, that I got into drugs. My heart grew colder and colder towards my Dad. Every time me and my sisters tried to talk to anyone in the family about the situation, they made us



look like we were the bad guys and they kept it "swept" and "hidden" under a rug throughout my whole life to protect the family's reputation.

I constantly pleaded with my Mother to leave him! She would catch him cheating constantly and



he came home "whenever he pleased". My Mother "stayed depressed and in the bed crying all the time" but still she stayed with him. Now,



my heart started growing very bitter towards my Mother and my thoughts became like this, "O.K. if she's just gonna let him handle her, then I'll just get cool with Dad. He's got

plenty of money and drugs. I'll watch his back while he does his dirt and I will do all of his drugs with him".

It wasn't long after that, that I had got married and had my own

family. I then went to work for my Dad and I got strung out on drugs myself. I started smoking marijuana as a teen, but now here I was, at only 17 (seventeen), using crystal meth.

I pretended like I was cool with Dad, Grandma, Granddad, and the family, but deep down I didn't care if any of them died. In fact, I used to visualize myself killing my Dad but I kept it hidden deep inside and never let it be known. I was scared of him and he knew it. (That is one of satan's witchcraft characteristics: intimidation)! I hid my drug activity from my wife and there were a lot of other things I kept hidden from her. I had become a "whoremonger and an adulterer" and I was headed to a devils hell, and I knew it. But, it wasn't long till my sins found me out!!!!

Mark 4:22- For there is nothing hid which shall not be made manifested neither anything kept secret but that it should

come abroad. Caught up in

drugs, lies and adultery, 1 lost





my wife!!! She was the only person

who I had really ever loved and she was who I had a son by. But, *now I was on my way to prison at only 21*years old. I coped with the pain through doing as much crystal meth as I could. I stayed awake days and nights at a time. Satan began to whisper in my ear, "Just kill



with the Holy Ghost at 14 years old, but I was in a backslidden condition.

One day, I was at my Dad's shop and I was under "demonic" influence. I hadn't been to sleep in days. I grabbed a 'shotgun' and put it under my throat as tears filled my eyes. I had lost my wife, my son, and everything that I had ever worked for! My "whole" family was sick and messed up and now I was ALL messed up!

These were the thoughts that were racing through my mind, as my finger rested on the trigger of that shotgun. I was only one second away from Eternal Damnation. But Glory be to God!! In the midst of all my mess, God was still dealing with me.

Hebrew 13:5- I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

allowed me to see my son flash before my eyes and this deep groaning came from deep within my belly! Unexpectedly, Holy Ghost tongues began to flow up and out of me. Romans 8:26.

As God's presence surrounded me, I dropped the gun and I screamed! I cried and I pleaded with God, "Why me? Why is my life so messed up? God what have I done to deserve this curse"? I asked.

A few months later I came to prison, nothing changed, and I was still using drugs. I didn't know who I was and I grew worse and worse. I ended up at "Elmore Prison". Little did I know that God would place some brothers in my life and that God was fixing to completely transform my entire existence.



I had grown up singing in church as a kid and it was something that God blessed me to do skillfully! And I loved doing it. I was introduced to Brother George (Rollo) Burton

night. God came to me, through him and Brother James Bush, one night. The Holy Ghost through them, led me to rededicate my life to God. Brother George then introduced me to my Father of faith now, Pastor Dee-Dee.

I shared my gift of singing with them, they invited me down to the Chapel one Sunday morning and Pastor Morris, Pastor Dee-Dee and Elder Rollo took me into a room to pray. I was sitting in a chair when they began to lay hands and pray over me.

It wasn't long before I was on my face,



in the floor, *crying*

out to God!

His presence overwhelmed me! I began to confess *everything* that I had hidden inside of me for so long! And I forgave my Mother and my Dad... And God forgave me, as well!!!

Matt. 6:14, 15 says, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

God delivered me that day, in that classroom! Praise God for *Pastor Morris!* He cried out with me and for me, *until I* allowed God to cleanse my heart thoroughly. I felt this weight come up "off" of me. Men, I literally felt as light as a paper plate, amen!!! *Thank you Jesus, Hallelujah!!* About a month ago, I realized that "I was still hurting inside". That hurt was for my wife and for my son! *Brother "Bo" aka Alphonza Lucas* said,

"VICK, YOU GOTTA LET THE HEALER HEAL!"

Instantly, I knew that God had Just down loaded A NEW SONG TO ME! Look, before I came to prison, I knew nothing about a guitar but God has taught me to play the guitar and the keyboard since I have been here. God not only gave me the song, but He even gave me the music to the song and He is increasing in my life daily. My wife once said that time heals all wounds, but I've learned firsthand that, that is not the truth. "Without Jesus, time only prolongs pain"!

(Isaiah 53:4-6), "Surely he hath born our grief's and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed".

My favorite Bible verses are <u>Proverbs 18:14-</u> "The spirit of a man will sustain his <u>infirmity</u>, but a wounded spirit who can bear"? And, <u>Hebrew 4:15 says</u>, "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our <u>infirmities"</u>. Men and women of God, stop holding on to the hurt. <u>Let Jesus heal your wounds and scars.</u> Don't you know that when you hurt, God hurts too? Jesus already paid the price for your healing when He became every one of our sins!

He who knew no sin, BECAME SIN that we might become the righteousness of God, in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21). My Brothers, Let go of the hurt and let the "REAL TRUE HEALER" heal you spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, sexually, financially, and socially.

And, you gotta allow the Jesus on the inside to forgive. If you do not have this wonderful "Jesus" inside of you, WON'T YOU INVITE HIM IN TO YOUR HEART TODAY? Let the Forgiver forgive. God see's every wound and every scar! I dare you to cry out to Him, like I had to do,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort... WATCH HIM MOVE! Yes, watch Him who comforts us in all our tribulations, so that we may be able to comfort others which are in any trouble! HOW? By the SAME comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. Allow God to comfort you so that you may be able to comfort others who are in need.

It's not about us! But it's simply about Jesus... the man who has already felt everything that you will ever encounter in this life.

"For we have NOT an high priest that can NOT be touched by the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Hebrew 4:15).

JUST LET GO and let the Healer heal, so that you may walk in divine healing, in Jesus name. *Men*, *I KNOW THAT I am a changed man!*Praise the great I AM! Worthy is the Lamb!!! *Wow, man, do I thank God for the teachings from Mr. Holy Spirit through Pastor Carmen!!!!!*This verse changed my life.

Ephesians 6:12 -We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Listen, I had to realize that I'm not fighting my Dad, my Grandma, my Mom, or others! I had to realize that it is simply a demonic spirit that is operating through them. I said that to say this, "STOP hating folks" who have hurt or wounded you! Open up your "HEART" and "your mouth"! Command those painful feelings to go into a "Holy Ghost" ordained cage along with the demons, devils, witches, and etc. that caused those hurts, pains, and frustrations, in the first place. Then, send these evil spirits and

the cage, "BACK TO HELL", (on lock- down), to be tormented BEFORE

THEIR TIME! All you have to do is CHOOSE to forgive, God will do the rest! In Jesus name **forgive and be forgiven!**

Matthew 6:14-15), "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, you're heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Men and women of God, do what I had to do... forgive yourself and let the Healer heal your heart and make it whole again!

In Jesus name, Amen......

Minister Victor Allen!!!

P.S. Sister Shea, you're healed in Jesus name! Sister

Angel, you're healed in Jesus name!

Reach out and grab it!! Amen!?!



Men of God, I know that you join me in saying, "Wow! What a POWERFUL testimony from Minister Victor!!! See, we can never give a testimony, if we have never been through a TEST! AMEN?

My Brothers and sons, listening to Minister Victor's story really made me see the "demonic strategy" of that devil! He really does try to contaminate, and destroy lives that God has called and ordained for His purpose and His greatness, EARLY! He tried to do it to me! Yes, he tries to infect and pollute your spirits at a very young age. As I listened to Minister Victor's witness, I was reminded of an Old Testament Biblical story in the 34th chapter of the book of

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Genesis. There, we find Dinah, a "beautiful young" CHURCH girl that satan tried to defile mentally, emotionally, sexually, socially and spiritually at an "early age". Satan saw that Dinah's future was to be one of a "strategic purpose" for the plan of God. So, he schemed up a wicked plan, trying to hinder and oppose the will of God for her life. Dinah, her father (Jacob), her mother (Leah) and the rest of her family had just traveled to this new land. They were weary.

Jacob had just gone through a very painful and stressful ordeal, where he thought his brother Esau was going to kill him. (Genesis 33:4). After they reconciled, Jacob came to Shalem which is a city of Shechem. This is in the land of Canaan. When he got to this new land, he was relieved that it seemed to be very promising. So, he purchased a field and built an altar there because he intended to live there.

One day, Dinah went to visit some of the young women of the new land. She was trying to be friendly to her new neighbors. Of course, these young women, although "friendly", still were not Church girls. Their teachings, morals, principles and beliefs were completely different than Dinah's. They did not dress the same or act the same. Definitely, they did not serve the SAME God!

However, in that land was a young man named Shechem. He was the leader of the Hivites. Now, remember the Bible said that he saw Dinah, took her and had sex with her and defiled her (Genesis 34:2). All of your lives, you have probably heard preachers say, "HE RAPED HER! Well, let's look at this from a different angle, **BEING VERY REALISTIC.**

- Yes, he did TAKE her.
- Yes, he did LAY with her.
 - Yes, he did DEFILE her.
- But, did he really RAPE her?

Well, let's see! First of all, she never ran home crying, "RAPE"! Wonder WHY? And, she never told her father, mother, or

anyone about the sexual act. Then, who told it? And, the Bible does not tell us the time period, over which, all of this happened, RIGHT?

Let's address those questions! O.K.? So, Dinah is visiting her new friends in the city. She is the NEW GIRL in town and she is EXTREMELY "BEAUTIFUL". But, being a Church girl with NO "Street Sense", she is very naïve and very vulnerable. These new girls know nothing about God, but they are "Street Smart".

Suddenly, here comes a well-dressed, very handsome, young man. He sees her, is overwhelmed by her beauty and realizes that she is not from around there. He asks, "Who is she"? At the same time, the girls of the city sees him watching her. Well, like young girls will do, they point out the fact that he is observing her.

She soon learns that his name is Shechem. He is not only rich, but he is the "Prince" of the entire country. The Prince?! Are you kidding?! How flattering to a young girl! Any young girl! But, especially to a sheltered young lady who is not used to this kind of attention. Shechem comes over and introduces himself to Dinah. He then TOOK her! No, not forcefully! Some of the Hebrew meanings of TOOK is: to choose; to pick; received; took her hand for the sole purpose of marriage; carried her away; to woo and etc.

Well, come on, you are men! What happens when you and a young lady take a walk together? Why did you take that walk in the first place? And, where did you go? Let's be real! You wanted to get her out from around EVERYBODY else so that you could have her UNDIVIDED ATTENTION, in a PRIVATE PLACE. Then, you start telling her EVERYTHING that you think she wants to hear!

Whispering sweet nothings in her ear. You wine her! You dine her! You woo her!

And, if the young lady is naïve, it won't be long that you will be holding her hand! THAT'S ALL IT TAKES! (Feelings are transmitted when you start touching). That is why Holy people should REFRAIN from touching if you are not married. And then, looking into each other's EYES. Your eyes are the windows to your soul! (Matthew 6:22-23). Job 31:1- said that he made a covenant with his own eyes that he would not EVEN look upon a young lady with lust. Men of God, spirits are real, especially LUST spirits!

Let's face it! This girl has never been treated this way! She has never had this kind of attention before. Shechem was not rude, ill-mannered or discourteous to her. The Bible said that he spoke "KINDLY" to her (Genesis 34:3). The WORD even calls him the most honorable one in his father's whole house (verse 19).

Now, let's explore Shechem a little further. Yes, he was young, handsome, honorable, and the Prince of the entire country, so he probably was used to women throwing themselves at him. Now, here is a young lady who is different than any that he has ever encountered. She has Holy morals and is not hurling herself at him. This intrigues him. She is innocent and her conversation is pure. He wants to get to know her better! The more they talk, the more he discovers how wholesome and unpolluted she really is. Some things she say makes him laugh. This is different for him. Both of their feelings, emotions and passions are stirred. And, Dinah was beautiful!!!!

He probably **initiated a kiss,** but it was **not forceful** because again, the Bible said he was kind to her. (You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar). *I don't believe that he started out wanting to have sex with her, any more than I believe that she started out wanting to have sex with him.* BUT, when you open the door, **you give access** to these feelings,

EXTREMELY HARD for you NOT TO GIVE IN TO THESE URGES! Solomon said, "Don't awaken my love until it is time"! It is not time yet my BROTHERS! Put it BACK to sleep! The devil is a lie! It is not until AFTER the "ACT" that you realize, "Oh, Oh...there are consequences"!

Who knows WHEN Shechem and Dinah slept together? It could have been that same day, later that week, or they could have continued a secret affair over time. The Bible never said, "He forced her". But, at any rate, Shechem DID DEFILE HER because he was NOT married to her. This was one of the worst scandals to bring upon a Jewish family, especially during those times. The only thing was, Shechem really was in love with Dinah and he wanted to marry her. So he proposed! He was willing to pay whatever amount of "MONEY" necessary to get (procure) her as his wife!

Now, let's answer this question: Wonder why she never ran home crying "RAPE"? Well, could it be that she never went home? Just suppose that after the sexual act, she revealed to him that she was already promised to another. After all, this was the Jewish custom. Or, maybe she remembered the "CONSEQUENCES" OF HER ACTIONS, suddenly! However, Shechem really loved this girl. So, he probably assured her, "Stay here until I go talk to your father and make everything all right".

And, we know that Shechem and his father came to Jacob, told him what happened and made an official proposal. But, remember the Bible said that Jacob had already heard it before they came and told him about it (verse 5). And, why didn't Jacob act like an IRATE father about his "only" daughter, if she was raped? He was cool and cordial to Hamor and Shechem. So were her Brothers, who were in the field when they first heard about it. (Verse 7). But, they were wroth (38-hot) inside. Who told them? Could some workers have been kidding about it? They rushed home and talked it over with their father who must have told them, "She is still there of her own will and

she wants to marry this man! After all, now that she is no longer a virgin, who are we gonna find to marry her, anyway"?

And, who told Jacob about his daughter and Shechem sleeping together? Was it one of the neighbors? Did one of Shechem's servants tell one of Jacob's servants, and they told Jacob? We know one thing! It was not Dinah! Well, in verses 11 and 12 Hamor and Shechem issued a heartfelt proposal. They offered Jacob any amount of money that he wanted. Shechem just wanted to marry Dinah. However, Jacobs' sons did not look upon this marriage proposal favorably. But, they acted like they were going along with it (deceitfully, in verse 13-17). Now, the custom for Hebrew boys was for them to get circumcised on the 8th day after their birth). Not the Hivites! (Genesis 34:13-19).

• Because their sister Dinah had been defiled, Jacob's sons replied deceitfully as they spoke to Shechem and his father Hamor. ¹⁴ They said to them, "We can't do such a thing; we can't give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. That would be a disgrace to us. ¹⁵ We will enter into an agreement with you on one condition only: that you become like us by circumcising all your males. ¹⁶ Then we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves. We'll settle among you and become one people with you. ¹⁷ But if you will not agree to be circumcised, we'll take our sister and go." ¹⁸ Their proposal seemed good to Hamor and his son Shechem. ¹⁹ The young man, who was the most honored of all his father's family, lost no time in doing what they said, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter.

So yes, deceitfully they tricked all of the MEN OF THAT CITY to get circumcised... All at the same time! Then, while all of the men were still sore and weak, they attacked and killed them all. Also, they took all of the valuables and spoils of their city, including their wives and children. Then, they took Dinah from Shechem's house and left the city! Dinah must have been torn, battered, feeling scarred, angry and ashamed. Who knows? But, since she never objected to the marriage, she must have had some feelings for Shechem, too. Of course, her brothers took

new-found love, and future husband.

Surely, she must be feeling that "NO SELF-RESPECTING MAN would ever want to marry me NOW! I am tarnished and blemished. And, I am no longer a virgin". But, she was so BEAUTIFUL that it did not matter to this wonderful NEW man that she met, named JOB.

Now, Let us continue this story by looking at the Book of Job.

- There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. ² And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. ³ His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household;
- So that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. (The richest, the most popular and the most prestigious man). ⁴And his sons went and feasted in their houses, everyone his day; and
- Sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. ⁵ And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said,

"It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually". WOW! What a man! Perfect, upright, feared God and would have NOTHING to do with evil and wrong doings! A truly Holy and Righteous man of God! But, a truly hated man of God by satan! Why? Because he was a SERIOUS THREAT to the kingdom of hell! (Matthew 12:26).

Satan had already, very carefully considered DESTROYING Job, long before God ever pointed him out as "His faithful servant". But, everything that he had tried to do against Job had backfired because God had a "hedge of protection" around Job. You see, satan threatened and boasted to God that, "If he moved that hedge, he would make Job curse him to his face". Like the PROUD Father that he was,

God took that challenge!

"O.K. satan! You have got my permission. Just don't kill him"!

Well, satan was so excited that God gave him permission, that immediately he killed and destroyed ALL THAT JOB HAD, except Job's wife. Wonder why not his wife? Hm-m-m. Not only did Job lose all of his riches, all of his wealth and all of his ten (10) children, but also his health! He looked like a walking skeleton, he lost so much weight. Maggots fell from his body's flesh and bones and his breath and his body "literally stank with a foul rotten odor".

Job said that his wife detested being around him because she could not abide smelling his breath (Job 19:17). Yes! This dear man suffered! Eventually, even his wife tried to encourage Job to just go on and "CURSE or BLESS (Hebrew for curse) GOD, whatever you want to do! It doesn't matter! "JUST DIE"! (Commit suicide).

Listen MEN of God, it's difficult to find a book or sermon treatment concerning the life of Job today, that doesn't include the usual condemnations toward Job's wife. How sad it is that it has become a Standard joke to "pity" poor Job. It has always seemed as if his wife was yet, another cross that God caused Job to bear. Everyone have always focused positively on Job but kind of looked down on Job's wife negatively! Yes, Job was truly "tested" but so was his WIFE! (Even from her early teenage stage, as we can see from Genesis 34th chapter).

BUT FIRST, LET'S LOOK AT WHO JOB'S WIFE WAS.

Now, the King James Bible never revealed her name, right? However, in my studies of the Targum, **it shows that she was Dinah**, (Jacob's daughter). Remember now, this girl was *so beautiful* that Hamor's son, Shechem (According to the TARGUM), could not live without having her as his wife and he was willing to pay any price for her hand in marriage.

O.K., before we go any further with the story, let's review what the "Targum" is! It is the official eastern (Babylonian (Aramaic translation) to the Torah – "which is the first five (5) books of the Bible". However, its early origins may have been in western Israel.

Its authorship is attributed to Onkelos, a famous convert to Judaism in Tannaic times (c.35–120 CE).

- According to Jewish tradition, the content of Targum Onkelos was originally conveyed by God to Moses at Mount Sinai.

 In Talmudic times, and to this day in Yemenite Jewish communities, Targum Onkelos was recited by heart as a verse-by-verse translation alternately with the Hebrew verses of the Torah in the synagogue.
- The Talmud states that "a person should complete his portions of scripture along with the community, reading the scripture twice and the *targum* once (*Shnayim mikra ve-echad targum*)." This passage is taken by many to refer to *"Targum Onkelos"*

Now, let's continue with the story! First of all, satan knew Dinah's past, her present and he saw her future... from the very beginning!

Just like he has seen yours! This is why so many of you were raped, molested or had so many "ugly" things to happen to you, early in life. Satan knew that if he could destroy your mind, he could keep you from serving God! He wanted to destroy your Godly, male and father image. And you would become dependent on drugs or alcohol to stop the pain!

• Men of God, satan saw that "YOU" were going to be a true threat to him, if he did not DESTROY you early. So, he has tried effortlessly, hasn't he? What didn't kill you, made you stronger! Better! Wiser! Disappoint the devil and LIVE! Be that threat!

Well, he felt the same way about Job. He knew that if he was ever going to "succeed in destroying Job", he would have to use something that Job really loved to help him! Well, we all know from the very 1st Chapter of Job, that next to God, Job loved his FAMILY more than ANYTHING, RIGHT? (His wife and his children). Now, in spite of Dinah's past, Job loved this girl with his whole heart. Her name means in Hebrew meant (judged; or vindicated).

Well, we all certainly do remember how rich her father (Jacob) was. All she ever knew was plenty and she had servants to attend to her

every need. I could imagine that her brothers protected and treated her like a fragile little doll because of her beauty. After all, she was their only sister.

Her mother was Leah. Leah was NOT SO beautiful and Jacob really was not in love with her, at all. He was in love with her sister, Rachael. So, perhaps Leah named her baby "Dinah" because she felt that God had vindicated her by giving her a "BEAUTIFUL" daughter. Well, Dinah had never wanted for anything! She never knew what "hard labor" was BUT her father taught her the ways of the Lord. So when she married Job she simply transferred from one RIGHTEOUS MAN (her father) to another RIGHTEOUS MAN (JOB) her husband. And she also transferred from one rich house to another. HER VERY OWN!!!!!

Yes, Job was a righteous man and one of the counselors (judges) of the city. Dinah was right there with her husband in giving to the poor, helping people and taking care of them. I can imagine that the people in the land had much respect for her. Remember now, in those days, children were a woman's glory, and she had plenty of GLORY!! 10 -WOW!! Ten CHILDREN!!!

• But, this precious lady, Dinah, never knew what was about to hit her. Men of God, have you never asked yourself, "Why did satan NEVER touch Dinah?"

Come on Brothers! Satan killed ALL of her children! He killed ALL of her cattle! Took ALL of their riches! And now, LOOK at her handsome husband! Satan never intended to touch Dinah Directly! He knew that if he touched her indirectly, that it would be ENOUGH for him to be able to <u>USE her</u> for his evil future purposes! (Against Job).

Think about it! How easy it would be for her to remember what happened with Shechem, now. How easy it would be to HATE her brothers now! How easy it would be NOW for satan to intimidate her with "See, there! If your Brothers had not killed Shechem, you would be married to him now and NOT GOING THROUGH THIS!

You had to marry a **RIGHTEOUS FOOL!** He made sure she felt anger, jealousy, pride, shame, contempt, embarrassment, dishonor,

wounds, satan will use them against you. They will resurface and revisit you.

• THE PATIENCE OF HELL WILL AWE YOU! And when it does, you can easily become angry, bitter, resentful and vengeful! And, you WILL BLAME GOD, foolishly too!

In just a split second, Dinah went from having everything at her finger tips, to losing ALL that she had ever known and loved, so dear. After losing EVERYTHING, she had to now go out and find work to survive and to feed her and her husband. Job was in no condition to do "anything". I could imagine how the women in the land talked about her and some maybe even laughed at her. "Look at Mrs. High and Mighty Now! Ha-Ha-Ha"!!! And, even if they didn't, satan did not MISS his opportunity to lie to her and make her think that they were laughing at her!

Every day she had to look at her husband's flesh deteriorate with filthy "MAGGOTS" pouring out of it! Here now is a man that she had loved and admired! Now she couldn't stand to be around him because of the stench of his rotten flesh and breath. Plus, she hated to see him suffer.

Yet Job still believed in God. Satan had a field day on this woman's mind until she couldn't take it anymore. *Remember now, Dinah was not SATAN'S TARGET! JOB WAS!!!!* But, Satan knew that if anyone could push Job over the edge and make him give up and "kill" himself, it would be Dinah! But, to Dinah, giving up was not an option to Job!

Again, this man LOVED his beautiful wife! Yes, he had lost his children, his riches, his cattle and it seemed all family and friends, but he still had his wife by his side. There was still HOPE in his eyes. Until satan played with her mind! She finally screamed, "COME ON MAN! HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO HOLD ONTO INTERNAL INTEGRITY"? Then she told her husband to "CURSE HIS GOD AND DIE" (kill yourself). We know whose words those were! (Job 2:3). Those were the same words that God BRAGGED on Job with! Satan wanted to be able to go back to God and say, "Now, where is his integrity now"? Oh, but God! The devil meant it for bad, but I am so

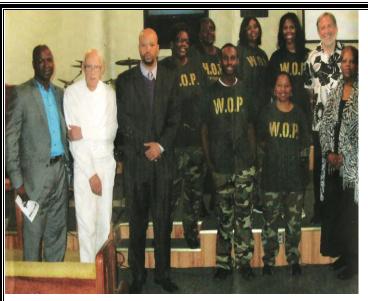
glad that God meant it for Job's good! And yours! And OURS! We know that "defeat" was satan's ultimate plan, anyway! Remember how he had boasted to God that he could get Job to curse him to his face? But, also Dinah knew that her only way out of this marriage was through Job's death. Yes, satan tormented her mind so badly until all she could think of was how much she had LOST!

The highest lady UP in society one minute and the poorest one in society the next second. Come on! This lady was suffering and satan was taking advantage of her pain! But, thank God! Job recognized that this was satan speaking and NOT his wife. Job refused to compromise with this demonic spirit! He recognized it! And he knew he was taking a risk of losing his wife, but he REFUSED TO COMPROMISE! Praise God! He reprimanded this "evil spirit" (harshly), and his rebuke caused Dinah's mind to SNAP BACK FROM SATAN'S MENTAL CLUTCH.

Thank God for Job being anchored "solidly" in his Righteous convictions and for having INTERNAL INTEGRITY! Remember now! Whenever satan wants to destroy you, he sends a person! In Job's case, it was Dinah! Who is or was your "Dinah"? Thou shalt have no other God before me! (Exodus 20:3). Thank God, once again, Dinah began to remember the goodness of the Lord, in spite of her pain.

She repented of her pride and for allowing satan to use her. She started back to praying with her husband and believing God for his HEALING! She submitted herself unto the Lord and RESISTED that devil, and he FLED AWAY! That's all it takes men! How do I know? BECAUSE she stayed with her husband and *PRODUCED 10* (TEN) more little Glories! Ten more children! Seven (7) boys and (3) more of the most "BEAUTIFUL" daughters in the whole land (Job 42:13-15).

Remember now, God never wastes anything! He allowed Job's hardships to make him face the truth about himself. <u>Pride!</u> Facing this truth only made Job a BETTER MAN and servant of God! (Job 41:34). And, God gave them DOUBLE FOR THEIR TROUBLE! Men of God, face, identify, confront, and conquer PRIDE before it conquers you!!!



Brother Jacinto (Jai) Rodriquez

<mark>(12/13/1937 – 5/10/ 2015</mark>)

WE LOVE YOU "BROTHER JAI"
Staton's 2012 Music Class
Graduation Brother "Jai" founder.

Although it saddens our hearts, our spirits are "REJOICING" in the knowing... that our precious brother in Christ, "Jacinto (Jai) Rodriquez" is now with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Thank you **Brother Harold Welch** and to all of you dear Brothers at **Staton**, for thinking of us and sending us a copy of the "**Memorial Service**" program. It really Blessed our hearts to see how you **not only remembered Brother Jai, but you honored him SO GRACEFULLY!** I am sure that he was looking down, and was very well pleased with the service.

We thank God for the Administration and Chaplain Smith for allowing this "Kingly", elegant and imperial recognition to take place. Always know that we here at the House of Praise Church and Hedges and Hi-Ways Prison Outreach will never forget OUR precious Brother Jai. His biological family shall forever remain in our prayers. We knew his dear brother, whom he cherished. Also, dear Brothers, we shall continue to PRAY for the healing of "your hearts", as we all remember the wonderfully good deeds and Godgiven gifts and talents that he shared SO unselfishly, with all. We can ONLY imagine the BOND of brotherhood that was established

among you throughout the years. Exactly (20) twenty days before his death, Pastor Carmen received a very heart touching and encouraging letter from Brother Jai. He shared his heart with her, as it related to various concerns, (including his health), but MOST OF ALL, his assuredness of his Salvation. In that letter, he solicited prayer and still found time to encourage her to NEVER STOP PREACHING THE "RAW AND UNCUT" Gospel of Truth. He testified concerning how much God through her had taught and inspired him to re-evaluate his life and to make that "ultimate" change, in preparation for ETERNITY! This boosted "her spirit" with a heightened inspiration to keep on OBEYING GOD!!! She shared the letter with our entire ministry and prayer went up for him, immediately. He taught "music" to many! We, Warriors of Praise and House of Praise, attended and took part in many of his music class graduations. Surely, ONE OF YOU will continue Brother "Jai's" talented, loving and kind-hearted contribution to mankind. We know that no one will ever be able to "fill" his shoes, but Men of God, please pray and ask God to show you, "Who will wear his mantle?"

HATS OFF TO CHAPLAIN_"OSSIE" BROWN FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!!!!!

How fortunate Elmore Prison Facility is to have Chaplain Brown as their "institutional Chaplain".

Talking about A Man with A "Heart" for God's ministry, the institution, the administration, for the men (inmates/outmates) and for people in general!!!

Chaplain Ossie Brown and Chaplain Thomas Woodfin, the program



The atmosphere was set and made to be conducive for the moving of the Holy Spirit, by Sister Lorri Dresbach. Lorri prayed a prayer that rendered every heart reverent to the KING OF KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS!! Afterwards, Sister Lorri and the Praise Teams of Elmore and House of Praise "ROCKED THE HOUSE" together, with a song called, "I'm so grateful". Pastor Marvin Davis "Blessed" everyone with a compelling scripture reading as an "appetizer" before the "dinner and dessert".

Pastor Demetrius (Dee-Dee) Trammell was the magnificent program coordinator. His laborious hard work and most "excellent managerial skills" gave profound direction to the program.

His lovely mother, Pastor Mamie Pennington of Faith Congregational Church, sung a powerful solo to the GLORY OF GOD! And his precious

sister, Co-Pastor Minister Shari Boddie, yielded and allowed Mr. Holy Spirit to bring authoritative words of encouragement to the entire house, through her. The dynamic words of Warden Leon Forniss and

warden Carl Clay will never be forgotten! The presence of their elegance was an applauded addition to the program. As newly appointed wardens of ELMORE, they both gave words of thanks and special recognition. Their "commanding and reinforcing" words showed that these great men of intellect, had truly been guided to Elmore by the hand of God. Even though we LOVE AND MISS Warden Daniels and Warden Bollings, we wholeheartedly WELCOME YOU PRECIOUS MEN OF GOD TO ELMORE, WARDEN FORNISS AND WARDEN CLAY!!!! We do thank God for you!

Brother Robert Marbury rendered a powerful WELCOME and expressions. Brother Ashawnfi. A. McCloud read a beautiful poem accentuated by soothing soft music. Mother Annie McKinnon was present and just her presence alone was a genuine "Blessing". Brother Harrison Cromwell read Mother McKinnon's Vision.

The men of the Elmore Praise Team worshipped God with a dynamic rendition of "Awakening" by Donnie McClurkin. The HOP/Warriors of Praise and the Elmore Warriors gave the WHOLE house a rendition of what True "Warrior Time" looked like. The skits were second to none! "The Healer", was so beautifully portrayed by Brother John Woods, Minister Victor Allen and the Elmore Skit and Drama Team.

And, The Elmore "Institutional Band" was totally awesome as they worshipped with the Covenant House Praise Team! Oh! But, God really brought the house down when Minister Victor sang "Let the Healer Heal, and Let the "Forgiver" forgive!! Every person was up on their feet in total worship and praise to our wonderful God! Hallelujah!!!!

<u>Sister Lorri presented Chaplain Brown</u> with a special certificate award and an unexpected "Beautiful Birthday Cake". Everyone sang

"Happy Birthday to You". The program was very well attended with both, institutional and free world people.

Two free world attendees were the beautiful wife, and lovely daughter of Chaplain Ossie Brown... Mrs. Sareta Brown and Ms. Oslynn Brown. Men of God, you have not met True Godly BEAUTY inside out, until you have met these "dear" ladies. They came in with "smiles", being supportive and showing the LOVE of God from their hearts! They went immediately to work and never

sat down until the program started. There was a special

and greet fellowship time WITH REFRESHMENTS in a Chapel classroom, from 5pm till 7pm. (Yes, the people ate both,

natural and spiritual foods)! Sisters Sareta and Oslynn helped to prepare the foods, they helped to feed, to decorate, and to clean-up afterwards (still smiling). They talked to the men, encouraged them and fellowshipped with them melodiously.

They did not meet any strangers. The got in where they "fit in". The Christian love of God really exuded out of them!

Chaplain Brown wanted everything to be perfect for this program and thanks to God through these two darling women,

IT WAS!! Chaplain Brown, your precious family is a Godly reflection of you! Sir, keep on obeying God! You are doing a great work. Brothers, keep Chaplain Brown and his darling family lifted up before the Lord! This man of God is affecting TRUE CHANGE in the camp and in the hearts of the MEN!

And, thank God, the Program was a "HUGE" success!!!

O.K. Men of God!

Congratulations!!!!!

Here is what you have been waiting for! Our winners for the word:

"Resurrection"!!!

And our BIG "1st PLACE" WINNER FOR THE MONTH IS: **Brother TIMOTHY BARNETT!**

Brother Barnett found <u>410 words.</u>

WOW!!! That seemed to be more than WE found! However, our hats are off to you dear Brother Timothy! And to YOU that came in as 2nd place winners!



Also, we are very PROUD OF YOU, Brothers:

Sherman Broadhead; Willie Hayward; Walter Burrell; Terry Burrows; Daniel Dixon; Norman Morris; and Dana

Pass!!!! **Congratulations!!!**

Now, let's look at the words that WE have personally found. I am sure that there are many more. So, don't hesitate to send them to us if you find more!!!! We always WELCOME your Godly and positive input.

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Anyway, HERE WE GO!!!!!!!!!!!

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Interesting HUH? Well, again, don't vacillate if you find more words. Send them to us! However, in the meantime, *GET READY FOR YOUR NEW WORD!* And, don't let these words fool you. They may look small to you but, you will be surprised at how many Words comes from the new word. And now, your NEW

WORD IS: "RAPTURE"!!!!! Men of God,

"Are you ready for the Rapture, for real"? Please do not kid yourself! If you are not ready, it is time to get ready for it now! Or you will be LEFT BEHIND! You are right, the word rapture may not be in the Bible itself, but the issue should be whether or not the concept of the rapture appears in the Bible (NOT IF THE WORD itself IS IN THERE). I am constantly amazed at how many people try use the fact that the "actual" word "rapture" does not appear in the Bible, as an argument against its validity. (especially those who call themselves Christians).

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

¹⁶ For zthe Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with athe trumpet of God. ^bAnd the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ ^cThen we who are alive *and* remain shall be "caught up" together with them din the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

With this scripture giving us such a <u>clear description</u> of the rapture, you would have to conclude that some people are just **playing games** with the Word of God. They are not really serious about "being or getting ready for the rapture". Their reasoning seems to be very squeaky because a huge number of words don't appear in the Bible, including the word "Bible" itself. You see, just because God's Word was originally written in Hebrew and Greek, one could truthfully say that no English words are found in the Bible.

Well, let's take a look at 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 in the original Greek:

4:16 οτι αυτός ο κυρίος εν κελευσματί εν φωνή αρχαγγελού και εν σαλπίγγι θεου καταβήσεται απ ουράνου και οι νέκροι εν χρίστω αναστήσονται πρώ τον 4:17 επείτα ημείς οι ζωντές οι περιλειπομένοι αμά συν αυτοίς αρπαγής ομέθα εν νέφελαις είς απαντήσιν του κυρίου είς αέρα και ουτώς παντότε συν κυρίω εσομέθα 4:18 ώστε παρακαλείτε αλλήλους εν τοις λογοίς τουτοίς

You are right! When I look at this, I don't see: "The dead in Christ rising, Jesus descending from Heaven, or us meeting Him in the air". AND, you're also right! The word "rapture" is nowhere to be found! Just like you, all I see is a bunch of nonsense gibberish!!!! (Smile). B-U-T!!!! Men of God, don't you be NO FOOL! No, you may NOT see the actual word, "RAPTURE" but just for your information, the word "rapture" comes from the Latin word rapturo, which is a translation of the Greek verb "caught up" that's found in 1Thessalonians 4:17.

Listen my dear precious Brothers, you can call it the "pre-tribulation rapture;" "the post-tribulation rapture"; the "pre-tribulation rapturo," or the "pre-tribulation caught up" - it's all the same thing! And, guess what? It is going to happen and you are either gonna be ready for it or NOT! And if you are not prepared, then you will be LEFT BEHIND! Are you really ready or willing to take that chance with your soul? I am NOT! Now, don't you make me go to heaven BY MYSELF, you hear me?

[AMEN???]

There is a *Longstanding Church song* that the OLD SAINTS used to sing when I was a child. It went like this: **Be ready when He comes**, Be ready when He comes! Be ready when He comes... Oh, He's coming again SO SOON! *Oh, don't let Him catch you with your WORK undone*, don't let Him catch you with your Work undone, don't let Him catch you with your Work undone, don't let Him catch you with your Work undone *He's coming again SO SOON!* Y'ALL BE READY NOW, YOU HEAR???



MAIL CALL! House of Praise "Special Letter Corner"



My Brothers, as you know, we receive hundreds of letters and every one of them is "SPECIAL"! How we wish that

we could answer every one personally, but we really are NOT allowed by DOC. However, with our travels, schedules, deadlines, personal lives (husbands, wives, children, schools, homes, bills and "REAL LIFE JOBS"), that is so very unrealistic, anyway. But, please know that we LOVE every one of you, individually and believe it or not, Pastor Carmen actually reads EVERY letter that comes in (herself). And, also know that we "PRAY" over "every letter" that we receive! Here is "A very precious and Special LETTER" from one of our Brothers!

By Brother Jason Conner

(PRINTED BY PERMISSSION)

Dear Pastor Carmen and all of the House of Praise Church,
Praise the Lord!!!! This is Bro. Jason C. from Elmore, (you know the tall white guy who always ushered up front by Dr. Doug). First, of all, I want to give each of you Mothers a special "Happy Mother's Day WISH!
Pastor Carmen, "Happy Mother's Day"! You ARE my mother and I thank God so much for how he has used you to deposit so much of HIM into my Life! I LOVE YOU!

Minister Gardner, "Happy Mother's Day"! Sister Corliss, "Happy Mother's Day"! I will never forget last year, when everybody lined up to get a hug from one of you three "MOTHERS"! I jumped in all three (3) lines. I just closed my eyes and felt the love that only a mother and God can give. That meant so much to all of us. Thank you all so very much! Sister Barbara, Sister Christie, Sister Meagan, Sister Tomyia, "Happy

Mother's Day". And finally, Sister Shea, You don't have any kids but you sure ACT like you are OUR MAMA (lol), so "Happy Mother's Day" to you also! Well, as you can see, I have been shipped to another camp. I was a bit shocked to get transferred with only (4) four months to E.O.S., and naturally, I inquired of the Lord. My answer came just as soon as I got here! As soon as I got to my dorm and unpacked, we went to "chow" and there in line, I hear "Deacon, Deacon". It was my pastor, (Pastor Robert). He had been sent here about 25 days prior. He was here and had been praying that he was here for the program. As it turns out, neither of us are here for the program, WE ARE ON ASSIGNMENT! Praise the Lord!! Hallelujah!!!

Pastor Robert told me that it was very "dry" here, spiritually and that he had been praying for some help. He told me that there were a bunch of self-help type classes that seems good to a man. But, we know better, don't we? What we need here is "JESUS" and remember how HE sent them out in two's? Only we were sent 25 days apart and neither of us knew it! Now for another Praise Report! When Pastor Robert got here, the only thing they had for any kind of "assembling of the saints" was for 1 hour a week on Tuesdays. Only one outside guest came in for religious volunteer service. Now, watch God! After one week, Pastor Robert, with prompting from the Holy Ghost, submitted a request to have inmate/outmate Bible Study three nights a week in one of the classrooms.

The administration here actually called Chaplain Brown and asked him about Pastor Robert. After getting a more than favorable report from Chaplain Brown, they approved Bible Study for 3 nights a week. Hallelujah! But, that is not all! I arrived here on March 31st. The Sunday previous, the 29th, was the very first Sunday Service ever held here. Another outside Church now comes every Sunday morning and they are now in the process of beginning "small groups". Just a couple of days ago, I was speaking with an employee about Jesus, who happens to be a member of a local Church. He shared with me that the Lord has led him to

ask the administration about him coming in on his "day off" to teach Bible Study. That is now in process! God is MOVING in a mighty way! In less than a month, we went from 1 hour a week to about 7 or 8. God is raising up several brothers here by allowing them to use their spiritual gifts. Then there's a Thursday night Bible Study where I am honored and privileged to teach Holy Spirit Class (God teaches, I just speak what HE gives me), and Saturday night Bible Study, where Pastor Robert teaches Revelation Class.

Will "House of Praise" and the men at Elmore join us in prayer (in agreement) on a few things? Pastor Robert and I are believing God for a "Study and Listening Center" where men can come in "all throughout the day" and study the Word of God and listen to teachings. We are also in prayer and believing God for "outmate Services"! And, we know that the House of Praise have a lot on their plates but we are believing for God to make a way to get "Y'all" in here! Glory!!!!

To all my Brothers at Elmore, I cannot say enough about how privileged I was that God placed me around so many mighty men of God! I will never forget Brother Hill who sort of renamed Elmore "MORE- EL" or "MORE- GOD"! Where else does anybody have the opportunity to immerse themselves 12 to 14 hours a day into studying and hearing the Word of God?!? Where else can you get the "RAW" and "UNCUT" Word of God that He delivers to us through His faithful and anointed servants, Pastor Carmen and the House of Praise? When our own family don't remember us or show up to visit us, House of Praise do! When other free world ministries don't show up to do their services, House of Praise (gladly) take their place, (as busy as they are) and they are constantly doing something special for the "whole camp"! House of Praise shows that they love us! They invest in us! They pour the LOVE of God into us! Thank you Holy Spirit that works through Pastor Carmen! At Elmore, I was BLESSED to serve under (3) different Pastors: Morris, Robert and Davis. I'm talking about real men of God... not just talking the talk, but

walking the "HOLY" walk! Not only did I have JESUS as an example, I had men that I served beside, as examples of "doers" of the Word of God, (who have all gone on to their next assignment). I was so Blessed to head our deacons up, who were so faithful and dedicated. And our awesome "gatekeepers" the (Ushers)! Men, if you don't know it, let me tell you, you are in a BIBLE COLLEGE!!!! You are in a Discipleship Program!!! ,,,,,,,, This one just happens to have a fence around it. You are in "TRAINING"!!!! Don't you remember all the Teaching that God sent to us through Pastor Carmen on the KINGDOM? Kings? Dominion?

God wants to COLONIZE! Make it look, sound, feel, act and be JUST LIKE HEAVEN, right there where you are! (Imitating Jesus, his character and showing his love). He brought Pastor Robert and me here to colonize! To duplicate what God has done and is still doing at Elmore!! Get all you can! Get it! (The teachings of Jesus Christ)! Pastor Carmen told us to get those "RED WRITINGS" down into your spirit. God wants to use you.

I was just re-reading Brother Rollo's testimony in the March Newsletter on Page 21 where he said, "As Pastor Carmen had said earlier that year: Some of us was going to be transferred just BEFORE getting out of prison. This would be either for extra time to get what we needed to be totally delivered OR to minister to others!" Is that CONFIRMATION or what?!! He goes on to say on (Page 23), "God wanted me at Atmore to get me out of my comfort zone where I could really seek His face and get delivered, (before I got free from behind those prison walls)"! I hear you Lord, loud and clear! Then I re-read Pastor Carmen's section and I took heed to it! I have learned by now that she doesn't just say something to be saying it. It comes from God, by way of the Holy Ghost! Don't let the devil trick you to put your mouth against this woman of God. That is dangerous for your soul! I have 91 more days until I am released and I am seeking God like never before. I need total deliverance! I am praying for God to release His "fingers" (my bars). I don't need No more restraints, no more

bondages, and no more confinements for me to be available for His work! FOR his use! I am a KING in this earth! I continue to learn His ways and make them my way. I want TRUE RELEASE!!! I love all of you at

Elmore! Thank you so much, CHAPLAIN BROWN! I will ALWAYS be your "DEAC"! It was at "EL-MORE" (MORE GOD), that

God transformed me from a backslidden, carnal Christian, into a "truly saved and serving God for real" man of God! For real! Glory! Thank You Jesus! And guess what? I am

gonna stay saved and I am gonna stay serving!! Hallelujah!!! Amen!!!!

Pastor Carmen, listen to this. I just got back from the Rec. yard. I saw Pastor Robert and I shared with him how the Holy Spirit had lead me to write to you and Elmore. And he said, "Really?!!" That was nothing but the Holy Ghost, because I just wrote her, too!!" Pastor Carmen, you should be getting both our letters at about the same time and we knew nothing about the other one writing until we were done!! Confirmation! I pray that you would put my new address on your mailing list. I don't know if you will be lead to put any of this letter in your Newsletter, but if not, please relay our thoughts and prayers to Chaplain Brown and all the men at Elmore. Let it be known that they are in my prayers. I lift them up almost daily. I am also praying for the HOUSE OF PRAISE. Please tell Brother Gabe that we love him, as well as Dr. Doug and Sister Sharon and of course, your baby, SISTER ANGEL! I repent if I left anyone out. Pastor Carmen, I do have a vision from God! I'll Love You, Always! Your Brother and SON in Christ Jesus, JASON CONNER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF OUR

!!!!Month of May "Birthdays"!!!!

To all of you precious men of God, including our beloved Chaplain Brown and his lovely wife, Sister Sarita... "Happy Birthday"!!!!

Remember, WE LOVE "ALL" OF YOU!!!!