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THROUGH BROTHER GABE,

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Praise the Lord, Men!!!... Praise the Lord, Men!!!... Praise the Lord, Men of GOD!! ***HALLELUJAH!!!!!!!!!! WHOOO!!!***

*Yeah, that's what I'm talking about! HOLY GHOST EXCITEMENT! A HALLELUJAH EXPLOSION OF **JOY, CHEER AND HAPPINESS**, ALL IN ONE, SPONTANEOUSLY IMPLoding MY SOUL!!!* Listen Brothers, I am so excited to be writing to you and I pray this letter finds you **BLESSED and well**. This is the Holy Ghost through Brother Gabe. As most of you know, already, I am one of the ***WARRIORS OF PRAISE!***

I don't know if I'll say a little or a lot, in this letter but whatever God tells me to write, that's what I'm going to do.

However, Men of God, there is one thing that has been *particularly* on my heart and my mind, to share with you. See, there are too many of us, especially men, that refuse to identify, confess and expose “PRIDE and EGO”.

As you know, **I'm not an old man, but I am a man.....**and I've been living for Jesus, for some time now, seeking to please Him. I was born and raised in the Church and it saddens me to say that **“I still don't have it all together yet”**. Because of this, I used to

allow “**Condemnation**” (*that OLD JOY KILLER*), to get the BEST of me. *All of the time! Over and over, again!*

Right in the middle of my *happiness, my joy and my freedom*, **condemnation** would “**STEAL MY VICTORY**”, over and over again. Thank God that He is not willing for any of us to perish, but for all of us to just come to ‘**TRUE REPENTANCE**’. (**2 Peter 3:9**) See, He wanted me to have a **Permanent CHANGE!** Not just a continuous, **TEMPORARY one**.

Then, one day, I read about our Brother, Paul, in **Philippians 3:12-13**. Paul said, “*Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, FORGETTING those things which are BEHIND, and REACHING forth unto those things which are before,*”.....

Oh, but my Brothers, don't have me go to verse 14, “*I press toward the mark for the “prize” of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*” (WOW!) I was just thinking about it. **HEY!!! Hallelujah!!!** Listen, You don't know what God JUST did for me in between **these two words**, “*HEY!!! and Hallelujah!!!*” I just felt ‘**Spiritual Weights**’ **fall off** of my shoulders and my mind. **Praise MY GOD!**

Listen, men of God, ain't nobody here, right now, but **me and Jesus** and tears are running down my eyes because God just moved **IN** me, **FOR** me, and **ON** me! As I was meditating on those verses, ***I felt those mental bands of heaviness, just break right off*** of me. Now, I say, “Hey Mr. Devil, “***It's ON NOW!***” ***See, there is NO “Forgiving” without “Forgetting”.*** ***Yes, Forgiving yourself, first! Take satans' Blackmail away !***

I declare that the **same thing** that GOD just allowed to happen to me, happens to you and I am talking about right NOW, as you are reading this letter! In the Name of Jesus! ***RIGHT NOW!!! RIGHT NOW!!! RIGHT NOW!!!*** Hallelujah!!!!!! **Hey!!** Don't tell me God isn't real, because HE IS. **Hallelujah!!!**

Men, ***like verse 14 says, It is a PRESS*** and don't let anyone tell you anything different. You will meet with opposition..... satanic opposition. And, yes, you will ***mess up***, sometimes and ***you won't always get it right***, but keep on pressing. (*Persevere*). Who knew better than David, about messing up? He said, “***Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand***”. **YOU WILL RISE AGAIN!** (***Psalm 37:24 & Proverbs 24:16***).

My Brothers, **DON'T GIVE UP**. Don't go back into **Egypt**(Bondage and Sin). If God has delivered you from anything, and I don't care what it is: *cursing, drinking, smoking, bad attitude, perversion, etc.* You know what your BONDAGE has been.....So, I implore you, please, don't go back to that thing! Just look at what's at the end of the press: ***THE PRIZE!!!*** (**James 1:12**), says, “***Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the CROWN OF LIFE, which the Lord***

*hath promised to them that love him". (THAT IS OUR PRIZE). I was wondering when and where God was going to bring this verse in. **HE'S SO "OFF THE CHAIN".***

You might be saying, " *Bro. Gabe, you don't know how hard it is, or, I keep on messing up or I keep on losing this same fight with sin and temptation.*" ***You know, not too long ago, we had to do some "SPIRITUAL, in house" cleaning.*** We had to get some things straight, *mainly: ourselves, personally and individually.*

See, **we are taught that we don't feed you something and don't eat it ourselves, first.** Well, during this time of cleansing, God brought out the scripture **Isaiah 30:15**, which says, **"For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not."**

In essence, what God was really telling us, was that **we were wasting time fighting temptation/"sin"**. Instead, we should be spending that time **"Falling In Love with JESUS" and getting a real intimacy with Him.** It made so much sense to me. OUR FLESH does not know how to love, for real. It is going to take God's AGAPE' LOVE! Without that, we CAN NOT LOVE wives, children, brothers, sisters, OR OURSELVES!

See, you can not GIVE something that you *do not have*. We must learn how **to receive from God.** **John 10:10** says, **"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"**. (abundantly simply means, to overflowing). **Why does God want us to have life to an overflowing capacity? It is so that you can minister to others from the OVERFLOW of your life.**

For this reason, we must FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS TILL IT OVERFLOWS!!! Then we can minister love, to others, from our OVERFLOW! Not only that, but when we fall in love with Jesus, His Grace helps us to overcome our EVIL TENDENCIES. JESUS LOVES US UNCONDITIONALLY, JUST THE WAY WE ARE!

My mind flashed back to when I was in high school. **REMEMBER, now, I WAS SAVED! BUT, you talking about temptations? Men, I was TEMPTED!**

Every evening, after school, I would come home and put on some Worship Music and just lay before God. **(faults and all).** A lot of times, I would not even say anything. I would just lie there, *in His presence*. Sometimes, I would fall asleep or I would hear my family come in, but I didn't care. **I would not get up until me and God were finished.** God saw me, and **He saw my faults but He saw my "efforts", too.** And He sees yours, too. *He blesses our "efforts" when they are sincere, from a PURE HEART, and NOT with a HIDDEN AGENDA.*

To be honest, *as the years went by*, I got away from all of that wonderful, close, and private intimacy with God. ***I began to get inconsistent. "Back and Forth", "UP and Down", "IN" the Word then "OUT" of the Word.*** My prayer time got shorter and shorter, until suddenly, I noticed that I was not praying or hardly even reading my Bible, at all. **Sometimes, I would feel God tugging at my heart, saying, "Son, Come unto**

me”, but, I would not come!! You see, I was “too” caught up in SIN, by that time. But, Oh ***How I regretted it!*** Pride, Disobedience, Rebellion and Hating Authority were just a few spirits that I entertained! I guess it was *No wonder* I found myself back in Egypt, so much.

H-m-m-m- m- m-..... Selah.

So, after this recent time of *inner, Spiritual cleansing*, I couldn't wait to go back to ***my first Love.*** (Revelation 2:2-5) Oh, how wonderful it was to just simply LAY in His Presence, once again. While I laid there, He brought ***Isaiah 30:15*** back to me. ***“For thus saith the LORD God, the HOLY One of ISRAEL; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not”.***

Here, just as HE had “lovingly” *warned* Judah, He was saying to me, “Now, son, I am your FATHER. Look how long I have been tugging at you and trying to get you to just come and let me *“love on you”*. But, you were too busy with the cares of the world, to even come and *lay in my arms, and just let me LOVE YOU.* ***Yet, the more I begged for your love, the more you rebelled and disobeyed me.*** Son, don't you know that *turning to Egypt (Bondage and Sin), and Military might (False securities), (instead of to me), can not Save you?* Only I can do that! ***Come back to me, with your whole heart! Put your TRUST in me, and not in what you see in the world.*** Stop trying to get the riches of the world, in a hurry!

See, my son, you **must WAIT patiently, quietly and with confidence for me.** There is NO amount of fast talking or hasty activity, that will make me speed up my Sovereign and Grand Design that I have for you. ***Salvation comes from me alone, and because I have saved you, you can TRUST me and be Peacefully confident that I will give you the strength, to face your difficulties and temptations”.*** Hallelujah! While studying this scripture, I learned that ***it is Gods' Grace that helps me to OVERCOME my EVIL tendencies.*** Why? Because My Heavenly Father loves me “*UNCONDITIONALLY*”, just the way I am! Well, as I studied, here are *some* definitions that God gave me. Let me share some of them with you:

- **Return-1.** to go back or come again: to pass back to an earlier Possessor. (Prov.8:22): to give back to the Owner(Ps. 24:1): to go back in thought, practice, or condition: a regular or frequent returning. Even Jesus had to do this. (return to Father in Prayer). ***Neither His life nor ministry would have been effective, if HE had not continued to go to the Father and spend Quality TIME with HIM..*** (Matthew 14:23, Mk. 6:46-47, Mk.1:35). It is essential to our very souls that we return and spend *QUALITY* time with God, our Father(John 20:17)

In the Hebrew language return is “*shuwb*” it means “*to get oneself back*”.

Men, we need to **get ourselves back** to our true identity. Have you ever said to yourself, “*This isn't me?*” Well, that's cause **it's not you.** The Bible tells us that our life **is hid** with Christ, in God (Colossians 3:3). So, we have to **get with Christ, in God**, to find the real us. **Isn't that something?**

- **Rest-2.** a place for lodging or resting: peace of mind or spirit: To sit or lie fixed or supported.

Many times, our minds are racing because of the demands, circumstances, or problems of life. However, in the midst of the “*inner chatter*” of our souls, it can be hard for us to focus, listen, or hear. Jesus knew this, (**Hebrews 4:15**), so He spent every available minute with The Father. **Yes, even Jesus had to do this.** He told us in **Luke 21:19**, that ***we possess our souls, in our patience***. By this, we can then return unto our rest by *simply opening our mouths, and speaking to our souls. Our souls, which is made up of our minds, wills and emotions, can be commanded to its’ REST IN CHRIST JESUS.* **Hebrews 4:16** says, ***“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”***

- **Save-3.** to deliver from sin: to rescue or deliver from danger or harm: to preserve or guard from injury, destruction, or loss: to keep from being lost to an opponent. And who is our opponent? (**1Peter 5:8**). I love this definition-a play that prevents an opponent from scoring or winning. **Whoo!!!**

Save(d)- in Hebrew is ‘yasha’ it means to be open, wide, or free, i.e. to be safe, help, defend, rescue, save, **GET VICTORY!!!**

So in going to God with our”failures, (flaws” and all), to get our true identity back, and lying fixed or supported in Him, enables us to be **limitless and free**. And... it is a play that is being done by us, who **PREVENTS** the devil from winning or scoring, on us.

See, Pastor Carmen always tells us that it is better to take preventive measures, than restorative measures. In other WORDS, before it gets bad, let me do something, RATHER than, it has now gotten so bad, that I don’t know what to do . “We need to run this play everyday”. AMEN?

- **Quietness-4.** tranquility: free from noise or uproar: to make secure by freeing from dispute or question; Peaceful. One definition in Hebrew for quietness means “still” (**Psalm 4:4, Ps. 107:29-31**)
- **Confidence-5.** a feeling or consciousness of One's(God's) powers or of reliance on one's (our own) circumstances. Which one will you choose to rely on?

Reliance on your own self or faith and belief that (God) will act right, proper, and in an effective way(**Hebrews 11:6**) through a relationship of trust or intimacy? See, there we go back to that **relationship and intimacy**, again. ***It is so needed brothers that we get in the Presence of God:*** without it, we will run on **fumes and fade out**. It is so important until you need to read what King David said in (**Psalm 51:11; Ps. 23:5; Ps. 17:2**). Why? Because he knew what being in Gods’ Holy presence would do for us. (**Psalm 16:11**). Everything we need is, with God, our Father and He is so ready to give you what you need, in order to be ready when Jesus comes. (**Luke 11:9-13**)

Webster's Dictionary says that "Confidence stresses faith in oneself and in One's(Gods') powers, without any suggestion of conceit or arrogance."

Strength-6 the quality or state of being strong: power to resist force(**James 4:7**) You see, the power to resist comes from submitting to God first: toughness (our toughness really is not "all of that"): power of resisting attack: legal, logical, or moral force: vigor of expression. (Sometimes as men, we find it difficult to express what we want to say or express ourselves in the right way-God wants to give us that): One(God) regarded as embodying or affording force or firmness

This strength in Hebrew is *gěbuwrah* it means "***force, valor, victory, bravery, mighty deeds(of God)***". In our being still and relying on God's power and character, HE gives us strength to resist the attacks of Hell and it allows God to do mighty deeds for us. ***Is that not a true blessing?***

Men and Brothers, let us seek to spend ***QUALITY*** time with God. The QUANTITY(how much) doesn't matter ***if it's not effective*** and the effectiveness only- comes- from ***QUALITY***. ***Quality time with God will change our lives.*** Let's start and continue to ***press into the presence of God***, even if it is *just five minutes*. If you can do more..... then do more,

But, whatever you do, let's ***STOP FIGHTING AN ALREADY WON BATTLE!*** (**2Chronicles 20:3,15,17**). Submission is how we are going to "ACCOMPLISH" our Mission. Sooner or later, WITH SUBMISSION, your dream will become YOUR REALITY. But, WITHOUT SUBMISSION, your dreams will become your DESTRUCTION. So, LET'S JUST "SUBMIT" and "SEEK" TO "LOVE" OUR GOD! (**Mark 12:29-31**) Because, ***HE SURE DOES LOVE YOU!!!!***

Be Blessed & Let's Make It,

The "***Holy Ghost***" through Bro. Gabe

Jude 24-25

(P.S.) Minister Gardner, Pastor Carmen and the Entire "WARRIORS TEAM", sends their prayers and love, to you!!!