

Happy New Year

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“Precious Men of God”,
WOW!! ANOTHER YEAR!!
IS OUR GOD “GOOD” OR WHAT?

Another year to bring “Greetings” to you, in the *Holy and Matchless Name*, of our Savior, Jesus Christ, **“Who is and Who was and Who is to come, (SOON), the Almighty!” (Revelation 1:8).** *“Neither is there Salvation in any other; for there is none other name under Heaven given, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12) His name is “JESÚS”! HE is the Good News! Glory to God!*

“Come”! Let us enter into His Presence with singing:
(“GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS”)



When I look back over my life,
*I can see how Your Love has guided me,
Even though I've done wrong,
You never left me alone,
You forgave me and You kept on blessing me.*
This, I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. (Lamentations 3:23)
It's because of Your Mercies that I am not consumed.

 *Because your compassions fail not, They are new every morning!* 
Great is Your Faithfulness, Great is Your Faith-ful-ness!!!
You've been, "LORD", You've been so Faithful!

THANK YOU JESUS!!!!!!! For Your Faithfulness!!!



TRUE STORY

ONCE UPON A TIME, (*This morning before daybreak*), My smoke detector and FIRE ALARM in my kitchen, "**Blasted**" through my house! **No one was cooking anything!** I was asleep! Everyone was! **We were awakened in "total shock"**, wondering, "**WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?**" We worked '**untiringly**' to shut the NOISE off! It just would not STOP! We even tried to "Smother it with PILLOWS"! **Finally**, we literally had to **take the BATTERY OUT OF IT!** THEN, AND ONLY THEN, WERE WE ABLE TO GET SOME "PEACE AND QUIET".

Afterwards, I pondered this in my mind for quite a while. "Why did this happen?" Well, as you know, our God" talks" in many ways, to us. See, He is just "NOT" willing for any of us to perish, but he wants us all to come to REPENTANCE! (2 Peter 3:9). Therefore, He will use anything that He has to, in order to get our attention. Thank God, He allowed Mr. Holy Spirit to enlighten the eyes of my understanding. (Ephesians 1:20). This was MY "spiritual alarm". (Joel 2:1). "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion and sound an ALARM in my Holy Mountain. Let the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand".

My Brothers, *believe me*, when I say that the sound of the alarm, (at that 'startling hour' of the morning), was a **warning** in itself. **You know, the HOUSE could have really been on FIRE, for real!** However, when Mr. Holy Spirit gave me this

scripture, this was a “*RUDE AWAKENING*”, that *I* did not ignore! *MY GOD* saw the *contented*, “*BACKSLIDDEN*” state that I was in, and with an URGENCY and an ALARM, HE called out to Me, “*Corliss, HOW LONG WILL YOU SLEEP, O SLUGGARD?*” (*Proverbs 6:9*). Thank you Jesús FOR AWAKENING ME!

It was at that moment, that my “Wonderful Heavenly Father”, began to “DEAL” with me, “ABOUT ME”!! Oh, God had used Pastor Carmen to warn me, many times. But, sometimes, God just has to DEAL with some people, *personally*. The problem with that is, “*HOW*” will He deal with them? After praying and thanking God for *His Mercy and Grace*, I asked Him, “*Father, what is the source of the trouble that I am now experiencing?*” You know, all He is waiting on, is for “US” to talk to Him. He promises to ‘*answer us*’ any time that we call unto Him, Amen? (*Jeremiah 33:3*). Well, *He did not hesitate. Immediately*, He put me in remembrance of a *vision*. You see, *fifteen (15) years ago*, God had shown a precious christian sister, named “*Robin*”, a vision of me, ‘*backsliding*’.

Well, you know how “we” are! *Especially* when the “VISION” does not *seem* to apply to us! We react with a *stuck on stupid* “ATTITUDE” of, “Why, that could never happen to me”! See, satan has a way of causing “*PRIDE*” to make us *look, act and SOUND like a FOOL*. My response to her was, “*The devil is a liar! I am not backsliding because of nothing and nobody*”. Well, I just politely “ignored” her and kept on going, (*in my own PRIDE filled way*), as if she had said *nothing* to me. *Ooo-Wee, Brothers*, this is a *VERY DANGEROUS ATTITUDE AND SPIRIT*. When will we ever learn that, *PRIDE goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit is just before a FALL?* (*Proverbs 16:18*). See, like most of us, it was not something that I wanted to hear! *I was “saved”!* (Holier than Thou). “She need to be PROPHECYING “*Blessings and Prosperity*” to ME!! And who was *she, anyway*, to tell me *ANYTHING* about me *BACKSLIDING? PLEASE”!!* You know, Brothers, it did not even matter to me, that this ‘dear sister’ came to me, in a *SPIRIT OF LOVE and HUMILITY*. She was a very SWEET and KIND sister. Yet, none of that matters to us when “*WE*” WALK IN PRIDE. I recalled that as she was telling me the vision, *very humbly*, she said, “*I do not dream often, and even when I do, I usually do not remember the dream*”. However, this one, she did.

“THE VISION”

O.K. In the VISION, I had “*BACKSLID*”. She said that I backslid because my *16 year old daughter* had gotten pregnant. Also, she said, that “I”, (Sister Corliss), *went back to wearing ‘hot pants, partying, taking drugs and smoking cigarettes’*. NOW, GET THIS! 15 YEARS LATER, *MY ANOINTED, HOLY GHOST FILLED, Armor Bearer to the Pastor, Prayer WARRIOR - DAUGHTER, “DID” GET PREGNANT “OUT OF WEDLOCK”!* AND, *disappointed, embarrassed, hurt, and ashamed, “I” DID FALL INTO A ‘BACKSLIDDEN STATE’!* **NO!** I did not go back into the world! I did not start *smoking*! Neither did I start back *wearing hot pants, taking drugs or drinking!*

See, *most of us think* that the ONLY phase of backsliding is, to go back into the world and start doing the worldly things that WE **used to do**, all over, again. You know, those “OLD” wicked, evil, sinful, obvious and ***OUTWARD things***, that you and everyone else can see, (with the natural eyes). Well, that was NOT so in my case. **LISTEN, Men of God, I STILL went to church** (every time the door opened), and *I still became a backslider (in my heart)*. **“A Cold, Dead Man Walking”**.

Jeremiah 17:9 states, **“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked”**.

You know, I should have “prayerfully” kept that vision ever before me and asked God to “PRESERVE MY DAUGHTER” and to help me “not” to backslide!

Instead, I acted arrogant, *“self assured and flippant”*, (as if I knew what was down the road). **(Habbakkuk 2:3) Tells us that the Vision will not LIE, But it WILL COME to pass.** Men, **“The patience of hell will AWE you”**. Fifteen years, or TwentyOR THIRTY years, later, **“after” you have forgotten all about your WARNING, that satanic snake’s head will bristle up.** And, it will cause you to feel **“AWE”**: (Mixed feelings of emotions consisting of): **SHOCK, LOSS, EMPTINESS, FEAR, HURT, REVERANCE, DREAD, VENERATION AND WONDER!** In other words, **“HOW COULD I BE SO “STUPID”? Why didn’t I listen?” Do you think that this is what the Rich Man felt, (who died and went to HELL), when he saw Lazarus in Abraham’s bosom?**

Brothers, how *‘sad’* it is that the word, **“backslide”**, is hardly ever used in the church world today, anymore. And, certainly NOT to describe a saint’s **declining spiritual condition**. What happened to the Good, old fashioned, NON-COMPROMISING, Anointed, Holy Ghost Preachers, that used to PREACH until God convicted people of their SINS? **The kind that did not mind “telling you” that you were in a BACKSLIDDEN STATE**, about to burst Hell wide open, regardless of whether or not you put an OFFERING in the Church? Hardly ever do we hear the word, backslide! Nevertheless, ***it’s real!*** **And , it is happening EVERYDAY!**

We need to go back to the “OLD LAND MODEL OF TRUE HOLINESS”. **Thank God for Shepherds like Pastor Carmen.** **(Keep her lifted up, Men of God! Pray that she will “forever” be strengthened and encouraged, to set her face as a flint and continue to Preach the uncompromised and ‘unadulterated’ WORD of God, in season and out of season).**

- **Listen, Webster’s Dictionary defines ‘backslide’ as – to lapse or fall backwards in your relationship with Christ. To lose interest in following the Lord; to go back; turn away; apostate; idolatrous; heathen; to turn away from serving God and give your devotion to a false god in idolatry (people, things, vain imaginations, lewd thoughts, etc.)**

Backsliding doesn’t happen over night. It’s a gradual process and the **“end result”** could be **apostasy** (one who forsakes his faith or principles, values, or morals). **And, you know,** if God doesn’t help us, our end could be DEATH or HELL! **Warning**

comes before destruction! If we would only HEAR! Lord, Please help us to HEAR, in a “TIMELY MANNER”. You see, men, **‘DELAYED OBEDIENCE IS STILL DISOBEDIENCE’**. Disobedience is SIN and the WAGES of sin is DEATH! (**ROMANS 6:23**). Hallelujah! *Thank you Jesus for Your Mercy!*

As you can see, *from my own testimony*, when you are *in a backsliden state*, you **deceive yourself** into believing that **“you are all right”**. You still ‘go through the motions’ and ‘conform to the traditional and ceremonial routines’. (**religious spirits and learned behavior**). You do the ‘CORRECT’ Handclap, say ‘Amen’ at the right time, speak in some kind of tongues and even do the dance that *‘looks’ HOLY!* **Hey, the devil can, too.**

Actually, it is simply offering **up “STRANGE FIRE” to God**, just like Aaron’s sons, **Nadab and Abihu did**. Remember, they ended up losing their lives by **“falling dead”** in the SANCTUARY. **God killed them dead. (Leviticus 10:1-2)**. Men of God, if God has EVER SAVED YOU AND FILLED YOU WITH THE **“REAL” HOLY GHOST AND FIRE**, you had better **“keep that FIRE LIT” and do not let it GO OUT**. Too many have “negligently” allowed their “GOD- LIT- FIRE”, to go out and then, they come into the HOUSE OF GOD, **pretending** that it is STILL LIT. **HOW?**

- **They pretend to feel the presence of God. Going through the motions! OMITTING INSTEAD OF ADMITTING!**
- **TRYING TO IMPRESS FOLKS THAT DO NOT HAVE A HEAVEN OR A HELL TO PUT THEM IN!**
- **FAKING GOD’S HOLY ANOINTING! IMITATING OTHERS THAT “DO” HAVE THE ‘REAL SPIRIT OF GOD’, IN THEIR LIVES!**
- **LAYING HANDS ON OTHERS AND “DISPERSING” EVIL, DEMONIC SPIRITS INTO THEM!**
- **GRABBING THE MICROPHONE AND PREACHING A “HOOPING, FEEL GOOD SERMÓN”! PLAYING WITH GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT! BUT, not living the HOLY LIFE, for REAL!!!!!! MY GOD FORBID!!!!**

Listen, Brothers, take it from someone who has been there! I consistently attended church, brought my “tithes and offerings” into the storehouse, **visited the sick in the hospitals and nursing homes, traveled with the prison ministry, ministered at the schools, witnessed to strangers, etc.** **So, I must have been in right standing with God, right?** **WRONG!**

I THANK MY GOD that HE is not impressed with an “outward show” of religious **acts or emotions**. He sees the inner you. (**The Heart**)! Your ‘spirit man’ **is the real you!** Remember the scripture **John 4:24?** **“God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth”**.

Men, we really don’t know “Who we are dealing with” or rather, “Who is dealing with us”! **Jehovah God is No Joke!** Serving Him **half-heartedly** just won’t cut it! That is playing ‘RUSSIAN ROULET’ with your life. It’s either **ALL OR**

NOTHING! He is a *jealous* God! **He has our number and He can AND will “DIAL IT”, whenever He gets “good and ready”!** (*Psalm 39:4-5.*) Yes, you can fool *some* of the people some of the time. You may *even be able to fool some* of the people “**all of the time**”. But, ***you cannot ever, (as in never), fool Jehovah God, at NO time!*** Some of us can talk a good game, but Mr. Jehovah, Mr. Holy, Mr. ELOHIM, **is not moved!** *He sees the condition of our hearts, at all times.* He only answers prayers that are from a “PURE HEART”. Notice, that I did not say, “heart felt” prayers! We don’t even know “*our own heart,*” unless God reveals it to us.
Jeremiah 17:9-10. AMEN?

A year or so ago, a precious “inmate-Brother”, made key rings for all of us (*House of Praise and WARRIORS OF PRAISE*) and issued them to us, as we entered the chapel. They were handed to each of us, personally and individually. All of them had *different shapes and colors*, and they were made of leather. Mine was “heart shaped, dark- chocolate colored, trimmed in white, with W.O.P. (in white letters), in the middle of the heart”. ***Need I say more?*** Many of us have darkened hearts on the inside, but “outwardly” they are trimmed in (white) false, hypocritical Contrition. Appearing to be “PURE”, to men. Our Awesome God will use a natural thing (key ring) to give us a “spiritual message”, just like he used that FIRE ALARM to say “WAKE UP, GET UP and DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR SPIRITUAL STATE”. Get your “Black” heart cleansed and purified! Thank God that He uses whatever it takes and by any means necessary! He is Patient! Oh, ***What Love!*** His Mercy endures forever!

Mark 4:19 says, “*The cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches and the LUST of other things enter in, choke the Word and causes it to become unfruitful*”. “*But the Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance; against such, there is NO LAW*”. (***Galatians 5:22-23***). Men of God, when God’s Presence and His Will (His Word) is not “first priority” in our lives, (***Matt.6:33***), ***backsliding is inevitable***. See, without His Presence and His Word inside of us (***Psalm 119:16***) and (***Psalm 51:6***), our heart becomes ***cold, calloused and indifferent towards God, others and even ourselves***.

We become “hard- hearted”, “stiff-necked”, “rebellious”, “impudent”, “stubborn”, “impertinent”, “filled with PRIDE”, and “foolish”. NOBODY CAN TELL US NOTHING! **WE KNOW IT ALL!** WE GOT IT ALL! You tend to get easily *offended, frustrated, impatient, angry, bitter, full of anxiety AND unbelief*. To say nothing about “**JEALOUSY**”. We “HATE” others just because they remind us of where we ONCE WERE or because they **REMIND US OF WHERE WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE!** Now, you are in the “**Danger Zone**” of committing ‘*spiritual suicide*’. ***Remember Judas?*** *He hung himself*.

Proverbs 19:3 says, “*The foolishness of man ‘perverts’ his own way and his heart frets’ against the Lord*”.

- ***Pervert:*** (turns away from what is right)
- ***His own way*** (his own affairs)

- *And his heart frets* (gets annoyed, expresses worry, agitation and discontentment).

Translation: We mess our own lives up, OURSELVES, with stinking thinking, following after our own ‘lusts’, following our ‘own advice’, refusing to take heed to God’s WARNINGS, (regardless of who he sends them through). Then, when things *don’t turn out the way we want them to*, we become upset, angry, disillusioned, pride filled, offended, resentful, unrepentant, **AND WE BLAME GOD**, instead of accepting the responsibility, for our own “foolish” ways and actions.

I am reminded of *a vision that I had, years ago*. A *father and a son* visited me at home. The *father* was standing there, *quietly*, with a nice, green suit, shirt and tie on. His hair was “Snow White”. He held his hands *behind his back*. *The son* was standing on the father’s right side. I walked in the room to greet them and the (Son) interrupted me. **He did not let me finish**. He cut me off ‘firmly’ with these words, “When MY father first gave this house to YOU, it did not look like this! **The gutters are all backed up with junk and mess and trash! This should not be!**” Needless to say, he was not a happy camper. I looked around at my natural house and it looked fine, to me. Everything was neat and orderly, I thought. Therefore, I was speechless. They left. **Hurriedly**, I looked out of the window to see where they went. They, (the father and the son) had rakes and other equipment, cleaning off my yard and **cleaning out my gutters**. Dear BROTHERS! The “gutters” represent **OUR hearts**. Just as the ‘gutters’, on the roofs of our “REAL” houses, get all cluttered, so do OUR HEARTS, **when we do not keep them “Cleaned OUT”**. The next thing we know, we have all kinds of structural “LEAKS and DAMAGES”. Then, before we know it, all kinds of “elements”, “pests”, and “spirits” can come in.

See, the problem is, we just want to do our own thing, add GOD’s Name to it and expect Him to endorse and approve it. **Not so!** **That “CON MAN” spirit is what has gotten most of us in trouble now!** “Locked up in Bondage”. **We cannot hustle God!** **But, we foolishly keep trying, don’t we?** He stands back and He allows us to falter, fail, fake, and fall until we hopefully come to ourselves, like the Prodigal son finally did, in **Luke 15:11-32**. **The only thing is, “How do we know whether God will be as long suffering with us, as He was with the Prodigal Son? Are we really willing to be ‘SO UNWISE”, and take that chance?**

I asked myself, “**How did I get here? To this ‘cold and BARREN’ place?**” (**Romans 1:28**), is the answer: “**And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient**.” (**Romans 1:21**). “**When they knew God, they GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, neither were thankful**”.

- **Retain:** *refusing to keep God and His sound doctrine* (“**but became VAIN in their imaginations and their foolish hearts were darkened**”).
- **Reprobate:** *(not enduring proof or trial; one who fails the test and is rejected by God; a depraved, unprincipled or wicked person; a vain, and empty mind)*.

- **When you knew Him as God (in your right mind),**
- **But did not glorify Him as God (with your right mind),**
- **He “turned you over” to a reprobate mind.** (allowed satan to have his way with you).
- It’s with our mind that we serve the law (Word) of God. (**Romans 7:25**)

Naturally speaking, we all know that, when we break the law, there are consequences, RIGHT? Police, arrests, trials, attorney fess, court dates, court costs, restitution, judges, probation, parole, life without, sentences, confinements, **the whole 9 yards,** right? We go through a process and it’s called **“doing time”.** ***Pastor Carmen always say, “Don’t just do time! Use time!”***

May I tell you, my Brothers, that ***“anything or anybody”*** that we work or speak against, cannot and will not “Bless or prosper” us? **Especially those in authority.** How can we be Blessed *by* the things that we *curse*? ***Beginning with our parents! We must honor and (respect) our mother and father. (Ephesians 6:2).*** Submitting to “natural and spiritual authority” is found in **Romans 13:1-14.** Listen, my Brothers, **TRUTH BE TOLD!** We might as well admit that we ***“hate authority”***, which is ordained by God, to protect us! But, instead, “we”, (***and I did say “WE”***), tend to kick against the prick and end up with a broken toe, foot ***or even worse.*** See, this has been one of my “Battles” for a long time.

God told His chosen nation, Israel, that because of their sinful rebellion, that He was going to ***allow NEBUCHADNEZZAR, (a heathen), to take them into captivity.*** **Then, He called Nebucadnezzar, “HIS SERVANT”.** **God then added, “And you had better not rebel or resist against his authority, or I will kill you myself”.** (**JEREMIAH 27:6-8).**)

Look, Men of God, We “DO NOT HAVE TO GO INTO BONDAGE” nor do we have to allow our NECK’s to be PUT, under Neb’s YOKE. But, if you are ALREADY UNDER THAT YOKE, “Humbly Submit”, and watch God move! AUTHORITY is ordained by God. If we would OBEY in the first place, we could AVOID the YOKE. All God is trying to do, is “cause us” to Return Back to HIS authority. Sadly, when we will not say “YES, To HIM, “VOLUNTARILY”, He will prepare a Whale or a Nebuchadnezzar, to teach us how to HUMBLE DOWN AND OBEY.

So, you see, the best thing to do, *in the first place,* is, ***“DO NOT BACKSLIDE”.*** **In other words, (don’t drift away from God).** However, if you find your self drifting away, ***get back on Course, QUICKLY!!!***

Here are six (6) SURE SIGNS that will show us that we are “drifting away” from God:

- 1). **loss of focus,** (taking your eyes off of God and getting distracted by worldly things.

- 2). **loss of priority**, (is when you put “*everything else first*”, in your lives, EXCEPT God, His word and every thing that pertains to Christ and Godliness.
- 3). **loss of discipline**, (rebelliousness is as the SIN of WITCHRAFT. Witchcraft is (*demonic control*). Anytime there is a loss of Godly guidance, it leaves you “Prone to” or “wide open” to satan’s manipulation). Then, you are NOT using your “GOD GIVEN WILL POWER” at all to say “NO” or to “**KICK THE DEVIL’S BUTT**”. (“The devil made me do it”). That is a lie and a COP OUT. God gave us POWER OVER “ALL” UNCLEAN SPIRITS. Not just some.
- 4). **loss of commitment**, (When you first got saved, nobody could keep you away from the church, reading the Bible, fasting, seeking the will of God or Praying . Now, Oh, Zion, what is the Matter?
- 5). **loss of passion**, (**You have lost that strong, intense, love, joy, enthusiasm and emotional excitement for the things of God**).
- 6). **loss of emotions**. **Selah. YOU CAN NOT CRY!** No tears will come, regardless of how hard you try. **There is no “BROKENNESS!! Yes, you see others “rejoicing”,in an ANOINTED SERVICE, TOO! But you feel like the “WALKING DEAD”.** You do not feel “CONVICTION”. (YOU ONLY FEEL Nonchalant, passive, and just don’t seem to care anymore whether you ‘even’ go to Church, pray, or read the Bible. You use to **leap wildly** and make a loud **CLAMOROUS NOISE as you PRAISED GOD**. Now, you don’t even want to *lift your hands*, say Hallelujah, *Stand up out of your seat*, or say “AMEN”.

Do any of these apply to you? Then, KEEP ON READING!

Next are the signs of backsliding:

1. **Regression**- return or withdrawal; a retreat or return to a lesser evolved state
2. **Repression** -to restrain; to keep or put down
3. **Suppression**-stop from going further
4. **Depression**-feeling all alone; no one to help you
5. **Oppression**-a sense of heaviness or obstruction
6. **Obsession**-to provoke anxiety and dominate a person
7. **Demon Possession**- under the power/control of a demonic force

Another “**tell tale sign of backsliding**” is that you don’t even have a desire to give **testimonies of God’s Goodness anymore**. If you do testify, you tell of how God keeps saving your **life, from destruction through near death** experiences, because that’s where you are **spiritually. NEAR DEATH!** On the edge! About to fall off the cliff! About to shipwreck! On the verge of giving up! *Feeling hopeless!* Just existing and waiting to die, right where you are! **Living like God is dead!** The devil is a liar and the father of it! (**John 8:44**). **We shall live and not die and we will declare the wondrous works of God (Psalm 118:17), in Jesus Name. Glory to God!**

We should thank God for not giving us *what we really deserve (Psalms 103:10)*. We should thank Him for not “**giving up**” on us, even though we sometimes give up on ourselves. **Great is His Faithfulness!!** WHY DO WE take Him for granted, as if we hold our **next breath** in our **OWN hands**? Assuredly not! **Help Lord! (Psalm.12:1)**

When backslidden, your thinking capacity is off. You find yourself believing a lie and being damned (*2 Thessalonians 2:11*). See, when you do not calculate “**God**” into your plans (*Proverbs 3:5-6*), *carnality sets in and you are operating out of your flesh and running off of your “emotions”*. *These emotions are nothing more than FUMES, left from yesterday’s “firey” anointing.*

The old “Woe is me” syndrome kicks in and you have a “pity party” on a regular basis. Then you get even *MORE depressed and hateful, spiteful, resentful and bitter when nobody comes to your party*. You seem to “HATE EVERYBODY” because nobody is right “BUT YOU”. *Your love walk is down to “Zero” and you become even MORE “unlovable” to others and to yourself, than ever! Why?* Because you are SELFISH! *Most people just tend to tolerate you, but NOT CELEBRATE you.*

Actually, they HATE to see you coming! They really prefer that you “GO” the other way. Your cold, nasty spirit, only serves to put a “damper” on the already condusively, PLEASANT atmosphere. You do not Have enough WISDOM OF GOD TO say to yourself, “If you must stay, just be quiet, Please”. Just as it is with someone with a COLD OR FLU, *no one wants you infecting them*, by spreading your “Germs, (Bad Spirit), around”. But, Oh, No! Misery LOVES COMPANY! So you just WAIT for an opportunity to EXPRESS YOUR NEGATIVE FEELINGS! Someone asks you, “*It is a BEAUTIFUL DAY, today, isn’t it?*”? *AND, you remark, “What is Beautiful ABOUT IT?”* or Someone says, “*Aren’t those some pretty shoes?*”? And, you answer, “*I have seen PRETTIER!*”!

WOW! Brothers, we *really do not SEE OURSELVES*, WHEN we are in a *BACKSLIDDEN STATE*. Sin makes us “*DARK AND UGLY*”. WE REALLY SHOULD JUST “HUSH”, if we are going to ALLOW our PRIDE to KEEP US FROM “FALLING DOWN” IN THE FLOOR AND SCREAMING, “*SOMEBODY HELP ME, PRAY! I NEED JESÚS TO HELP ME!*” *I am MESSED UP! TORE UP from the FLOOR UP! SOMEBODY PRAY and touch God, for me!*” *Psalm 12* says, “HELP, LORD!”

Holding on to the spirit of pride is nothing more than, (UNDER-estimating God and OVER-estimating yourself). *This ‘FOOL’ spirit WILL NOT allow you to ask God or others for help*. Everyone can see that YOU NEED HELP, except you. They also expect for *YOU to ask for “the HELP”, that you obviously need* . PEOPLE expect more of you, but, when you are NOT able to deliver it, *it’s irritating to them to see you continue in this way*. You have allowed *PRIDE* to bring you low (*Prov. 29:23*).

Brothers, My whole life has been out of order, for some time now. *Turned upside down!* Only God can turn it “right- side- up”, again. And, I am allowing Him to do so. I need Him, “BIG” time! How about you?

There was only one (1) Immaculate Conception. *Jesus! Isaiah 9:6*
Yet, Jesus (our example) was tempted in all points (every area of life) just like you and me, yet without sin. **Yes, women tried to seduce Jesús, BUT, He did not yield (give in) to the temptation.**

Jesus's focus and delight was *to do the Will of His Father*, and that is what OURS have got to be. Jesus loved His Father! **JESUS knew who He was, HE knew His Purpose and He knew His Destiny.** His greatest desire was to "please" ABBA, DADDY! . Not his flesh! (*Romans 8:5-13*)

Father God, (Jehováh, Elohim), **is not an Errand Boy or a Santa Claus.** He is our Divine Maker and our Sovereign Creator (*Genesis 1:26*). I made up my mind BEFORE THE NEW YEAR, that **2011** would not catch me in the SAME BACKSLIDDEN SHAPE.

Men, let us *confess, repent and turn, (make a change for real)*, for the "disrespect and irreverence" (**dishonor and non fear**) that we have shown Him. (*2 Chronicles 7:14*). And, we wonder why we receive **disrespect and dishonor** from our family, friends, **children**, spouses, fellow inmates, grandchildren, neighbors, co-workers, saints, etc. **Be not deceived. Our God is not MOCKED. Whatsoever a man SOWETH, (even to God), that shall he also REAP.** (*Galatians 6:7*)

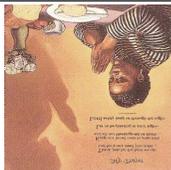
Thank God for His Promise in (*Jeremiah 3:14 and 22*). **"Return, Oh, backsliding (faithless) people (in heart), for I am married (bound, committed) to you. I will heal you of your backsliding". And, HE WILL!** REMEMBER, HE has not ONLY 'BEEN' FAITHFUL! He is 'STILL' FAITHFUL!!!!!!

In the book of Hosea (whose name means Salvation-rescue, deliverance, help, protection, and safety), God gave the perfect example of:

- **Himself as Hosea and**
- **We (The Body of Christ) as Gomer (unfaithful wife, the adulteress) who goes a whoring with other men.**

Hosea's domestic life was filled with drama, drama, drama because of Gomer's unfaithfulness. **Sound familiar?** The only way 'possible' of Salvation is, if we turn **from idolatry (serving and worshipping other idol gods) and return, back to God.** Jehovah **hates the sin of His people!** Therefore, JUDGEMENT is certain; but God's **unconditional Love** stands firm. Thank you **ABBA, FATHER! YOU REALLY DO LOVE US!!! Hallelujah!!**

The words to this "SONG" is my "PRAYER" for "you", Precious Men of God, for



"myself" and for "all others" that are in, and have been in BACKSLIDDEN STATES!



It is called: “Running Back To You”

*How can you forgive me, when I have often gone astray?
How can you think of me, when I do things my own way?
Turning back from you,
The one who loved me first,
Having my own desires,
Renewing “worldly” thirsts?
You told me that you loved me and I should make up my mind,
You tell me to come back “now”, but I keep on wasting time,
Feeling so very weak, you say I can be strong.
I feel I’ve gone too far, yet, you tell me “to come back home”,
Because you love me still and I know, that this is real,*



And I am running back to you!
*I see you standing there for me.
Your arms are “opened wide”,
And I don’t have to cry no more.
You’re standing there for me
And I am running back to you!
Why do I go away, when I know I am no good?
When I am on my own?*

*You told me that “you” could keep me, but I have turned away,
I failed you so much now; I don’t know what to say,
Using the “SAME” excuse, that I am just a man,
You tell me you have been there and to just hold “your nail scarred hands!”
So, now I can see, Now that I know, I am free.*

 *I have taken advantage of “your love and grace”,
Forgive me Lord and take me home, take me home.
I’m running to you Jesus, please take me home,
You see, I’ve been in this “run” too long and I “can’t do right”, anymore
I’m “tired of pain” and “I don’t like fear”, but Lord, I want to be “more sincere”.
I never should have left your side*

Return me to your guiding light, 
I see you standing there for me and

I am “running” back to you!

Men of God, *the number eleven (11) means “Disorder and Judgment”*. The number *twenty (20) means RESTORATION and REDEMPTION*. *The NUMBER twelve (12) means “God’s Governmental and Divine Order”*. Aren’t you “FED UP” with satan’s disorder and God’s wrath filled Judgment? He asked us, “How shall I come to you, with a **ROD or in LOVE**”? *My answer is LOVE. (1 Corinthians 4:21)*. Personally, I have been “*beat down enough*”, already. **ACTUALLY, I HAVE HELPED THE DEVIL TO BEAT MYSELF DOWN!** BUT, NEVER AGAIN! **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

I know that According to *Psalm 37:23*, “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delights in his way”. Let’s determine to obey *Proverbs 3:5-6* and as the year **2011** ends and *the new year 2012 approaches*, let us hold fast to the Promises of God. He is Faithful that promised! (*Hebrews 10:23*)

We, as Christians, (*especially men*), need to learn how to deal with anger (*Ephesians 4:26*). **Statistics show that 95% of all men are carrying unresolved anger**. Add a **D to “A-N-G-E-R” and you are in “Danger”**. *Possibly, your anger could stem from as far back as your childhood*. Angry at parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, *neighbors, girlfriends, classmates, family members, spouses and YOURSELF!* But, because you have *never faced it or confessed it*, it has not been IDENTIFIED. Therefore, it has never been dealt with. *So, it is still lying dormant in your soul. UNCONQUERED!!* That is why many of You do not understand your “bad attitude”, *ugly ways, or out bursts of violent actions*, that you have shown to others. AND YOU “DENY” THAT YOU HAVE “ANY” OF THESE “BAD” SPIRITS. **PLEASE, DON’T LET THAT UGLY SPIRIT OF “PRIDE” TAKE YOU TO HELL.**

THERE IS “FREEDOM” IN TELLING THE TRUTH ON “YOURSELF”

- In that way, you take the devil’s “*Blackmail*” away from him. You know, when I made up my mind that “*enough was enough*”, **LET ME TELL YOU**



WHAT HAPPENED! Are you READY?!
WE GO-O-O-O-o-o-o-o!

O.K. HERE

Once upon a time, (this morning)! {smile} GOD SHOWED ME “**ANOTHER VISION” OF MYSELF**. **Get this!** I had been “away from home”. (out of my place with God). **But, I was returning home!** (PRAISE GOD! *Prodigal Daughter!*) And, I was **not** alone. *I was aware that a man was with me. (GOD or my angel).* **However, as we were climbing the steps to my house, I realized that I had left my door open. Quickly, I went in, and there was this tall, dark, woman standing there.** I RECOGNIZED HER AS SOMEONE “FAMILIAR” TO ME. (A familiar spirit of PRIDE). **She was a “Dark WITCH” and she was “In my house”, UNINVITED!** **Plus, I looked, and she had brought “many others” with her! (all demonic spirits). I**

*was appalled ! But, you see, when you are “out of PLACE”, and you leave your door open, don’t worry, these evil spirits will come in! “WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE”?! “How did you get in here”? I asked. She arrogantly shirked her shoulders, “threw her head back”, and looked at me as if she actually “BELONGED THERE”. She “pursed” her lips, “bucked her eyes wide” and looked at me, as if to say, “WHY NOT”? or “WHY ARE YOU SO UPTIGHT ABOUT ME BEING HERE, NOW”? The man that was with me, never said a “WORD”. He waited to see “exactly” what I was going to do about this. See, our God is a complete “Gentleman”. He will never “force” you, against your will. He waits for you to make the first “MOVE” and “Bind” that devil up . Evict those demon spirits from your house. Then, he “BACKS YOU UP”. I could feel that HE had my BACK. I felt myself get angered with a “**RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION**”, at these demons. Suddenly, A HOLY BOLDNESS “ROSE UP IN ME”! I NEVER EVEN RAISED MY VOICE, **BUT I COMMANDED, “GET OUT OF MY HOUSE, EVERY ONE OF YOU, IN JESUS NAME”. AND THEY WENT, IMMEDIATELY!! (James 4:7).** See, you have to come to yourself, decide that “Enough is really Enough”, “Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord”, Then “**RESIST THAT DEVIL, and HE WILL FLEE! Hallelujah! They all did. I declare that I am FREE! AND I INTEND TO STAY FREE!***

Won’t “YOU” take the time, RIGHT NOW, to ask God to show you the “root cause”, of your temper tantrums, outbursts, HURTS and pity parties? If you pull a TOOTH, you must pull it up by the ROOTS or you will still have a “TOOTHACHE”. PAIN!! Sometimes, YEARS DOWN THE ROAD!

*See, “HURT PEOPLE”, hurt people! Let us “Get RID of the HURT”, this year! It belongs to the devil, not us. Don’t START “2012” OFF, WITHOUT KNOWING THAT YOU ARE TOTALLY INFILTRATED WITH “**GOD’S RESTORATION**”, AND INUNDATED WITH HIS DIVINE ORDER!!! There is a **Right kind of “CRY” that will “TOUCH” the Liquid part of God’s Loving Heart, on your Behalf.** It is the kind of “Cry” that you make when you are “**DESPERATE FOR CHANGE!!!** See, PSALM 34:17-18 says, “**The RIGHTEOUS CRY AND THE LORD HEARETH, AND DELIVER THEM OUT OF ALL OF THEIR TROUBLES. THE LORD IS NIGH UNTO THEM THAT ARE OF A BROKEN HEART AND SAVETH SUCH AS BE OF A CONTRITE SPIRIT**”!!*

BROTHERS, That, alone , will “GOVERN YOUR LIFE”, **NOT ONLY THROUGHOUT 2012, BUT THROUGHOUT “ETERNITY”.** SO, LOVINGLY, In as much as I am your **SISTER- in -CHRIST**, I INVITE AND ADMONISH YOU TO “**Get on the SLIDING BOARD WITH ME**”..... AS, I AM SINCERELY,
SLIDING “BACK” TO GOD!!!

Sister Corliss



**“Happy Birthday To All of GOD’s “January Babies”,
(including Pastor Carmen,
Minister Gardner and
Dr. Doug)**