Hello My Brothers and Sisters:

"A PLEA OF EMPATHY AND CONCERN FOR OUR FELLOW BROTHERS
AND SISTERS, CONCLUDING WITH SCRIPTURES TELLING OF GOD'S LOVE FOR
US - RECIPROCATED TO HIM THROUGH OUR FAITH, HOPE AND TRUST IN HIM:
A SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 3-PART MESSAGE FOR TODAY'S TIMES"

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PART I:

Thanks for your concern and empathy regarding immigrant persons at the southern border, as well as others living in today's tumultuous times -- remembering these are our brothers and sisters from other mothers. Please continue your thoughts, prayers, and fasts, then **DO ALL YOU CAN TO HELP...**

- a) <u>IMMIGRANT PERSONS AT THE BORDER</u>, especially concentrating on all children and youth, who will have lifetimes of remembering their experiences.
- b) <u>CHILDREN, who were invited to come to the US to participate in research</u> <u>projects that would prolong the lives of themselves, as well as many others who would have died at early ages.</u> This research benefitted many children, <u>BUT NOW</u>, have been ordered to return to their countries.
- c) <u>EVERY PERSON impacted by devastations/de-regulations:</u> climate changes whether occurring on land, sea, or in the air; and/or affecting clean water, clean air, etc..
- d) <u>EVERYONE (any age -female or male) in the U.S. BESET BY A VARIETY OF</u>

 <u>ACTS OF VIOLENCE whether by GUNS/WEAPONS; SEXUAL</u>

 <u>ABUSE/MOLESTATION (same or opposite sex); DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; SLAVERY,</u>

 <u>TRAFFICKING, ETC..</u> Realizing such , we are all susceptible to 1) death, 2) injury, 3) maiming [whether physical, mental/psychological/social, spiritual, financial, etc.].

- e) <u>EVERYONE suffering from illnesses/injuries [from uninsurable/pre-existing conditions, etc.]; violence; famine; drought; homelessness; those without jobs or means to support themselves and/or their families, etc..</u>
- f) <u>EVERYONE</u> even with their babies and families:- in places of worship, theatres, movies; at recreation or sports centers, malls, stores; beaches, playgrounds, parks; etc..
- g) <u>PERSONS SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISCRIMINATION:</u> [racial, injustice; places to live; at work, etc.].
- h) **EVERYONE attending schools of every type** [private or public]: day care, nursery; pre-K and Kindergarten; grades 1 12; college/university; technical/trade; by specialized area, etc.. Why? Because of the **fear** that grasps them each hour of every day whether going to school or leaving from school, on school grounds, in the school, or in the classroom. How can they **continuously** go through this? How can they keep their minds focused when the slightest sound can move them to fear including the look on their teachers' faces? How can they focus when they notice and/or hear anything out of the ordinary? Will they endure a lifetime of trauma? As a result of these things, will they be affected for life: physically, psychologically, mentally, educationally, spiritually, financially, socially, naturally, etc..

<u>What about persons</u> "in charge" of various facilities/offices, etc.? Do they or "First Responders" protect themselves first or should they protect others within their care first? Should they consider their own lives and the lives of their families, first? What about these persons: teachers/school personnel; medical professionals/workers/patients; clients/employees; personnel/workers in stores, restaurants, businesses/factories; staff/workers in counties/cities/states/federal governments; etc.?

PART II:

We must pray [and fast] for the releasing of **Fear**, *possibly resulting in* **HOPELESSNESS** – giving rise to anxiety, stress, despair, depression, suicidal tendencies, suicide, etc. Either of these can lead to physical and/or mental/ psychological issues; drug and substance abuse, as well as opioids resulting in injuries/maiming to others and/or self; killing/murder; suicidal tendencies, then – finally – suicide.

For those who have **FEAR** or feel **HOPELESS** in the multi-faceted problems they encounter, what consolation do they have for release from such **FEAR** and/or **HOPELESSNESS**? **THE ANSWER: KNOWING THAT GOD' LOYES YOU/US**

"Know therefore that the *LORD* thy *GOD*, *HE* is *GOD*, the faithful *GOD*, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love *HIM* and keep *HIS* commandments to a thousand generations," (Deuteronomy 7:9)

"For **I** know the thoughts that **I** think toward you, saith the **LORD**, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." (Jeremiah 29:11)

"The **LORD** hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, **I** have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have **I** drawn thee." (Jeremiah 31:3)

"For **GOD** so loved the world, that **HE** gave **HIS** only begotten **SON**, that whosoever believeth in **HIM** should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of GOD; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew HIM not." (I John 3:1)

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of GOD; and every one that loveth is born of GOD, and knoweth GOD. Beloved, if GOD so loved us, we ought also to love one another. We love HIM because HE first loved us." (I John 4:7, 11, 19)

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through **HIM** that loved us." For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of **GOD**, which is in **Christ Jesus our LORD**." (Romans 8:37-39)

(NOTE: Scriptures from the KJV. (caps: **GOD, LORD, HE, HIS** for emphasis)

Other Scriptures showing GOD's Love for US:

Exodus 34:6Deuteronomy 7:9Joshua 1:9Psalm 109:26
Proverbs 8:19Proverbs 10:12Isaiah 41:13Isaiah 54:10
Jeremiah 29:11Zephaniah 3:17Matthew 5:43-48Matthew 6:24
Mark 12:29-31John 3:16John 13:34-35John 14:15, 21John 16:27
John 15:9-17Romans 5:2-5Romans 8: 28Romans 8:35-39
I Corinthians 13:4-13II Corinthians 4:14Galatians 2:20Psalm 136:1-26
Galatians 5:22-23Ephesians 1:4Ephesians 2:4-5Ephesians 3:16-21
Ephesians 4:2Ephesians 5:2Philippians 4:13Psalm 103:8
II Thessalonians 3:5I Peter 4:8I Peter 5:6-7I John 2:5-6I John 3:16
I John 4:8, 11 John 4:16-19I John 5:3 Psalm 52:8Psalm 63:3

PART III:

Now that we **KNOW GOD** loves us, let us exercise this knowledge through our **FAITH**, **HOPE**, and **TRUST** in **HIM**:

Directives:,

1) Please carefully read, concentrate, and meditate on the words in this document. . To expand your knowledge of each KJV Scripture read, we suggest you use comparative Scriptures from the following Bibles, checking off the date you read a particular Scripture: Amplified/Amplified Classic Edition; New Living Translation; Holman Christian Standard Bible; Good News Bible; English Standard Version; New American Standard; New King James Version; Holy Bible: Easy-to-Read Version; The Message Bible; American Standard.

These readings will serve as your Bible Study for September - November.

2) **Application:** Write what this topic has meant to you. (If you want to share your responses with me, mail to

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**FAITH:

Psalm 119:30Proverbs 3:5-6Matthew 9:22Matthew 17:20
Matthew 21:22Mark 9:24Mark 11:1-24John 3:16John 7:38
John 11:25-26, 40John 20:31Acts 2:38Romans 1:17Romans 5:1-5
Romans 10:9, 17Romans 15:13I Corinthians 13:12-13
II Corinthians 5:7Galatians 5:22Ephesians 6:16Philippians 4:19
i Timothy 6:11-12, 19Hebrews 10:38Hebrews 11:1-6James 1:1-8
I John 6:47

**HOPE:

Psalm 56:3-4 Psalm 103:2 Psalm 112:7 Psalm 118:8 Psalm 143:8

IN CONCLUSION:

Psalm 145:18-20 Psalm 146:3

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BLESSINGS TO YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST - FOREVER !!!!!

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