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In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

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NEWSLETTER

*ONWARD, CHRISTIAN
SOLDIERS, MARCHING AS TO WAR, WITH THE
CROSS OF
JESUS GOING ON BEFORE!*



**IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTIANS
TO PUT ON THEIR
MARCHING BOOTS.**

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CALL TO BATTLE:

As a Christian you will face battles with opposition and spiritual warfare. As Christians we have learned to arm ourselves with the armor of God and prepare for Battle. We know that our Lord Jesus is faithful and greater than he that is in the world!

We live in a fallen world and have to fight continually against earthly temptations, but we do so as heaven's citizens. Christians will struggle with battles such as hate, pornography, lust, anger, doubt and so much more. We are urged to seek strength from the Bible, by the Spirit and through God's people. We are weaker than we often acknowledge, but together we, the family of God, are far stronger than we can possibly imagine.

Have you ever wondered why our Lord told Joshua to take all the men of war and march around Jericho. The Lord had told Joshua, "See, I have given into your hand Jericho, with its king and mighty men of valor." So why didn't God just run all the people of Jericho off so that Joshua could just walk in. No... God wanted to see their faith and obedience. Our Lord said, "March around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; and on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him." Joshua 6:3-5.

What about those priests? Do you think that after walking a few times around the city that last day that maybe they said, "this is getting boring?" Or maybe they started thinking this is insane, I'm getting tired of this. What good is this? My feet are hurting me. I just don't have time for this. I am getting to old to do this. I didn't get enough sleep last night and I need a rest. Or maybe they were saying my favorite TV show is playing tonight and I need to get home. It's my turn to fix dinner tonight and I have to do some shopping before hand. My back won't allow me to walk this far. If I had better shoes I could walk another twenty miles, but not now.

What about us? Would we have made it around the city wall seven times that last day? Would we have had the strength? Would we have had the desire, faith, obedience and heart to see the job through or would we make excuses as to why we could not do what God was telling us to do?

What do you think would have happened if the seven priests had said, "no, I am not walking around that wall before the ark or no, I am not going to blow this trumpet?"

We need spirit warriors! Our Lord won our eternal victory on the cross at Calvary, but He gave His Church the mission to take the fight to the gates of hell, and the Gospel to the ends of the earth... regardless of personal costs! It is time to step into your place. God has called us all into the battle.

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience... (1 Timothy 1:18-19 NKJV)

We are human, but we don't wage war with human plans and methods. We use God's mighty weapons, not mere worldly weapons, to knock down the Devil's strongholds... break down every proud argument that keeps people from knowing God... conquer their rebellious ideas, and we teach them to obey Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NLT)

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You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. (2 Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:10-12 NKJV)

Billy Graham wrote the following about spiritual warfare in his book *Angels*:

We live in a perpetual battlefield ...The wars among the nations on earth are mere popgun affairs compared to the fierceness of battle in the spiritual unseen world. This invisible spiritual conflict is waged around us incessantly and unremittingly. Where the Lord works, Satan's forces hinder; where angel beings carry out divine directives, the devils rage. All this comes about because the powers of darkness press their counter-attack to recapture the ground held for the glory of God...

It is this "Battle of the Ages" that I refer to when I write of spiritual warfare, and the war that I am focused upon fighting and winning, not merely my own personal struggle with my flesh or even individual encounters with evil forces. Certainly, just as a soldier must endure physical fatigue and survive hand-to-hand combat with the enemy in order to play a continuing role in the larger war, Christians need victory in close quarters battle as well. In the closing paragraphs of *Angels*, Dr. Graham gave this testimony and reveals the key to personal deliverance :

As I look back over my life, I remember the moment I came to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The angels rejoiced! Since then I have been in thousands of battles with Satan and his demons.

We must submit our will and commit ourselves totally to Jesus as our Savior and Lord. That fundamental step in Christian Discipleship is the key to winning the spiritual warfare our Lord has committed to **His Church**. Our lives should imitate and manifest the life of Christ. Our churches should imitate and manifest the ministry of Christ.

The battle has been waged between good and evil since satan was thrown out of heaven and will continue until the devil is thrown into hell's fires. Satan has never won a battle fought strictly within the spiritual realm. His reign over the world system is dependent upon the weakness of human nature, the power of sin and fear of death. If he is allowed to reign unopposed, the resulting chaos, destruction, and oppression forms a self-imposed barrier that will not allow us to communing with God, destroys any sense of family and community, and isolates us to solitary damnation.

We need to remember: Ecclesiastes 4:10-12. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up. ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they are warm; but how can one be warm alone? ¹²And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Join the army... We need you! Don't battle alone!

God's Place

I detest politics. I extremely dislike people that are willing to step over or on the little man to gain power, prestige, or money. There are people in this world that will lie, cheat and steal just because they can get away with it. A man of integrity is hard to find today and God is not going to bless someone that does not let his yes mean yes and his no mean no. Corruption is every where.

Even though Florida Gulf Coast University's Board of Trustees has voted to accept the state's offer of the land at 5820 Buckingham Road for the University, the ones that have to sign off, Bill McCollum, Attorney General Department of Legal Affairs, Alex Sink, Chief Financial Officer Department of Financial Services, Commissioner Charles H. Bronson Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Governor Charlie Crist, have not done so as of this date.

We are believing God is going to give this property to Love and Compassion Ministries to create a facility for the His people... the homeless, people with physical, mental, and emotional problems, released juvenile offenders, drug and alcohol addicted, down trodden and hungry people of this area that are crying out to Him. Even though LCM has been trying to acquire (lease) the property for more than a year now, **don't under estimate the power of God!**

I Corinthians 1:26-28. ²⁶. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: ²⁷. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ²⁸. And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

God can and wants to use us as He did David when he defeated Goliath.

If you have not done so, please go to our website, www.LoveCompassion.com and look over the business plan and five year budget for the leasing of the facility.

Please send us a letter of endorsement recommending the state to lease the land to LCM instead of giving it to FGCU through an e-mail addressed to GP@lovecompassion.com.

Don't forget to or go to our website www.LoveCompassion.com and sign the petition which will be forward to the state. Showing that Christians wish the State to do what is right.

Thank You!

Ron Willis, President LCM

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**Like Esther,
who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom
for such a time as this?**

When government does not work for the people, when government fights within itself getting nothing done, when government thinks more of itself than the people it is to serve, it will fail. It is time to speak out!

In 1933 Pastor Martin Niemüller complained about the decision by Adolf Hitler to appoint Ludwig Müller, as the country's Reich Bishop of the Protestant Church. With the support of Karl Barth, a professor of theology at Bonn University, in May, 1934, a group of rebel pastors formed what became known as the Confessional Church.

When the Nazi government continued with this policy, Niemüller joined with Dietrich Bonhoeffer to form the Pastors' Emergency League and published a major document opposing the religious policies of Adolf Hitler. Niemüller was particularly concerned by Hitler's decision that Jews should be expelled from the Church. He argued that once Jews had been converted to Christianity they should be allowed to remain in the Church. As Bonhoeffer pointed out at the time, although Niemüller was critical of Hitler he remained a committed supporter of the Nazi Party. Niemüller was later to admit that his group "acted as if we had only to sustain the church" and did not accept that they had a **"responsibility for the whole nation"**.

Niemüller therefore did not criticize the Nazi Party for putting its political opponents into concentration camps. However, he spoke out when members of the Protestant Church were arrested. In his sermon on Sunday 27th June 1937, Niemüller pointed out that on: "Wednesday the secret police penetrated the closed church of Friedrich Werder and arrested at the altar eight members of the Council of Brethren."

The following month Niemüller was himself arrested. He was held eight months without trial and when his case eventually took place he was found guilty of "abusing the pulpit" and was fined 2,000 marks. As he left the court he was arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp to be "re-educated". Niemüller refused to change his views and was later transferred to Dachau.

Niemüller later said:

"First they came for the communists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a communist;

Then they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a socialist;

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist;

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew;

Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak out for me."

Pastor Martin Niemöller (1892–1984)

How bad do things have to get before we will stand up for people that have no voice!

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States is an oath of loyalty to the
republic of the United States of America,**

... one Nation, under God...

Not Religion

Walking Dead

As we walk upon this earth without Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives, we are as the walking dead. Going about our days and lives without direction.

Without Jesus as the center of our lives we are destined to live without love and compassion. Without a true sense of what love is all about, we will never experience the full joy of God's love and peace for our lives, and we will have missed the whole purpose of our being created by our Heavenly Father.

But there is hope, and that hope lays in Jesus Christ, the one that willingly gave His life so that we could live life and live it more abundantly while we live here on this earth.

Was Jesus' death in vain? I think not. Jesus' death was for of the love for the Father's creations, you and me. So, if God, who loves us so much that he gave His only begotten Son to die for us to give life to a people that will one day return to the dust of which we were made, why can't we honor Him with the life He has given us?

And know this, no gift is too small, no act of charity will go unseen, no desire of the heart will go without being considered. Let us come together and give God the glory that He so rightfully deserves and the love of His children He so desperately wants.

When we do this we can't lose, because God's word does not lie!!! It stands forever. Amen, Amen and Amen again.

Henry B.

A Prayer of Recognition for God's Grace and Mercies

Father God, I know that I have sinned against You and You only, when I am in a state of disobedience. I now ask Your forgiveness for this attitude. I now realize that You are using everybody and everything to purge the deep rooted members of sin from within my spirit.

Help me Father to recognize that You are only showing me how much You truly love me when You expose the ugliness that's hidden in my innermost deepest parts of my soul.

Thank You for using others to not only show me my faults, but to also show me just how much You love me by showing me my faults through others.

I ask right now in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for forgiveness and for the Christ like attitude to have patience with others as You have been so gracefully patient with me. In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Henry B.



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Dear Friends,

Have you ever found yourself over loaded? Even though I set my own appointments, I am constantly overloaded. Everyday I have things that have to be done in order to keep things running fairly normal and then I have things that I really need to get done. These, need to get done items, can be pushed off to the next day, but if they are not dealt within a few days the ministry will suffer. This makes long days and long weeks!

Just like the old I Love Lucy Show where Lucy and Ethel was working in the candy factory and could not keep up with the machine, I cannot keep up with the demand. I am so over loaded and stressed because it is hard for me to say no. I have attorneys that will not return my calls, things break down, people commit to doing something and never do it, people have no consideration of my time, things cost more than figured, people don't respond as they committed to do, people break my heart for lack of concern for the people we minister to, and so many other items to numerous to mention.

For others it could be fear of death, disease, disasters, or fear of the unknown future. It can also be ongoing conflicts in relationships, guilt, shame, rejection or unworthiness. It can be a host of many things!

Life is difficult and we know that our health and quality of life depends on how we cope with stress. We are told that seventy-five to ninety percent of all physicians office visits have stress related components. We often try to live our life on our own... apart from God, causing all kinds of stress. This can become unhealthy or even addictive. If we are chronically stressed, we may have one or more symptoms such as headaches, heart problems, diabetes, overweight, skin problems, allergies, bronchitis, neck and back pain and even thoughts of suicide.

So where do we turn? Our Lord said in Matthew 11:28-30. ²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Our Lord left the multitudes many times to go up into the mountains and pray. I have for many years now tried to start the day off on the right foot. Time with the Lord is time well spent. It is when I get to the office where things change. The lack of money, lack of help, and lack of other's concern for the ministry presses on me to the point of a heavy overload. I know that I can do nothing to change people's hearts. I also must learn to not fear what can happen if this does not get done, but put all my trust in our Lord. I must be willing to do what I can and let God take care of the rest. We all need to adopt a healthy lifestyle (eat a healthy diet), know our limitations, change our behavior, avoid unnecessary conflicts, learn to manage our time more effectively, take time out to relax and recharge our batteries, try to see things differently, find time to meet new friends, and avoid alcohol, nicotine and caffeine as coping mechanisms.

Please keep me in your prayers as I try to eat right, sleep right, worship our Lord and get away from it all every once in a while. We need help to fight the good battle. We need you to prayerfully consider supporting this ministry if you are not already doing so and speak to your Church, friends, relatives, and loved ones about helping us also. If we all work together the burdens that love to hang onto me will become light.

God Bless you all!

In the Presence of our LORD,

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your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers.

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares.

We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs.

As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!