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JUNE 11th, 1939
Philippians Chapter Four

Ladies and Gentlemen, on Sunday morning June, 11, 1939, I was awarded a small pocket size New Testament by the preacher of the Twenty-fourth Street Church of Christ in Newport News, Virginia. The occasion was my graduation from the local High School. The preacher had several scripture references written on the presentation page. The references were from the book of Phillipians, chapter four, and verses thirteen and nineteen. The first one is where Paul says; "I can do all things in Him that strengtheneth me." The second one says, "And my God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

These verses were certainly needed at that time. It was the middle of the Great Depression when twenty percent of the work force had been out of jobs. I had declared myself for the ministry and had no money, no job, and no prospects that things were going to be any better. That preacher certainly picked the right verses at that time.

For Paul to say he could do all things was a pretty tall order. But how could he do all things under the conditions when he lived? He had no car, no plane, no printing press, no television, no radio, no publishing house, no church building, no computer, no e-mail, no cell phone, and think of it no internet where Paul like some preachers today could download ready-made sermons and not have to get up any of his own. Yet he said he could do all things. How could he do all those things without those modern hi-tech advantages? He explained how he did it when he said he could do all things through Christ who strengthened him.

That other verse said, "My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Think of it Paul says that God will supply our every

need. We need to remember that God will decided what we need and not ourselves. We may think that we need perfect health to serve the Lord. I know of some great servants of God who serve in constant pain and I wonder how they can do so much with a sick body. Then we remember how Paul had a thorn in the flesh and he besought God three times to remove it. That sounds like a reasonable request considering the magnitude of his work, but God said no, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Now that was a good verse for my preacher to write when he gave me that New Testament June 11, 1939.

EUODIA AND SYNTHICHE 4:2

But then there were other verses he could have added. He could have put down Phillipian 4:2, "I exhort Euodia and I exhort Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord." That would have been a very appropriate verse. You don't have to serve the Lord in His Church very long until you find that not everybody is of the same mind in the Lord. In this case Paul urged someone he called his true yoke fellow, probably the elder that did most of the teaching and preaching, to help them with all the rest of his fellow workers. Paul tries to mobilize the whole Church to put his dispute to rest. When there is trouble in the Church it is best to get the whole Church working to put the disorder to rest.

When I get to Heaven and see Euodia and Syntyche I will greet them and say, "Hello Eudia and Hello Syntyche, I remember you two ladies. You were members of the Phillipian Church of Christ." If they ask, "How do you remember us?" I will say, "You are the two ladies who had that big argument in Church. Ladies and Gentlemen, how will people remember you? Will it be the memories of all

the troubles you cause or for something else? At any rate it would have been appropriate if those words had been written in my graduation gift on June 11, 1939.

THE BOOK OF LIFE 4:3

Another verse that could have been mentioned would have been Philippians 4:3. In that verse Paul referred to his fellow workers whose names were written in the book of life. It is always good to remember that our names as followers of the Lord are written in the book of life. As a Christian you can say, "Yes my name is in the Bible and I know that it is true--It was written there by Jesus--Whosoever that means you." And He knew it when He wrote it by the bright and crystal sea--That my name is whosoever, that means you and that means me.

The book of life is mentioned several times in the inspired Word. When Moses found the children of Israel worshipping the golden calf, he asked God to forgive them. He said in Exodus 32:32, "Yet now if thou wilt forgive their sin, and if not, blot me, I pray thee out of the book which thou hast written." And the Lord said unto Moses, "Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book."

In Luke 10:20 the Lord told the seventy when they returned with glowing reports of victory over the Devil, "Rejoice not that the demons are subject unto you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

In Hebrews 12:23 Paul tells about,...the general assembly and Church of the firstborn whose names are enrolled in Heaven.

The prophet Daniel tells in Daniel 12:1 about the time when, "Michael shall stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book."

Again in Revelation 20:15 the Apostle John tells us that at the Judgment Day,...everyone whose name was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. This thought is amplified in the following chapter, Revelation 21:27, when John tells about the Holy City and he says, "There shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

In Revelation 3:5 the Lord Himself warns the Church at Sardis; the dead Church: "He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments: and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."

These various references tell us several things about the book of life. Our names are written in that book so we can rejoice. It tells us that some of the names in the Sardis Church would be blotted out of the book He had written if they did not repent. It tells us that those whose names are not in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire. It tells us that they are in that book will enter into the Holy City. From these thoughts, from the inspired Word, it ought to be the ambition of every person to have his name in that book.

This would have been a good verse for the preacher to put in my New Testament graduation gift if he had thought about it on June 11, 1939. (Excerpt from sermon: "June 11, 1939".)

LETTERS FROM LISTENERS



Dear Ed,

I'm sending you some more names for men here in prison to receive a Large Print Bible as a guard saw me reading it and asked if he could have it, and I gave it to him, didn't want him to have to wait to receive one of his own.

Thanks you so much.
Samuel in Grady, AR

Uncle Ed Bousman,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I hope you don't forgotten me. I am Solomon who did a Bible Studies and even received a beautiful certificate and spiritual filled message cassettes from your ministry while I stayed at Shillong (Union Christian College in India). But now due to complications of my choice there I had to shift my institution for my higher education that's why it happen to delay my contact with you through Bible studies. I personally thank you a lot for your prayers, that I came out in flying colours in my examination which held recently. Not I'm studying in a college in Imphal the capital of the state of Manipur in India, and I'm doing my course of study to receive B.A.1y2. So now I wanted to continue my Bibles studies for my development of my spiritual life. Here I'm sending my answer sheets and new address.

Solomon from India

Dear Ed Bousman,

Let me express my heartfelt gratitude for your righteous strivings. I am glad for that you granted me admission for joining your teaching of the Bible study and really felt glee or I can say it is somewhat a bliss to my heart, and I am grateful to you for the mail you sent me on the 16th February 2005. It arrived in my box on this day, April 8, 2005. Herewith one Holy Bible, and the portions of 1-5 lessons, questions and answer sheets, the orientations or guiding paper and the letter announcing about the radio station of "God Is Just A Prayer Away" and related information enclosed with. But I'm fretful for the friar or service you are rendering i.e. for the expenditures you are investing or allocate in this right endeavor. I pray in God to give you back your deserve as the grace you are toiling for just as He did for Job (the good man in the Old Testament). And I vow to help this holy organization, "Ed Bousman" for future times after I accomplish my academic education and get work. This time I'm a student of some college studying accounting. Let me conclude my jot for today with best wishes, the almighty God may grant you triumph in all your holy sermon. God bless you.

Afewerki from Eritrea, East Africa

Dear Ed Bousman,

I got to listen to your radio broadcast (WOAI San Antonio, Texas) while incarcerated at my last unit and am now at a county jail waiting to see a parole officer. I had to come back on a bench warrant but everything is taken care of now. I would like any kind of books or pamphlets to read if you have any since I found your program to really help me spiritually.

Thanks George from Caldwell, TX.

(We sent him a large print Bible and the first 5 lessons of Studies in the Bible and P.H. Welshmire Tract).

Dear Ed & Naomi,

We all acknowledge your supports and help towards our growths in spiritual, physical and emotional things of God. Now it is the time we celebrate Christ's victory over death! Halleluyah! He is risen, Christ is risen indeed! What a Saviour and Lord to come from the throne to come and save mankind especially like we here in prison. We pray that this time will be especially joyful to you and all the staffs of your ministry. You all remains in our prayers John 14:19 and Romans 8:34-39 your brothers in Christ: Dimitrios, Krybtymam, Paterno, Aseervatham, Bamidele, Gurdip, Vkanagasabapatny, Kennedy, Servaikaran, Midardo, Owolabi, Antony, and Melad.

Your students from
Kanater Men's Prison, Cairo, Egypt

We really admire all of you @GIJAPA for your hard work and dedication used to reach the lost. We can only imagine how many souls have been saved because of the GIJAPA ministry. God bless you all.

Ron & Peggy from OH

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Sir, I am in prison in Grady, AR serving a life without parole sentence! I have been locked up for 20 years. During that time I have allowed Satan to lead me and it has been a long hard and hellish road and very disappointing. I have become tired of living the life I live daily and feel that I have everything to gain by allowing Jesus to lead my life. I am not a big religious person and don't know a lot about the Bible, however a friend of mine was reading to me from the Bible he received from you along with the Bible Studies. I was really surprised at how easy the Bible is to read--at least the one he has. He told me I could write you and also receive a Bible like his (NKJ--Large Print) and the Bible Studies. I would really appreciate this and also would like for you to pray for me.

Sincerely Glen

Dear Ed & Naomi,

Judy and I enjoy the idea of spending eternity with you both. You're such a great example to all of us as we keep trying to serve the Lord. Thanks again for all you do to get the Gospel out to the whole world! This little gift won't go very far but use it however you want. We love you both very much. May God bless you so you can keep on keeping on. All for Him, Judy & Sid from OHIO

To Ed Bousman,

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior be to you. From the 2nd course Bible Study, I am sending you back chapters 16-20 for correction. I really admire the way you are presenting the studies. In a very simple way, you are making us understand the essence of the Bible, the Word of God. God bless you, Amen!

From your brother in Christ Okubai,
Aretrea, E. Africa

To GIJAPA,

First of all I want to greet you. To introduce myself, my name is Rigat from Eritrea (East Africa). I am new to GIJAPA. I become a Christian (spiritual) before two months. These months are the most wonderful days in my life. But this is a secret to my parents because being a spiritual is not acceptable thing to my family, even by Eritrean government. So it is difficult to get a knowledge of God's word. That is why I want to have a contact with you. Because I want more education about a Bible and God's word. I hope you will accept me as your student. Thank you for your consideration and I am looking forward hearing from you soon.

Rigat from Eritrea, E. Africa

Dear beloved of God,

Greetings and blessings in the name of the Lord. II Corinthians 9:8. Thank God we don't have to walk alone we have this wonderful grace and power working in us enabling us to have abundant life. First we thank God for His protection on us and He also count us among the living today. It may surprise you to have 9 letters from us today. We do introduce ourselves to you now. We are all prisoners in cell 16 Block C. We know you through our beloved mother Mrs. Deborah, who introduces you to us and about your program through Radio Africa--GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY. In fact we are really enjoy your programme and it has much means in our life. We want you to assist us with each a Holy Bible and Bible Study. Listed below are 16 names.

Michael from Nigeria Prison,
Cell block 13-16
Nigeria W. Africa

(We received 69 additional requests from prisoners in the other 8 letters for a total of 85 Bibles. We are in the process of sending these and THANKS to all who have sent contributions marked for BIBLES, you can see where your gift is going to good use through out the world. We just sent out 29 Large Print Bibles today to 2 different prisons in Arkansas, who are listening to KAAY 1090 on dial from Little Rock, AR).

Dear Sir,

I thank the Lord for knowing you to write you this letter. I heard your programme on the Radio Africa and it really helped me. I thank GOD for his plan of salvation. He the Lord is the only person who can convert a person to His fold. I thank GOD for my conversion.

I was formerly a Muslim and I was given an appointment to work on the consideration that I was a Muslim.

Now that I am a Christian by the special Grace of GOD, which is enough for me, the job was taken away from me just because I become a Christian as the job was on contract term on the payment basis and because the place I was working belongs to a private person who is an Alhaji. My wife who is the third wife out of six wives has just delivered Twins baby.

I thank God I have clearly known the truth and the truth has set me free. I really enjoy the love among Christians, in fact I regretted becoming a Muslim from my youth age because I have lived a rough life when I was a Muslim.

I married six wives with many children. My children are 18 in number. I now realize the truth in Christianity that it is good to have only one wife. I thank God that I am saved. I also thank God my five wives have accepted CHRIST with me including all my children at home and we all attend fellowship and BIBLE STUDY together. CHRIST is the only way to make HEAVEN and see GOD. I pity those who are Muslims because it is necessary they accept this fact that JESUS CHRIST is the only way to see GOD and make HEAVEN.

My sixth wife have not accepted CHRIST, please help me in prayer for her.

I want you to welcome me and my family into the family of GOD the major problem we are facing in the FELLOWSHIP now is that we have no BIBLE and I want to send BIBLE for each of my family member since we have all accepted CHRIST together and we attend fellowship together it is good you to take note and dispatch the HOLY BIBLES so that they can arrive on the same day for all of us.

Kindly consider us as family to send all these BIBLES. Our names are listed below: Deiji, Mrs. Ayel, Mrs. Kik, Mrs. Bimp, Mrs. Tereren, Mrs. Iretioran, Jobile, Ode, Adettan, Olaitan, Kuku, Tebori, Efere, Tol, Ikin, Tomi, Asa, Eyil, Lepe, Teki, Sepel, Leyima, Oregi, Adaja

Send HOLY BIBLES for my sixth wife who have not accepted CHRIST may be if I give her this HOLY BIBLE,

it will convince her. The sixth wife's name is Mrs. Eyyeyey Ayo please send HOLY BIBLES for her to make the total HOLY BIBLE you will send be 25 HOLY BIBLES for me, my wives and children you send these HOLY BIBLES in one packet or you can send the BIBLES separately, I will be grateful for your co-operation.

Yours in Christ,
Deiji

I and my family will continue to hear your programme on the Radio Africa.

Dear Evang. Bousman,

I often monitor your program "God Is Just A Prayer Away on radio Africa every Monday at 7:00 P.M. in Liberia. It is a beautiful thing listening to your outreach messages on radio. Your preaching and teaching has help me a lot in my Christian life.

I pray that God will bless and direct you in your ministry.
Yours in Christ,
Nancy, Monrovia, Liberia

Beloved of God,

Greetings you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With much gratitude to God almighty for the great things He has done in my life, through your program on Radio Africa. How are you doing there? And how is the work of the Lord?

I am grateful to inform you that your message which I listen to on Radio Africa has been a big instrument in changing my life from bad to good. The Lord Jesus Christ has do a new thing in my life by saving my soul.

Please keep up the good work! I really appreciate your concern for the lost.

Please send me a full Holy Bible to me as a new Christian to help me in my new life in Christ.

I will be expecting to hear from you.

Yours in Christ,
Temilola from Nigeria

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