
SoFD PRAYER PARTNER LETTER

LETTER TO MY BROTHERS

TEXT: Romans 4 - 7

KEY VERSE: Romans 4:17

“As it is written”

Matthew 26: 24 ; mark 1:2; 7:6; 9:13; 14:21; Luke 2:23; 3:4; John 6:31; 12:14; Acts 7:42; 13:33; 15:15; Romans 1:17; 2:24; 3:4,10; 4:17; 8:36; 9:13,33; 10:15; 11:8,26; 14:11; 15:3,9,21 ...

We read phrases in the Bible, and sometimes we go right past them. Yesterday the Holy Spirit spoke to me from this little phrase. “As it is written.” There are a couple of things there.

- 1: It is already written before time.
- 2: It means, “Just as it was predicted.”

Over and over again in scripture, God points out to us that what has happened is just as it was written. What is occurring now has been planned since before the world began. It did not come as a surprise to God. God never looked down at earth and said, “Oh my soul! Look what they're doing! I never saw that one coming!” You and I are where we are in the plan of God, not by accident, not by coincidence.

That says some things to us:

- 1: God knows.
- 2: God understands.
- 3: God has a purpose in it. [That's the difficult one.]

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Romans 4:17

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Psalm 32:7

God is speaking to Abraham. Did you notice he says in present perfect tense, “I **have made** thee the father of many nations?” That is what was written. God said I have already made you a father of many nations even before Abraham ever had a son. Then it says God called things that were not as though they were. The reason he did that was, “as it is written.” Because it was already written, there is no way that what God has spoken can fail to come to pass. When God speaks, it is blood sworn covenant which cannot be broken, and God still exist.

SO, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU?

The things that are going on in your life, and in mine have been written by God before there ever was a world. Now look at this:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 8:28, 29

Do you see it? Those two verses are, “as it is written” for your life! It is already written that everything that is happening to you and me will work together for our good. By the way, that is not the same as when your mom had your behind bent over her knees, and said, “this is for your own good!” That’s not how God works. He is not only going to make this work out for your good in the end, but as you are going through it.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalms 23:4

Notice that the Valley is only the **shadow** of death, and not death itself. God told Brother Copeland, “the shadow of a dog never bit anyone!” Notice also 3 words, “I walk through.” I ain’t stayin’! Whatever it is you are in right now, **walk through!** Do not fear evil, because God is with you. His weapons are your comfort. Your enemies need to be afraid. You do not. You do what God told Israel:

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

Exodus 14:13

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

2Chronicles 20:17

Even in Ephesians 6, God tells us to put on all that armor, and then stand, not fight. Stand, and pray in the spirit, because that's how battles are won.

GET ON YOUR KNEES AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN!

I have been there with you. I spent five weeks in NRC at Thanksgiving time. The battles that you are fighting in there, require the same faith in God that you are going to need when you get out here. Different enemies, different obstacles, same battles, **same God!** I have had to depend on God out here exactly the same way I did in there. The things that he taught me in there I have needed here. And he has been **equally faithful and unfailing!**

You will get through this!

Philippians 1:6 says so. **“As it is written.”**

*Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") **No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.***

Romans 8:35-37 [NLT emphasis added]

The King James says, **“in all these things**, we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” We do not have to wait until we get out of all these things before we are conquerors. We are conquerors **IN** all these things! In lockdowns, we are more than conquerors! In searching for an apartment, we are more than conquerors! In coronavirus, we are more than conquerors! In trying to find a job after you get out of prison, we are more than conquerors! Do you see that word, “No” that begins verse 37? It negates all the things he just said. He said, “We are killed all day. We are being slaughtered like sheep. We have trouble, calamity, persecution, hunger, destitution, danger, the threat of death. **NO!** In all those things, we are more than conquerors!”

Last night, I listened to automatic weapon fire a few blocks from our house. There was rioting in Waukegan, as in Chicago. The police were everywhere. There were cars racing up and down our street, throwing beer bottles out the window - Oh, listen to me! – **NO! Even in that, we are more than conquerors!** Not a blade of grass was harmed at my parent's house. Mom and Dad and I sat in the living room for about 45 minutes, and prayed, led by the Holy Spirit. Not a person we prayed over was harmed! In all these things, in all these things, in **ALL** these things we are more than conquerors!

He is the same God who watches over you. He is the same God who has planned your way through this. You do not need to despair, only listen. For the first three weeks that I was at Shawnee, I could not leave my cell except to eat. I asked God what to do, and he said, "spend this time praying, interceding for people." I think Prayer of Faith Network was born there. Now, it is becoming a reality. I have a page on SongsOfDeliveranceMinistry.org where people can enter a prayer request, and their request is emailed directly to me. Then I can share with you, and you can pray for people outside of prison. Then you can send me your prayer request in the text, And I will post them on the Facebook page so they can pray for you. Prayer Of Faith Network. It will grow. We will see mighty answers to prayer! God has a plan in all of this.

As it is written.



1. I am not yet permanently settled. Pray that I will be able to stay at my parent's house.
2. Songs Of Deliverance Ministry is growing. The website is up. Bible studies are being posted there. Prayer Of Faith Network is there, as well as the monthly partner letters.
3. My job is going well, but please pray that I will be able to do this ministry full time. It needs my full time.
4. Saturday, I played golf for the first time in seven years! You could tell by my score! But it was wonderful!

I love all of you. And I am praying for you constantly. God will get us through all of this!

By God's grace,

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Isaiah 50:7; 42:6,7