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Project 5 2

God is good. God is faithful.

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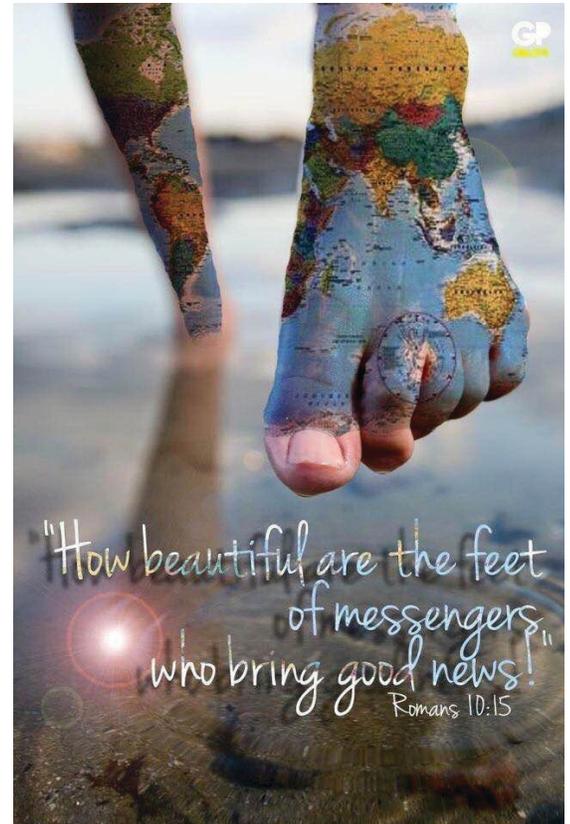
Isaiah House Ministries

Isaiah House Ministries has been serving people in need of physical and spiritual nourishment in northern Kentucky for over 25 years. Two mobile food pantries are set up the last Saturday of each month (except the December schedule is different); one in Ludlow at the Knights of Columbus parking lot on Route 8 and one in Covington at the St. Elizabeth Hospital parking lot. These monthly events take place because of the generous hearts, donations, time and concerted efforts of hundreds of volunteers- individuals, groups and organizations. Each month more than a thousand people receive food, household items and God's message and truth in a loving manner. Being a part of this ministry is special because everyone, whether you are a volunteer or recipient, is invited to participate and share in the love and excitement that is unique to these outreaches. Serving in this ministry over time allows for opportunity to see physical and spiritual impact taking place in such a needed area. There are thousands of stories of changed lives, healed hearts, and salvations to hear about from the outreaches. If anyone is interested in being a part of this life changing ministry, show up the last Saturday of this month before 8:30 a.m. at either location. We will give you a job to help serve others and let you experience spiritual outreach and community in northern Kentucky at it's finest. For more information, please visit www.isaiah-house.com.

(Project 5 2 has donated food, clothing, Bibles and other items to Isaiah House over the years. If you are looking to volunteer at this great outreach, contact johne17@hotmail.com)



**Jesus...
Risen Savior!**



OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL

We get asked quite often if there are ways to volunteer or travel with Jerry on some of his trips. (Always a good opportunity for evangelism and discipleship!)

The following are a few ways you can help:

Scheduled Supply Runs:

1st Thursday of the month:
Hillsboro, OH

2nd Friday of the month:
New Haven, WV

4th Wednesday of the month:
Indianapolis, IN
(Whole Foods pick up A.M.)

Thursdays: Bread route
(early morning bread pick up)

Quarterly trips to Roanoke,
VA

Mt. Washington,
Louisville, KY (TBD)

Eastern KY

*The cross is the tomb
which absorbs all human
pride
- Power of the Cross*

Philippians 2 : The Humility of Christ (NIV, ESV)



I mentioned in the last newsletter about one of my favorite passages of scripture-Philippians chapter 2. I'm not quite sure why I have felt extra drawn here. The chapter is convicting if we allow it to be, and challenging if we are serious about allowing ourselves to be transformed, that's all I know. (Rms 12:2). Over the past few years I have even felt compelled to memorize it. It deals much with our hearts, motivations and attitudes as it sort of overlays our human condition against the backdrop of the life and mind of Jesus Christ and too, the apostle Paul. I have heard it said that this chapter contains so much the essence of our Christian faith, that if we were to "wring out" the Bible, this is what would drip out. Yet even though these words were inspired by God and written by one of the most influential individuals who ever lived, the apostle Paul, they seem so often disregarded in the Church.

Philippians was a letter Paul wrote to the church saints in Philippi, while he was in prison-his life hanging in the balance and with the Church facing persecution. Certainly the overall theme here is encouragement because I imagine these saints in Philippi held a special place in Paul's heart, as this was his first church plant in Europe. How he longed to see them flourish and be united together in Spirit and in purpose for what was coming. Paul was uncertain of the future, but oh so focused on the Father's business. Talk about humility.

In chapter 1, verse 27 we read Paul's exhortation to the believers in Philippi: "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" – NIV. Do we understand as one Body what "a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" looks like? Paul goes on to say in verse 29: "For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him but also to suffer for him.." (not a real popular memory verse). So as to what this manner worthy of the gospel of Christ- which will attract suffering, that has been granted to us, looks like, all I can say is, the heading of the very next passage, Chapter 2, reads in my Bible, "Christ's Example of Humility."

I could be wrong here but it sounds like Paul begins chapter 2 with a conditional sentence that might predispose our "conduct" and even determine how believers walk out the next 17 verses of chapter two- Phil 2:1 "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy (tenderness and compassion, NIV) Phil 2:2 : complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."

Shouldn't the words "if" and "in" in verse 1 instantly invite us to search our own hearts and ask ourselves, AM I, strengthened/encouraged in Christ alone? AM I even one with Christ? (2 Cor 13:5) If I am then, Am I, compassionate? Are these qualities authentic in me? or AM I, in fellowship with the Holy Spirit? If these two verses don't provoke a pause and turn our focus INWARD for a moment, then I believe maybe our chaos, I mean conduct, as one Body who is supposed to be of one mind, may not necessarily be worthy of the gospel of Christ. I think Paul was saying, if you really have made a commitment to be in Christ, He in you, then these virtues should be evident in you, and it would make me extremely joyful to see you extend compassion and sympathy to me for the way I have poured myself out on your behalf, by living out what you have been taught.

Do we understand that to live IN Christ, Christ IN me, requires 2 major things? One, it requires surrender on our part, and two, it requires the Holy Spirit. True humility is fruit, right? It is not behavior modification, not something we can fake, which would then make it false humility.....only God knows the difference in us and only He can produce the real fruit.

Pastor David Wilkerson once said “our nature, our character flaws, our wiring, is to be brought to the altar and conformed to the likeness of Christ – until the mind of Christ becomes ours.”

“IN Christ” says I lay my will down so Yours will be done. It says, we must decrease and plunge, until we arrive on the floor as servant foot washer and yet, delight in our transformation. (John 13:5) (2 Cor 11:30) (Phil 3:8). To live IN Christ means we must be wholly submitted to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit by going to the cross, not around it, and THAT in itself is nothing short of a miracle (John 4:34). But don't all believers say that once we are born again, we are IN Christ? I'm not debating theology here, but let me just throw a little bit of what I've learned (from my wonderful bible teacher!) out there, and see where we land. This is my humble attempt to spur us all on toward love and good deeds, and I pray you will look up and read the scripture references- some of these have changed my life: To live in Christ means: (2 Cor 5:17)

Our perspective must change. We see people from an eternal, Love perspective and respond accordingly with grace and mercy when persecuted or accused or wronged in any manner.
(Matt 27:14) (2Cor 5:16)

We seek healing and deliverance for whatever is hindering our walk. (Luke 4:18) (Heb 12:1)

We surrender our need to always be right, win every argument and have the last word. We surrender our thinking that we are the only ones who “do Christianity right”.
(1Peter 3:11) (Prov 18:24) (Prov 17:9) (Mark 9:38-41)

We surrender the desire to seek revenge. (1Thess 5:15)
(Psalm 141:3) (Matt 5:38-40)

We don't build for self, we die to self and forgive quickly.
(Matt 16: 24- 27; 18: 21-35)
(Roms 12: 17,18)

We surrender the need to figure everything out. (Proverbs 3:5) (Deut 29:29) (2 Cor 5:7)

We surrender our need to be understood as believers, as Jesus didn't go around announcing He was the Christ, and rarely did he explain himself. (Matthew 11: 3-4, Mark, Luke, John)

We enjoy the success of others and lament their failures.
(Roms 12:15) (1 Cor 12:26) (Roms 11: 15-22)

We surrender our need for a fan club and accept the fact that we will be rejected by an unbelieving world.
(Matt 8:34) (Gal 6:3) (John 12:43) (Roms 12:3) (Luke 4:29)

We surrender our desire to people please. (Gal 1:10)
(Prov 29:25) (1 Thess 2:4)

We surrender our need to compete, compare with man, or do anything, when the motivation is vain glory or selfish gain. (Phil 2:3) (2Cor 10:12)

We walk in a Kingdom mindset, not denominational, not church, not individual ministry...but Kingdom. (Matt 6:33) (Matt 4:23) (Rms 12:2) (Acts 4: 32-35)

Will this kind of humility cost us something? Well I think it will; did it cost Jesus something? But the way I read it, it's not really an option if we want to be truly united with Christ as one Body, and are serious about being conformed to his image. Here is a quote from Watchman Nee in his book, Sit, Walk, Stand:

“Nothing has done greater damage to our Christian testimony than our trying to be right and demanding right of others. We have become pre-occupied with what is right and what is not. As Christians, our standard of living has to be the cross, not what is right or wrong because that changes with every generation.”

The next 2 verses read: Phil 2:3,4: “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit (rivalry and conceit-ESV) but in humility consider others better than yourselves (more significant than yourselves –ESV). Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interest of others.”

I read a post on the Total Life Ministries website, (a Christian, word based counseling site), that in scripture, “vain describes something which is fruitless, futile and without effect. It is a self-ward preoccupation with one's image, that results in groundless self esteem, empty pride and conceit. It is rooted in pride, that results in oppression, confusion and disorder.” Ouch.

Paul's desire was that this Body of believers would thrive with or without his guidance. He wanted these “living stones” united in the Spirit and in purpose, working selflessly and cooperatively with one another, each using their gifts and talents, sharing resources in humility, so that no matter what was headed their way, they would persevere, conducting themselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, bringing HIM glory (1 Peter 4:10; Acts 2:40 -47; Acts 4:32-35). Paul knew pride and selfish ambition among them, ie: striving with a fleshly motivation, would bring disunity and perhaps, it was already happening and that's why he encouraged lowliness of mind and heart.

Our Summer continues to be full, prayers appreciated!

June:

Pine Valley Christian Camp; Ellwood City, PA

The Happy Church; Jackson, KY

July:

Church of God, New Haven, West Virginia

Wheeler Missions, Indianapolis, IN

August:

Awaken Church, Fishes and Loaves Pantry, R41

Homeless Ministry; Clarksville, TN
Sunrise Children's Services; Mt.

Washington, KY
Medellin, Columbia

September/October:

Roanoke Gospel Mission; Roanoke, VA

So where do we stand saints? Are we willing to decrease, that He may increase in us? I have heard it asked "What could we be capable of, if we were not afraid to die?" and may I add, maybe not even a physical death, although physical is what was implied. What about just a death to self? What if we stopped comparing and competing with one another?

What if we found joy in making others joyful? (John Piper). While we all consider ourselves, "wheat", what if we examined ourselves for "tare" mentality? What if we stopped building our own kingdoms and worked cooperatively with one another? What if we focused our work and interests on the interests of others, easing their burdens, and stopped judging them in our hearts? What if, in humility, we truly would turn the other cheek? What if we stopped seeking our own prosperity and started seeking the prosperity of others? What if we really sought the mind of Christ and his Father's Kingdom first?

Personally, I think it would spell revival, but listen friends, it will only be a work of God through His Holy Spirit. We can't get here by ourselves, but let's not get lazy in our tarrying. (1 Peter 4:7). Jesus IS coming back, but in the meantime we still have a race to run, so let's run together in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, because we need each other.... are you in?

To be continued.....!



Please consider supporting another front line servant of the Lord, Pastor Oliver Adams. Recently, Project 5 2 helped send 3,000 Bibles to his hometown of Virginia Liberia, Africa, which will be distributed not only there, but to a few other west African countries.

John 13:5

"After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him."

For God is a Consuming Fire...

(Hebrew 12:29)



In June, I carved out time to go away on a 4 1/2 day solo retreat at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist, Kentucky. This was not my first retreat there but my first one in over 4 years. If you have never allowed the time to "retreat" for a few days, I would strongly recommend it. God will refresh you and put wind back in your sails. While I was there, I felt nudged toward these not so easy or popular scriptures, but ones that I needed to get into my spirit and DNA.

Here they are: Ecclesiastes 1-12; Parts of Job 1-41, then 42; Jonah 1-4; Acts 1-6, (emphasis on 1 and 2); Psalm 119. What was interesting was the Friday I returned from the retreat, I immediately repacked and refueled for a 'Man-Up' conference in Pittsburgh, PA which was all day Saturday.

About noon, at a breakout session, I had a pastor whom I didn't know, walk up to me and say "I think the Lord wants me to ask you, why don't many churches preach on Pentecost anymore?" As I grinned to myself, I told him that I had just spent time in Acts 1-6, and I believe I had an answer for him:

The early church had the following building blocks as part of their foundation, and many came to Christ because of the fertile environment:

One cause
God's glory – a consuming personal fire
Unity of purpose
Prayer
Sacrifice
A shared vision of resources – totally Kingdom
Holiness as a mindset
And more prayer.....

I responded to that pastor by asking him if he thought Satan wants this model being preached? No way. The Fire of Pentecost is something we all as believers must maintain or at this point, revive. I personally don't like the alternative of Revelation 3:15,16..(see the opposite report on Pentecost!)

God continues to drive this theme home for me. A few weeks later, God had me in Ezekial 1-3. Talk about heat! God uses the word "fire" 7 times in Ezekial 1.. The glory of God is compared to fire- glowing, gleaming, massive and I'll add- life changing, once we encounter this glory- the same glory that was witnessed and felt at Pentecost. Oh the simplicity of Acts 1 and 2 and the all consuming Fire witnessed by Ezekial. In Ecclesiastes 1-12, Solomon here states that after he looked back on his life, a pursuit of materialism, or stuff, even wisdom and knowledge was unsatisfying. All these misplaced pursuits were "vanity of vanities" to him now, like "chasing after the wind!". (Don't shoot me, I'm just the messenger). If we decide to ignore Solomon's warning, it is suicide for the Christian because it will be a wet blanket on that Fire.

Ecclesiastes is a book that should burn away the worldly dross within us. It totally contradicts the prosperity message preached today by many churches. I can see why Ecclesiastes 1-12 is not a popular message on Sunday mornings either.

Could it be that if we stopped being lovers of pleasure, chasing after mammon, worshipping other idols, seeking our own happiness, etc.. that maybe all that would be left to chase would be God Himself?

Oh, how we love to quote Isaiah 42:9, but have we read Isaiah 42:8 lately?: "I am the Lord; that is my name, my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols". His glory will not be shared with anyone, and it is not felt or manifested in an environment of false doctrine, love of self, love of money, building our own kingdoms or in places of "dry bones" where hearts are far from God.

So, does our personal walk resemble intimacy with the Lord? Do we reflect more of Acts 1 and 2, Ezekial 1 and 2, Ecclesiastes 1 and 2 or are we in the Revelation 3:15,16 camp? Don't be deceived.

Let us all return to that all consuming Fire, our first Love, our true Love, our only Love. Jesus Christ...

Jerry

Ongoing ways to help Project 5 2:

- Collections of new and used Bibles
- Peanut butter drives
- Canned food drives
- Men's and women's hygiene items such as toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo, soaps (hotel samples always welcome!)

"Jesus fed 5,000 but only 500 followed him after lunch. He had 12 disciples but only 3 went further in the garden... and only 1 stood with him at the cross. The closer you get to the cross, the smaller the crowd becomes."

T. F. Tenney

2 Cor 13:5

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you – unless, of course, you fail the test?"

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Ways You can support Project 5 2... Charitable Giving Strategies.

I have had the pleasure of calling the Reiners friends for over 20 years, and in that time I have witnessed firsthand, their passion for serving those less fortunate. Their diligence in spreading love and resources not only in Cincinnati but throughout the country, is Christ's work in action.

I want to share a few strategies that will have a positive impact for both the giver and the recipient (Project 52).

- 1) **Write a check, give cash, money orders, etc.** That is the simplest form of giving, and it's easy!
- 2) **Donate Appreciated Securities in lieu of cash.** By doing this you avoid capital gains taxes on the growth of the security, while also being able to use the full market value as a deduction when you itemize. This allows the recipient of your gift to receive the full value of the security without the tax liability.
- 3) **Fund Gifts with IRA Withdrawals**
By sending IRA withdrawals directly to charity you can reduce your tax liability. Similar to the donation of securities, you will not have to pay taxes on the distribution. Current law allows use of this strategy if you are over the age of 70 ½ and the IRA withdrawal goes directly to an IRS-approved charity.
- 4) **Contribute to Donor Advised Trust**
By donating to a Donor Advised Trust, you separate tax planning from charitable decisions. You donate cash (or appreciated securities) to an account held at a brokerage firm or with a charity that functions similar to an escrow account. You get the deduction in the year the donation is given to the fund, while still being able to distribute those funds to your desired charity at your own pace.

Example: \$100,000 donation to the fund, paid to the charity as annual \$10,000 donations for 10 years. These donations are irrevocable and can only be made to IRS-approved charities.

These are just a few of the numerous strategies available for maximizing charitable giving. If you would like more information or have questions about charitable contributions, feel free to call our office at 513-793-8445 and ask for Ken Stone. You can also visit our website stone-financial.com to submit questions and gain helpful insight on charitable contributions.

**In all matters related to taxation,
please consult your personal tax advisor
before making any decisions!**

Again, many blessings to Jerry and Tracy Reiner and the entire Project 52 team for the tremendous service and love they share on a daily basis.



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Here are some other ways you can support Project 5 2:

You can help Project 5 2 with each purchase when you shop on AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com>). The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Project 5 2. There are no extra fees- just choose our name as your charity for an easy way to support the cause. Thank you!



We have a Paypal link on our website,
www.pro52.org...



Prayer Requests:

- August/September/October/November travel: Please pray for us as we travel in August and the upcoming months to Awaken Church and a homeless shelter in Clarksville TN; Indianapolis; Medellin Columbia, to celebrate our friend and Jerry's mentor, Dr. Osborne Richard's birthday; Sunrise Children's services in Mt. Washington KY. In November we have been invited to Liberia, West Africa to assist in Bible redistribution at the church and on the streets. Please pray for clear direction.
- Looking for 12 additional churches, ministries, individuals or businesses to assist in collecting new or used Bibles on a weekly basis.. Also pray for more Spanish Bibles, as we would like to take some with us to Columbia later in August.
- Please pray for our oldest son Zach and his recently begotten fiancé, Meg Weretka. They were engaged this past July and are embarking on plans for their new life together!



- Please join us in prayer for a new Project 5 2 van, the one we have has been faithful but when you're mechanic tells you to start praying for a new one...

2nd Chance Ministries

As a pastor of small church in Northside, Cincinnati, it is not always easy to have the funds to provide food for the community. A few months ago we started receiving food from Jerry and Project 5 2. When I say it has been a blessing that would be an understatement. Not only do we receive food from Whole Foods that we are also able to give to people in the community and to families in the church, but we also get pretzels from Auntie Ann's weekly. With the pretzels, we are able to be a blessing to other churches as well. The pretzels each week have blessed multiple churches in our surrounding communities including northern Kentucky.

Many times we do things and don't realize the impact we are having on the communities around us. I can truly say Project 5 2 is doing a wonderful work that is touching the lives of many. It has allowed a small church in Northside to touch lives beyond our four walls.

Project 5 2, thank you for all you do for 2nd Chance Ministries Christian Worship Center and the surrounding communities- we really appreciate you for your labor of love.

Pastor Joseph Bradley

Matthew 11:30 (NLT)

If I must boast, I would rather boast about the things that show how weak I am.

THANK YOU!

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. ~

John 6: 12, 13



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 (Living out Isaiah 58 & Matthew 25)

- Be the hands & feet of Christ by redistributing freely-given material wealth of others to the poor, specifically along the Appalachian Trail.
- Be the hands & feet of Christ by serving and redistributing goods to those who are neglected locally (the Tri-State), specifically orphans.
- Be a teaching mechanism to the Church, ministries, and others on serving the needy kingdom through principles.



As we strive to be good stewards of the resources given us, we ask your help. Would you rather receive the newsletter via email? Please let us know by emailing us at office.project.52@gmail.com

Thanks!



*Project 5 2 is a faith-based 501C3 distributor of food, clothing, and supplies to the needy in the tri-state, Appalachia regions and beyond. Founded in 2008 in West Chester, OH.

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Run by God.

Directed by the Holy Spirit.