

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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In times like these, many people are anxious because of the political and financial landscape of America.

Jesus said, “*Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*” **Matthew 6:25-26.**

Jesus is not saying we should live a life of passivity. Jesus is saying that we should simply trust God in times like these. If we can trust Him as Christians for our eternal destiny, can we not trust Him for these moments we call time? Remember, “*In God We Trust.*”

Jesus said, “*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*” **Matthew 11:28-30.**

When we first came to Jesus, we were burdened with sin, and a load of care. We realized we were sinners, and then we looked at the cross where Jesus died for us and as us. We put our trust in His death for our sin, and asked Him to come into our heart, and He did!

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What did Jesus do? He gave you soul rest.

My friend, loyalty cannot be displayed until there is adversity. Trust our heavenly Father who said, “*I’ll never leave you or forsake you.*”

Thank you for supporting me in this work. This is your ministry!

*The Mission Continues:* It is always a privilege to minister here in Memphis, TN. I preached this month in both of our large rescue missions, Memphis Union Mission, and also, Calvary Rescue Mission. I saw many make decisions for Christ, and I was able to disciple them, along with presenting a clear presentation of the gospel. There were many who came for personal counseling.

Abiding Above Ministries reaches so many people across the world. This month, I shared with a local women's group about our international work, they marveled at how God is using us. One particular lady said, *"I believe you are getting more done to reach the lost and disciple believers than many churches."* Yes, God is using us, and we are so grateful for the results.



*Revival In Quitman, MS.* We fully support the local church and as God says in His Word, *"Do not forsake the gathering of the brethren."* That is why I so much enjoy, and find myself inspired, as I preach revivals here in America.

I have just returned from Quitman, MS where I saw many people in the local church begin to see themselves the way God sees them, *"In Christ Jesus!"* One man said to me with tears in his eyes, *"I have never seen this truth before. This is changing the way I see God, myself, and others."*

There is never enough room in one of these newsletters to share with you all that happens month to month. Opportunities to minister to those who are hurting abound. Opportunities to preach crusades in many countries are open to me. Please pray for me as I carefully, and prayerfully, select the ones I am to involve myself in.

Thank you for your continued concern, and prayers, for my wife Kellie as she marches on with chemotherapy. It is just plain hard is all I can say. She told me recently, *"This too will pass."* Pray for her.

We need your support. If you have never given, please do. We need you. God is doing so much through this ministry because you stand with us. Consider us in your year-end giving. Jesus must be coming soon!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3