

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Revival in Kentucky: Your prayers were answered for the blessings of God upon the revival I led in Kentucky! We had showers of blessings as we watched 62 people make decisions for Jesus Christ!

We are fulfilling God's call on us **to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person, to encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.**

This included my preaching in a local jail and a state penitentiary to many inmates. I am always moved by what I see when I minister in the prisons whether here in America or across the world to men and women who seem to have no hope. I shared with these inmates that all of our hope should rest alone in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is true for everyone, whether free or in prison.

Jesus said,

**"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
because He has anointed Me
to preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the
brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are
oppressed;
to proclaim the acceptable year of
the Lord."
(Luke 4:18-19)**



Walking in the Spirit: I believe with all of my heart that is what God has called me to do. It is humbling to know, that this same Jesus lives inside of me. If I will choose to surrender to His complete control this same Jesus will fulfill His mission that we see above through you and me. Marvelous! What wonder! To be filled with this same Spirit!

My friend hold on to this truth that I am about to share with you,

**We are to choose to surrender to His complete control,
Until we surrender to His complete control without choosing.**

This is the Spirit-filled life, let no one confuse you, it is not something hard we do. Jesus said concerning coming to Him in the simplicity of a child,

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me." (Matthew 18:2-5)

My friend, we are to live a life of complete child like surrender. It is not something we should think about doing some day but it should be the intent of our hearts. The Bible says concerning our Lord's surrender to the cross at Jerusalem,

"Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem...." (Luke 9:51)

This is how we are to live. To live any other way is to put ourselves above Jesus the One Who died for us, the One Who is our very life!

Work in Memphis: This month I have also had the opportunity and the blessing of preaching to men and women who are at their lowest point in life at the Memphis Union Mission in downtown Memphis. I have preached on two different occasions and seen 17 and 30 pray to receive Christ! It blesses my heart to see people come to Jesus.

A Life That Counts: Just the other day, I officiated a funeral. There is something special about funeral services. It is a somber time and a time to reflect on one's own life. I found myself asking this question. What have I done and what am I doing with this brief life God has given me? My friend, I ask you that same question. I pray we will both live with this in mind.

**Only one life twill soon be past
Only what is done for Christ will last and
When I am dying how glad I will be
That the light of my life was burned
Out for Thee.**

I love you and thank God for you every day. Please, continue to support us! We need increased support! Please, encourage others to support this ministry. Everything that has happened has been because you have listened to the Holy Spirit and obeyed His promptings. You are loved. You are special. We need you to carry on!

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3