

# BREAD CRUMBS

NEWSLETTER

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# RESTORATION



And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.  
Joel 2:25

## *Word from Pastor Chrísta*

In the year 2024, God has ordained a season of abundance—a time for reaping the fruits of our labor, as stated in Genesis 8:22. Just as Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us of the appointed times for sowing and harvesting, this period is one of divine harvest. To prepare for this, God has called for a fast, not merely of food but of anything that separates us from the Love of God. This is a time of introspection, as urged in 2 Corinthians 13:5.

This fast serves as an opportunity to offer sacrificially to the Lord and to examine our hearts and minds deeply. It is a time to break the yoke of the enemy, as Isaiah 58:6-7 explains, and to purge the sin that separates us from Him, fostering a deeper intimacy with God.

While the blessings of physical abundance, healing, and flourishing ministries are anticipated during this season, let us not overlook the gift of righteousness and the closeness with God it brings, as underscored in Hosea 10:12. Our Father desires a people who will treasure His presence above all blessings, remaining humble and steadfast, allowing Him to cleanse us, as Galatians 6:7-8 admonishes.

As we anticipate a transfer of wealth, both materially and spiritually, let us prepare ourselves to be faithful stewards, seeking first the kingdom of heaven and His righteousness, trusting that all other blessings will follow, as promised in Matthew 6:33.

# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - A CALL TO PRISONERS

by Minister Darrell A. Lavine

The darkest place on earth is where the brightest can light shines - prison. In the beginning, God uttered four powerful, life-giving words: LET THERE BE LIGHT. Guess what? Prisons are not excluded from God's light.. God is omniscient. He knew man would fall, and the sun, moon, and stars would not go on to be the only light we needed. We would need a savior to be the way the truth and the light for all men.

When Adam and Eve, who fell and were beguiled by the craftiness of Satan, it opened the door to all types of evil and darkness within the mind and heart of humanity. We became slaves to the rebellious ways and all mankind were confined to a death sentence. However, we are freed by the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and now we are representatives of his grace. Can you now see that prisoners are included in God's redemption plan?

Who better to proclaim the light of Christ than those who fell into the void of darkness? Recognize that Jesus is the way, and the truth, and he is calling his sons and daughters who are behind bars into his marvelous light. Confess your wrongdoings, ignorance, and your unbelief in exchange for life and life more abundantly. There are several examples of chosen vessels who were once imprisoned, but rose to become mighty men of God. Joseph, Daniel, and Paul are examples for us. In this particular season, God is calling many who are imprisoned to answer his call, and I am an example.

Although I did not perpetrate all of the offenses leveled against me, I was either present or involved in some of them. Most importantly, I was rebellious against God. My heart was full of darkness. Circumstances surrounding abuse I endured as a child played a pivotal role. However, I am done making excuses for the choices I made.

God saved me by allowing this confinement to happen. I was hit by a car at the age of three. I survived many gang wars and shootouts. While fighting this court system, I also survived two heart attacks and two suicide attempts. You may ask yourself, "Why would God protect him and save him?" The answer is - because I have a call on my life, along with several other men and women incarcerated with me.

Acts 16:25-31 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer[a] called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Their answer to the call of God, along with their obedience to the commandments of God, shook the foundations of the prison. It reached the people within, who then, in return, became free to reach more people.

Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..."

Finally, my fellow comrades, we were chosen and called before we entered our mother's womb. Yes, we have all sinned and fallen short. It's time to pick up your cross and run the race with endurance. It's time to fight the good fight of faith. Again, God called you from the womb, and he is now calling you from the prison dorms or cells you reside in.

Romans 8:30, "And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."

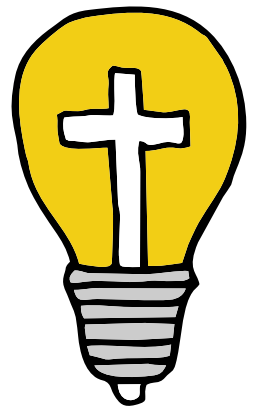
Those who he predestined he also called. Those whom he calls, he also chastens, and those whom he chastens, he also glorifies. Answer the call my brothers and sisters, it is time we bring about an earthquake and shake not only the prison, but the whole world. It is time to let our light shine before the world.

# Random Act of Kindness Word Search



Find the hidden Random Act of Kindness words.

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# Nehemiah's prayer for Jerusalem

**By Minister Tambeara Watkins-Curry**

“Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 6 let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. 7 We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses”. Nehemiah 1: 5-8 (NIV)

Nehemiah undertook the monumental task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. As we glean lessons from Nehemiah's approach to this assignment, we learn that he began by weeping, praying, fasting, and humbling himself before God, seeking divine direction. Following this spiritual preparation, he steadfastly moved forward, allowing nothing to deter him from managing and rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, thus restoring its strength and security.

Lesson: Sometimes, we find ourselves in need of restoration, and in those moments, yielding to God allows Him to work in us and through us, transforming us into vessels ready to receive His healing and renewal. It's about surrendering our own plans and desires to His greater purpose, trusting that He knows what's best for us.

On the other hand, there are times when God calls us to be instruments of His restoration in the lives of others or in the world around us. Just as Nehemiah was called to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, we may be called to participate actively in bringing about restoration, whether it's in our relationships, communities, or society. In these moments, God empowers us with His Spirit to be agents of change, working alongside Him to bring healing, reconciliation, and renewal to those who are broken and in need.

So, whether we are receiving restoration from God or being used by Him to bring about restoration in the lives of others, it's all part of His redemptive work in the world. It's a beautiful reminder of His love and grace at work in and through us.

**Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up  
the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of  
Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.**

# LET'S TALK!

Dear Readers,

Bread Crumbs wants to hear from you! Think you know the answer to the riddle below? Email us your response! But don't stop there— if you have a dream you want interpreted, send it in, and we'll include it. Have a poem to share, a question about the Bible, or an article you'd like to contribute? Whatever it is, we want to interact with you. Our viewers are important to us. Let's connect!

Email us: [info@brokenbreadministries.com](mailto:info@brokenbreadministries.com)

# DREAM

Dear Broken Bread,

I recently had a dream I would like to share. I dreamt I was in a place that looked a lot like Japan. I saw sliding Japanese doors. Then God appeared and I asked him if I could get some of his power so that I could heal people and kill demons. Then I walked toward one of the open doors and one of the doors opened and it led to a dark room. I extended my hands into the room and said "Let there be light", then the room lightened and got really bright. I saw someone standing in the room, then a demon appeared and I killed it. Then the dream ended.

By Jr. ( 17 years old)

## Our Response

Dear Jr.,

WOW! What an awesome dream! Japan holds a significant place in your dreams. Some of history's greatest warriors emerged from Asia, with Japan being renowned for its samurai warriors. The samurai are among the top 10 most powerful warriors in history. You may know that God has declared 2024 as the year of open doors. There is a desire within you to serve people and help them heal. However, you are also aware that demons can hinder them from receiving God's healing. God is going to fulfill the desire of your heart by allowing you to serve His kingdom through healing. He is opening that door for you. In your dream, the room was dark at first, but once you extended your hands, the light came on. This signifies that when you submit the works of your hands to God, He will grant you the understanding of how to fight demons and heal people. Jesus, the other man in the room, will teach you how to use the Word of God—represented by the spear in your dream—to combat demons.

Are you good with Riddles? Let's see how you do with this one.

You might see me in the sky, and by a waterfall I'm lower. Some say that I was first seen after a flood by Noah. What am I?



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Broken Bread Ministries partnered with Forgiving Ministry and were blessed to serve the inmates and children their at Nash Correctional Facility.

## DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US

Every Wednesday  
@ 8:00 p.m. EST

Worship with us on ZOOM

Meeting ID: 829 1834 8505

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