



Chariots of Light Monthly Message

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CHARIOTS OF LIGHT - PHILIPPIANS 2:15 – “SHINE AS LIGHTS”

Hello Chariots... Our family of lights,

We have returned from Australia, spending the first 2 weeks of February in the great southland of the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful time we had with our Chariots family and friends in Melbourne, Bendigo, the Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Inverell, and Canungra. Reestablishing for the resurgence of Chariots this year like never before. Building new relationships within and new churches and new areas. Keeping the vision strong and working for the maximum harvest to come. We had many testimonies of the goodness of God during and extending after our visit.

Many thanks to Dr. Savelle for sending us and everyone who received us.

In Philippians, we find that we are His lights shining bright in a dark culture. Our founding scripture from Dr. Savelle, Philippians 2:15 in the Passion Translation (verses before and after for emphasis) reads like this:

14 Live a cheerful life, without complaining or division among yourselves.

15 For then you will be seen as innocent, faultless, and pure children of God, even though you live in the midst of a brutal and perverse culture. For you will appear among them as shining lights in the universe,

16 holding out the words of eternal life.

I haven't labored among you for nothing, for your lives are the fruit of my ministry and will be my glorious boast at the unveiling of Christ!

Paul said “your lives are the fruit of my ministry.” Think of this, our lives are the seeds of the fruit we produce. The fruit is totally the harvest; the results of the seed. Your seed has received the maximum in its harvest. Even in the harvest of fruit there are more seeds for more harvest. It is a continual work.

Everywhere we go there are seeds to scatter and to plant. Our lives reflect seeds of life everywhere we go. That's why the harvest is great. Your life is a seed for the harvest, and every day is opportunity for harvest.

Let's look at the parable of the Sower in Matthew 13: 1-9 TPT. The farmer went out to sow seeds. That's what he did. His life was being sown everywhere he went. Every type of ground the seeds of life came off of him and were scattered.

Matthew 13:1-9 TPT

3 He taught them many things by using stories, parables to illustrate spiritual truths, saying:

“Consider this: There was a farmer who went out to sow seeds. 4 As he cast his seeds, some fell along the beaten path and the birds came and ate them. 5 Others fell onto gravel that had no topsoil. They quickly shot up, 6 but when the days grew hot, they were scorched and withered because they had insufficient roots. 7 Others fell among the thorns, so when they sprouted, the thorns choked them. 8 But other seeds fell on good, rich soil that kept producing a good harvest. Some yielded thirty, some sixty, and some even one hundred times as much as he planted! 9 If you’re able to understand this, then you need to respond.”

Verse 8 says that other seeds fell on good rich soil that kept producing a good harvest. Some thirty, sixty, and some even 100 times as much as he planted. And in verse 9, Jesus said, “If you’re able to understand this then you need to respond.”

We are able to respond when our hearts are yielded. The yielding of the hearts will bring the 30-60-100-fold. Are you yielded 30% of the time, 60% of the time, or 100% of the time? Your yielding determines your maximum harvest. Look at some more of these verses:

9 If you’re able to understand this, then you need to respond.”

10 Then his disciples approached Jesus and asked, “Why do you always speak to people in these hard-to-understand parables?”

11 He explained, “You’ve been given the intimate experience of insight into the hidden mysteries of the realm of heaven’s kingdom, but they have not.

Jesus said, “if you’re able to understand this, then you need to respond. You’ve been given the intimate experience of insight into the hidden mysteries of the realm of heaven’s kingdom, and they have not.”

12 For everyone who listens with an open heart will receive progressively more revelation until he has more than enough. But those who don’t listen with an open, teachable heart, even the understanding that they think they have will be taken from them.

If our hearts aren’t yielded and teachable, we will never be able to receive the maximum God has for us. 100 times as much is the return that He is believing we will receive. Let’s believe with Him for the maximum! Look at Matthew 9:23:

23 “But what was sown on good, rich soil represents the one who hears and fully embraces the message of the kingdom. Their lives bear good fruit—some yield a harvest of thirty, sixty, even one hundred times as much as was sown.

Verse 23 represents sowing in good rich soil; the one who fully embraces (yields to) the message of the kingdom. Their lives bear “good fruit”. This is good stuff. Let’s keep reading...

24 Then Jesus taught them another parable:

“Heaven’s kingdom can be compared to a farmer who planted good seed in his field. 25 But when everyone was asleep, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and ran away.

26 When the wheat sprouted and bore grain, the weeds also appeared.

27 So the farmer’s hired hands came to him and said, ‘Sir, wasn’t that good seed that you sowed in the field? Where did all these weeds come from?’

28 "He answered, 'This has to be the work of an enemy!'

"They replied, 'Do you want us to go and gather up all the weeds?'

29 "No,' he said. 'If you pull out the weeds you might uproot the wheat at the same time. 30Let them both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I'll tell my harvesters to gather the weeds first and tie them all in bundles to be burned. Then they will harvest the wheat and put it into my barn.'"

In verse 25 - Even when the enemy planted weeds among the wheat, and then ran away, the farmer wasn't concerned. Weeds appeared in the wheat for the purpose of taking out the roots. Jesus said to wait till the harvest of the good wheat and there will be a separation of the bad weeds from the wheat. The good wheat came from good seeds in good soil. Jesus didn't want to take anything away from the roots. It was a part of the heart of the harvest. Strong roots come from a strong heart that hasn't been separated at the wrong time. God knows the timing for everything and as we keep our hearts pure and strong and teachable, committing everything to him, He will see to it that the maximum harvest will always be in our fields.

I want to encourage you today to sow those seeds of life everywhere you go. Everywhere you go there's also harvest along the way from the seeds that were planted from another day - maybe even from another person.

Let the work of humility, forgiveness, and love cause the Word and the Holy Spirit to bring new life everywhere you go today for the harvest is great. As you are yielded greatly so you will yield a great harvest today!

As you are reading this letter around the first of March, we are presently in our annual National COL Outreach in Daytona Beach, Florida. We are sowing seed and reaping the harvest. We appreciate you all who are going, sowing, and praying for the harvest, for it is great! Blessing and favor be upon you all.

Below are 2 testimonies to encourage you of how awesome God is when you share your faith with others. We appreciate our COL Minnesota member, Allan Wiinamaki and his sharing these testimonies with us.

1. *Daytona Bike Week: God demonstrating what He can do in an everyday situation such as eating an ice cream cone.*

I was at Daytona Bike Week on the boardwalk in front of an ice cream shop sharing the Good News. I had prayed with people while they ate their ice cream. Eventually I just had to get some ice cream. I asked a guy sitting at a table if I could join him. I sat down to eat my ice cream and he just started opening up about his life. He noticed my Chariot's vest and shared how he had been in prison, was homeless, and couldn't find a job because of his criminal record. He had been saved while in prison, turned away from his old friends, and left Ocala where he was from.

When I finished my ice cream I just asked if I could pray for him. I prayed that God would give him His peace, show him how much he loved him and how valued he was in God's eyes, that God had a long, full life planned for him to bless him with a future and a hope. With tears he asked me if I could text his mom that he was OK. She was diagnosed with cancer and Jesse hadn't contacted her recently.

I sent a text to Jesse's mom that he was OK and that he loved her. I blessed Jesse and he said he was going to go buy a phone to call his mom. Then a few minutes later I got a text back from Jesse's mom saying, " Thank you guys very much. I love you. I love Jesse and thank you God."

Then she texted an amazing video thanking the Lord for what God was doing for Jesse and helping her get through what she was going through.

At dinner that night with the Chariots I shared Jesse's story and the whole team prayed for Jesse and his mom. Later that evening I got the best text ever with a picture of Jesse and his mom reunited and hugging with big smiles on their face.

Here's the text, "Thank you very much for everything. I am with my mom now. I appreciate your help getting me off the streets on the coldest night of the year. God bless you. I'm on my way to go get a phone now. Thank you so much." Glory to God for what only He can do over an ice cream cone!

2. *God used the purchase of a motorcycle as an opportunity for salvation.*

God showed up on my trip to Milwaukee to pick up a new bike. Another Chariot blessed me with a ride to the airport. Since we got to the airport early, I got to pray with several for salvation including a group from the Philippines. Several believers were probably a little stressed from flying during COVID and were so appreciative of prayer.

The owner of the shop was gracious enough to pick me up at my hotel so we had a little time to get to know each other. He shared with me that his sister recently received a devastating diagnosis. He and his sisters own the bike shop. The younger is a very sweet girl with Down's Syndrome who loves to be in the shop. I asked if I could pray for him and his family. He agreed and I prayed a blessing over his family and business. I also shared the gospel with him and he was very open to pray to make Jesus his Lord and Savior. He was appreciative and even so bold to post on his business FB page a picture of the Chariots cross I gave him. Praise the Lord for demonstrating his saving love and grace while buying a new bike!

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- Brother Bill and Ginger