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Dearly beloved, greetings in the sweet and most precious name of Jesus Christ!

Many months have swept by since I last wrote to you. Let me begin by thanking each of you for standing so strong with us in the battle for me, my wife and our family in this very difficult time. I would have never guessed that as my precious wife battled for her life, I too would battle for mine. Both fronts were severe, and my dear Judith was taken to her heavenly home in August. I am so grateful my petition before the Lord was honored and I was able to be with her when she died. She passed so peacefully in my arms at 12:10 AM, August 14, 2018.

Please let me say how all your prayers and intercessions lifted us up as though being carried on heavenly wings, filling us with such peace, comfort and love. The joy and thankfulness overpowered the pain of our loss, bringing strength to go forward in victory each day. For this: our deepest and sincere thanks to each of you!!!

We are also so grateful for your generous response to our many financial needs!! Which have been many, due to my wife's medical expenses, hospice and burial. I too have had many medical expenses this past year. With only two speaking engagements from April to December; all our needs have been more than met! Our hearts are so thankful for each of you for cheerfully and lovingly sending us gifts and encouraging words so precious. BLESS YOU! BLESS YOU!! BLESS YOU!!!

Now may I share a little of what the Lord has been speaking to me about 2019? Even as my family has had to face difficulties, I know so many of you also have had to endure your trials as well.

I Peter 5:9B *Knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*
vs 10 *But the God of all grace, who has called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you,*
vs 11 *To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever, amen!*

Here we are facing another year in a world full of such uncertainty and chaos. In the body of Christ many voices of prophetic words of prosperity, as well as manifestations of God's mighty power about to be loosed on the earth. (And the Lord knows how much I cry out for that!) So as to turn this wicked generation back to God. However, I have been so impressed lately as I read and meditate on God's Word, especially repeated expressions in the apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

Ephesians 1:5 & 6 *Having predestinated us into adoption of sons by Jesus Christ to Himself; according to the good pleasure of His will? To the praise of the glory of His grace.*
vs 9 *Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which he purposed in Himself.*

I have purposely ended in vs. 9, to call your focus to one expression repeated again and again. "According to His good pleasure"

And in this year, I pray our emphasis will zoom in every day on bringing back our hearts and souls to better understating the fullness of this in our whole being! As our generation is so heavily indoctrinated by the social medial on *feel goods*. Ask yourself: What is my greatest craving for pleasure? Where do I draw from the most in my daily life and thought? What arouses my emotions to satisfaction? We feed on this for peace and feeling of self-worth. But let's go back to the expressions of intimacy from the heart of our Father in heaven. What is the pleasure of His good will? I believe the clearest answered to this other than the Lord's prayer is in:

I John 4:16 *And we have known and believed the love that God has to us, God is Love; and he that dwells in love, dwells in God, and God in Him.*
Song of Solomon 8:6 *set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm. For Love is strong as death.*

Do you remember my key definition of what heaven is like in my Six Hours in Heaven testimony? "Everything in heaven loves to serve and serves in love." So, what is our God's greatest pleasure?

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!

Every Christian movement in every nation prays that! Let's get a hold on that this year! So His kingdom can come, His will can be done on earth as in heaven.

As love covers it all!!!

May 2019 bring forth the greatest pleasure to our precious Savior and our Father in heaven.

Sincerely in Jesus!

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