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Jesus said, "For without Me, ye can do nothing."

God bless you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am a little stunned to realize this is only the *second* newsletter of the year! Where has the time gone? But I suppose this explains why there is so much to report in this issue.

As I write this letter, Workers Together With Him recognizes its fifth anniversary. In the grand scheme of things, five years is a very short time, and it is far too soon to come to any meaningful conclusions about the longevity of this organization. Nevertheless, it has been a wonderful five years and I pray that by God's grace and mercy, the next five will be as rewarding and fruitful. In these years, I have had the joy of presenting the Weapons Of Our Warfare class material 37 times in eleven countries. Still, it is this new era of Workers Together With Him that I am most excited about.

Every Christian organization needs a leader, someone with the vision to lay out the course and rally the troops into battle. Woe to that assembly that chooses any other than the LORD Himself to fill that position! They will do no better than the Israelites who wanted a king and got Saul.

Once again, my newsletter article in this issue centers on the person of Christ. As King David expressed so plainly, God Almighty is *the* LORD, but Jesus is *my* Lord.

For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. (Mark 12:36)

The 'reasoning' of some is that to exalt the Son is to degrade the Father. Yet in truth it is to the *glory of the Father* that we bow down before the One *He* has exalted.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

Jesus is our King. His rightful place is upon the throne of our heart. Invariably, those that deny His deity will also deny

Him His Throne. Even worse, they will fill that vacancy with someone far less worthy. In our society today, many look to our government officials to be their Shepherd and Provider. Others will choose a man or woman 'of God' to anoint king. But just like in the tale of the Emperor's New Clothes, the only way they can keep their fantasy intact is to close their eyes to their hero's obvious failings. Finally, they add sin to sin by teaching others to uphold the lie.

It is no coincidence that it is among the cults that you are most likely to find people who deny the deity of Christ. By its very nature, a cult is a religious group that appoints someone other than Jesus as king. Such a thing might not be blatantly written into their charter, but it certainly will be evident in the lives of the devotees.

God's Word contains the antidote for cults. 2 Timothy 2:2 says, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." In the Bible, it is the King who is the recipient of adoration, not His royal messengers. The messenger is simply judged for his faithfulness. When faithful men relay the King's message, the hearts of the people will turn to the King. It is for this reason that I am so thrilled to report on the success of the Weapons Of Our Warfare class presented in Independence, Louisiana in May. This presentation was made with the help of my coworkers, the Revs. Evan Pyle and Steve Monahan. In previous classes, they had assisted me with one or two sessions, but for this event, they carried the burden of the class. I'd like to thank Rev. Vince Falcone and the congregation at the Liberty House of Prayer for their Christian hospitality.

In July, Evan and I returned to Uganda for a presentation of the Weapons Of Our Warfare seminar specially prepared for ministers of the Gospel. Once again, 2 Timothy 2:2 was in our hearts as we labored among these wonderful servants of God. Once again, we'd like to commend Bro. Henry Musana for all the work he did to coordinate this event. Thanks also to Pastor John Robert of Christian Life Teachings Min-

istry for his contribution as well. Both Henry and Evan have written reports of this event in this issue. During our time in Uganda, Evan and I had occasion to visit with our brother Rev. Wilberforce Okumu, founder and pastor of Pearl Haven Church in Mbale. I am delighted to publish his article in this issue.

In August, I traveled to Devon, England for a special presentation of the Weapons Of Our Warfare class for children. I had such a marvelous time, and I'd like to commend all the young people for their love for the Lord and desire to know Him better. I'd also like to thank the adults who helped out so much, in particular, Aine Lucas, Lorraine Bradbury, Elaine Waterhouse and Stephen Marcano. Once again, I am greatly appreciative of Rev. Jerome Lucas who coordinated this event.

Another special occasion in that special week was the ordination of our brother Carl Roberts. Rev. Roberts is one of the pillars of Workers Together With Him, UK. He and his wife Vivienne are a great blessing to me and many others.

Finally, I just completed presenting the Weapons Of Our Warfare class here in Texas, in the town of Indian Lake not far from Brownsville. My friend Rudi Illavský teases me when I speak of each new class as "the best ever" but honestly, this was a wonderful event. Truthfully, I expect each class to be "the best ever" because I expect to learn and grow as a teacher with each presentation. Special thanks to Gary and Becky Sheirer who coordinated this event, and to Dan and LaVonne Murray for their loving hospitality in making their home available for this class. We have two classes planned for the Brownsville/Indian Lake area in January 2005, one in English and another in Spanish.

As Rev. Pyle writes in his report, we are prayerfully considering a return to Africa as soon as December. We have been invited to teach a fellowship of Masai Christians. In February, we will be in Kenya for the first time. Evan will present a congregational class on the Weapons Of Our Warfare class (with the assistance of Rev. Monahan) in one town, while I am presenting a minister's class in another town. Then in April, I will be returning to London for an adult class, this time assisted in the presentation by Revs. Lucas and Roberts.

With such challenges before us, we are greatly appreciative of your prayers and financial support. Thank you and God bless you.

In the Service of His Majesty, the King of kings,
Rev. Tim Sullivan



Looking Unto Jesus, Seeing Beyond the Veil

By Rev. Tim Sullivan

As we "run the race that is set before us," there will be days when we grow weary and faint of heart. When we are tempted to lose hope, the Bible reminds us to consider the examples of those who ran this race before us, and especially, to look unto Jesus.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8).

When you look unto Jesus, who do you see? People have come to diverse conclusions regarding the Nazarene. What is your conception of God's only begotten Son? When He tabernacled on earth, many Jews looked at Jesus and saw only a man they considered the bastard son of Mary. They esteemed themselves better than He, for, they said, "We be not born of fornication" (Jn. 8:41). Christ understood the reason for their spiritual blindness.

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word. (John 8:42-43)

To truly see Jesus, He said, is to see the One who sent Him.

Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. (John 12:44-45)

Jesus did not differentiate between believing on Him and the One who sent Him. Much to the chagrin of the religious leaders of His time, He "thought it not robbery to be equal with God" (Phil. 2:6).

In chapters 14 through 17 of the Gospel of John, we

read of Christ's words to His apostles after Judas had left to betray Him and before they ventured into the garden called Gethsemane. In those hours leading up to His greatest challenge, Jesus concerned Himself with bringing comfort and strength to those He would leave behind.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. (John 14:5-7)

Jesus said to know Him is to know His Father. But Philip was still not satisfied. Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us" (vs.8). Jesus marvelled that Philip could be with Him for so long and still be blind concerning who He was.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? (John 14:9)

Philip could not see past the flesh of Jesus. He failed to grasp a great precept of spiritual understanding. Philip judged according to appearance.

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. (John 7:24)

Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." In essence He said, "He that has *really* seen Me has seen the Father." To see Jesus for Who He really is requires divine intervention, revelation from God.

By all appearances, Jesus was only a man. Philippians 2:7-8 tells us that He "was made in the likeness of men." Furthermore, "being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." All who judged Him by appearance alone could only see "the carpenter's son" (Matt. 13:55). Only a select few grasped the fullness of the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God.

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 16:16-17)

The first humans, Adam and Eve, were created. Ever since that time, all people are born of two natural parents. Jesus is unique in that He was born sharing two natures – the divinity of His Father and the humanity of His mother. However, His divinity was not outwardly

evidenced. To those without "eyes to see" He was a man like all others. His true identity had to be spiritually revealed.

Even today, many people who look unto Jesus only look "skin deep." They look to Jesus and see only the man, the son of Mary. They cannot see beyond the veil of His flesh.

As they journeyed through the Wilderness, the Israelites worshipped God in a dwelling called the Tabernacle. Hebrews 9 describes the interior of this house of God.

For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. (Hebrews 9:2-5)

A veil (or *vail*) of woven cloth separated the sanctuary or "holy place" from the "most holy place" where the ark of the covenant was kept.

And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy. (Exodus 26:33)

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he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: (Hebrews 9:6-7)

For centuries, devotees of the Judaic faith kept the ordinances of God, unaware of the fullness of the picture that God had in mind. Hebrews 10 teaches us the significance, the meaning, of that veil.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (Hebrews 10:19-20)

The veil represented the body of Christ. Just like that thickly woven cloth, the flesh of Christ shielded mortal man from seeing the glory of God within. On the day Jesus was crucified, that veil was torn in two.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; (Matt. 27:50-51)

The veil was gone. The Spirit of God was no longer hidden behind a veil of flesh. When Jesus rose from the dead, all that He had inherited from His mother Mary – His humanity – was left behind in the sepulchre with the linen cloth He was buried in.

When you “look unto Jesus” who do you see? Do you see only what the Pharisees saw – the son of Mary? Or can you see *beyond the veil* to see the glory within?

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*. (John 1:18)

When Moses came down from mount Sinai with the tables of testimony, his face was aglow with God’s glory. Exodus 34:30 says, “when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.” Verse 33 says, “And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.” Now, Moses was only a man with the glory of God upon him. Imagine if God had sent His Son, the *personification* of His glory, to earth “unveiled”!

2 Corinthians 3:15 says, “But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.” The next verse shines with the Spirit of truth: “Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.”

Only those who *turn to the Lord* can see beyond the veil of His flesh. They will see the Father in His Son. To *really* see Jesus is to see the Father. To really see Jesus is to see God.



Handling Disappointment

By Rev. Evan B. Pyle
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

I think that nearly every young person has an idealized dream about where their life will take them. Undoubtedly, this is how the fairy tale has made its way into culture. I’m reminded of Snow White singing longingly, *Some Day My Prince Will Come*. Cinderella, in her miserable and oppressive circumstance, could still hope for a day when her fondest imaginations would be reality. In these fairy tales, the prince did come and they lived happily ever after. But for ordinary people, early dreams of a life of significance, love and meaning are shattered by the cruel realities of a life that has fallen far short of these dreams. I know I frequently heard my own inner voice mocking me. “Is that the best you can do? What happened to all those empty wishes?” Such disappointment settles on the heart like a wet blanket and takes the life out of our Christian testimony.

One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. (Job 21:23-26)

My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. (Job 10:1)

Have you experienced disappointment? It’s part of the human condition and you are not alone. The question is not whether we have disappointments, but how we handle them. I’m reminded of Elijah’s bitterness in the wake of Israel’s unbelief. He was so discouraged that he wished to die.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers. (1 Kings 19:4)

In this situation, the Lord sent His angel to Elijah to strengthen him.

And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee. (1 Kings 19:7)

Like Elijah, we must eat good, nourishing food for the

journey of life that lies ahead. To walk our journey faithfully to the end, we must be strengthened by the Lord, for the journey is indeed too difficult for us to complete successfully in our own strength.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16)

God's Word ministers *life* to us. We need the ministry of God's Word in our daily lives if we are going to go all the way to the finish line. God is not asking us to get strong, or to act as if we are strong. This business of "acting like we have it before we do" casts a sense of unreality on our Christian witness. God is calling on us to be genuine and real. If we will nourish ourselves in Him, we will experience the joy of laboring in His strength, not *acting* as if we are strong enough for the task. Where did Job find the strength to live through his pain and bitterness?

For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth: And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me. (Job 19:25-27)

Job had a revelation of a future in God's presence. He saw a literal fulfillment of Snow White's adolescent musing. He saw the Prince of Peace standing on the earth in the future. This hope gave him courage to go on; to continue seeking God. In all of Job's terrible trials he remained steadfast in his walk before God. "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:22). We, too, need a living hope if we are not to be overcome with disappointments. How many times have we been discouraged with ourselves for not living up to the standards God has given us? Paul expressed his frustration in this way:

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (Romans 7:24)

The source of his frustration is described in the following verses of Romans seven.

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. (Romans 7:21-23)

Indeed, until the time when the Lord makes all things new, nothing will be quite right. All things will remain out of balance until then.

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. (Romans 8:22,23)

So, there is no hope of life being the way we might have pictured in our fairest dreams. Jesus promised us that in the world we will have trouble. If that is as far as our faith takes us, we are most miserable. But, like Job, we have a hope of greater things, a revelation of the future that exceeds our imagination.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance. (Psalms 42:5)

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. (Isaiah 65:18)

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; (Romans 12:12)

Instead of being disturbed, disillusioned and distressed in our hearts, we have cause for joy and rejoicing, even in the midst of trouble. In one part of our heart, we "groan and travail" concerning the state of affairs in this present evil world. But, in another part of our heart we look to the future with the brightest hope and go on our way rejoicing. Satan desires for us to give up, and the sad fact, as well as the Biblical record, is that most do give up before crossing the finish line. It is sobering to think of all the great men of God who didn't finish as they began. But remember all the great unnamed heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11, who though they were severely tested, proved themselves faithful to the end.

Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. (Philippians 2:16)

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

(1 Peter 5:4)



How Determined Are You?

By Rev. Wilberforce Okumu
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And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles. And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done. (Acts 21:10-14)

In my interactions with many of today's ministers, it is amazing how we each try to arrange for a soft landing in the would-be mission field before attempting to go on missionary trips. While it is logical and practical, the reality on the ground of ministry work spells differently for those of us who choose to look.

In Acts 21, Paul was accurately warned by an authentic prophet by the name Agabus. Those traveling with Paul "saw the point" and tried to warn him not to embark on the journey. Who in their right mind would want to go on such a disastrous journey? Yet Paul resisted all this discouragement. He went on to Jerusalem and consequently was arrested. But what were the results? Paul was taken to Rome as a prisoner. Reading the book of the Acts from this point shows that the gospel reached the headquarters of this world superpower. The church was established in Rome from where Paul wrote most of the epistles that have helped to preserve the apostolic instruction for the New Testament church.

I believe that this one trip to Jerusalem opened for Paul a great door and opportunity to take his ministry to new and higher dimensions that he would otherwise have never achieved.

God requires such people to entrust with some of His major kingdom business. There are yet many frontiers that have not been reached and taken for Christ that will require very serious people to confront. Obviously Satan

has a head start. King Herod was already established when Jesus began his ministry. Satan has a well established, tested and oiled machinery with kingdoms and governments all fashioned to his advantage. One must be deadly serious to attempt to fight this system.

There are yet a few frontlines to be taken in the battle for the salvation of people and proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many frontiers have fallen and a few remain. Obviously the remaining are more problematic and sinister. The obvious victories of the church are becoming far spaced but so much remains to be done.

Who is God going to entrust with His end-time assignments? They must be very determined, willing even to run contrary to the popular and logical standards of the church on earth today. To wait for the cue from other Christians and favorable circumstances may lead to complacency and procrastination.

When we came to Mbale, we were told that this town is very difficult. A friend of mine located a convenient site for a church in Kampala city which is much more affluent. It was only the inner voice of God that kept me on the right path. Now we have a congregation in Mbale and the church is growing with a lot of promise.

We are now praying about going to the Sudan, bringing young people from there back to Mbale. We will train and equip them and plant them back in Sudan.

For now a lot of our effort is in building Pearl Haven complex to host the missions base and local congregation currently being prepared to be a sending church for Ugandan missionaries to other areas.

At this point allow me to appreciate the work of Workers Together With Him under Rev. Tim Sullivan. They have chosen to minister the necessary truths even to very remote places of the world and shied away from the popular trends of ministries today. It takes determination to travel to Uganda two times in six months.

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:38)

Workers Together With Him is proud to support the efforts of Rev. Okumu and his church at Pearl Haven. Along with their other good works, they are building a permanent facility for worship and ministry. If you would like to view a short video of their work on CD (playable on Windows Media Player), please contact our office. Also, please visit their website: www.livingwateruganda.com.



The Good Shepherd

By Rev. Carl Roberts
Swansea, Wales

But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God. My times *are* in thy hand: (Psalms 31:14-15A)

This was the Scripture that was on my pillow at the “Centre for Christ” Burstone Manor, Devon, England. It summed up what my ordination means to me as a servant of the Lord.

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.
(2 Corinthians 4:5)

I did not lay down my life for you, nor is it through believing on me that anyone receives eternal life. We are not to preach ourselves. What is required of me is to be a servant for Jesus sake.

I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. (John 10:14)

Not only is our Lord Jesus a shepherd, but He is called a good shepherd, that knows His sheep. He knows them intimately; He even calls them by name. The sheep also know the good shepherd and the love He has for them. They can distinguish His voice from others and will not go to another. Psalms 23 is a great example of the good shepherd.

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:15)

There is no greater love than that of a man who lays down his life for others.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.
(John 10:16)

In contrast to the good shepherd we find the hireling, the one who is in it for the wrong reasons. We can also learn from this bad example how not to do it.

But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
(John 10:12-13)

A hireling is a hired hand; he is paid to do the job. The sheep are not his and he is not the shepherd. He is not

familiar with them and doesn’t know them by name. He would certainly not lay down his life for them. When he sees the wolf coming, even before it arrives, he just flees without giving any warning, exposing them to the beasts of the fields. The sheep are then scattered without a shepherd.

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; (1 Peter 5:1-2)

Peter exhorts his fellow elders and encourages them to feed the flock of God. The flock needs to be fed with good food, “wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness” (1 Tim.6:3B).

To take the oversight is to watch over the flock. We are to watch out for those that cause division and offences, contrary to the wholesome words of Christ. When this happens, the shepherd is not to flee but stay unmoveable. Our service should be “not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.” The opposite of constraint is willingness. The feeding of the flock is to be done with the right heart. Our motivation is not dishonest gain but it is to be done with a ready mind.

Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. (1 Peter 5:3)

Elders are not to domineer over those in their care, because they are God’s heritage. The flock will follow the example that is given to them. What example do we want people to be following? We are commanded that we are to love one another as Jesus loved us.

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
(Philippians 3:17)

We are to look to those that walk in His steps as our example. An example of love and care for the believers is found in Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians, when he wrote, “So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us” (1 Thessalonians 2:8). God wants us to be taken care of and He also wants us to take care of His heritage. He does not want to harm us, but He wants to take care of us. “And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away” (1 Peter 5:4). What a great and glorious day that shall be!

Through my ordination ceremony, I realized how personal God is to us and how His word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. I knew when Rev. Sullivan spoke with the laying on of hands that the message was not from man but from God. How could a man possibly know my heart's desire? I would like to thank Rev. Sullivan for his heart of service, as well as Rev. Jerome Lucas and brother Dermot Byrne for their prayers and support, and for standing with me on that occasion; also my wife, Vivienne, our family, and all those who witnessed my ordination.



one soldier speaks:

Giving Thanks Well

By Jay Pearson
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. (1 Corinthians 14:17)

I have a lot of trouble remembering to speak in tongues in my day to day ventures, during work or play or any other time for that matter. I want to, but I don't. I call to memory the words of the Apostle Paul.

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. (Romans 7:15)

My focus on trying to remember to speak in tongues was that it would make me strong spiritually. It would be rest to my soul. It would give me an audience with God. This is all quite true but here is my confession. These are all benefits to me. These are promises and profits to me if I do them with charity.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:1-2)

If I speak in tongues to acquire a selfish result, I have missed the mark. As Paul wrote, "Covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way" (1 Corin. 12:31). There is a better way, a more excellent way, than for personal gain.

Speaking in tongues is for worship. Worshipping God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the divine purpose of speaking in tongues. The profits of such worship are by-products of obedience to God.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (John 4:23)

Wow, I have changed my focus! While I was at work the other day, God and Jesus Christ blessed me by relieving a seemingly impossible stress problem. I was really having a bad day. It seemed as if a light came on in my heart, and surely it did. I was so thankful. I wanted to thank God so much, and I couldn't think of appropriate words to describe how thankful I was. I just started speaking in tongues and the verse, "giveth thanks well," came to mind. My heart almost burst with love. I was speaking in tongues, not for me, but to thank God. Wow! It was so easy to speak in tongues and remember to do so. I wasn't trying to build myself up; I was being thankful and doing the job well. Praise the Lord for His goodness. God gave us the gift of tongues as a way to give back to Him. As a by-product, we get wonderful benefits from our loving Father. "Thou verily givest thanks well" (1 Cor. 14:17A); "in the spirit he speaketh mysteries" (1 Cor. 14:2); we are "strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Eph 3:16) and built up "on your most holy faith" (Jude 20).

There are many more benefits to speaking in tongues, a gift of the spirit. It is a weapon of our warfare also. How can you be successful in battle if you never communicate with your commander?

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Ephesians 6:13)

I've taken the focus off me and placed it on God, the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope this sharing of my experience helps you to be more aware of your worship with the Father. This is not a key, a step, an application or a button. It is a sharing of what worked for me. May we be workers together with Him daily in going about our individual tasks, praising God and worshipping His Holy Name: Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order. (1 Corinthians 14:39-40)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: (Psalms 103:2)



Uganda Report

By Rev. Evan Pyle

Rev. Sullivan and I made our third Africa trip in July, returning to Mbale, Uganda, for a special presentation of The Weapons of our Warfare. This seminar was prepared especially for pastors, ministers, elders and other leaders and workers in the Church. Our schedule gave us time to add messages not normally in the seminar with a view to teaching others “who shall be able to teach others also”. I was gratified by the mature and faith-filled response by these great saints. The simplicity, order and faith with which they received the utterance gifts bore witness to the great things happening in the hearts of God’s servants. It occurs to me that God is using this message in Africa to prepare leaders who will spread it throughout the African Church. And not in Africa only, but on to the rest of the world. Lord knows the Western church is in desperate need of renewal. I believe the ministers I have met in Africa are being raised by God to bring renewal to God’s people everywhere.

I’ll share just one incident to help illustrate the power of the gospel when preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. At one of the breaks between lessons, a man introduced himself to me. I did not recognize him as being in the seminar and I must have showed it in my puzzled expression. He explained that he was the general manager of our rented facility and that he had been in his office elsewhere in the building, and that is why I hadn’t seen him. He then told me he was Muslim, that he had been born and raised Muslim and had always been Muslim. “As I have been in my office,” he said, “I have been listening to what you people are saying. Though I have always been Muslim, now I want to serve Jesus. What do I do?” Don’t let anybody tell you that Muslims cannot turn to Christ. I have seen too many to believe such a lie. The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation and God has chosen that people would be saved by “the foolishness of preaching”. Without a doubt, this message on the Weapons of our Warfare is able to cut through the darkness of religious error, old animosities, fears and doubts. I am thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in this arena.

Though we have already set dates for seminars in Kenya for February of 2005, there are other significant

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I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I write to you of the ministers of the gospel. I was blessed to be reunited with my fellow workers Rev. Tim Sullivan and I spent two nights in Kampala, we then went to the town of Mbale where we were from 26th to the 30th of July. This seminar was a blessing but it will have lasting impact on the participants who came from as many as 10 different districts within Uganda.

When we had a congregation in February in this same town, a man from the UK appeared out of the blue in this class. One was seeking to speak in tongues. Soon he was praying in other tongues. Glory to God. In the same month, we met a doctor from Kentucky who was preparing for a mission and she also attended these seminars and testified that the ministry was a blessing.

I thank God that this seminar was possible. To me it was another answered prayer and I take this opportunity to thank all people that participated in making this class a success. I thank Rev. Tim Sullivan for the voice of God. We will work

at Jesus' feet. I thank Pastor John Robert of Christian Life Teachings Ministry for all the coordination. I thank all those people who assisted in hosting the visitors from Kenya and within Uganda. Lastly I can't forget to thank the partners of Workers Together With Him Ministry in all the world. I want to assure you that you are doing a marvelous job. This ministry is blessing and modeling ministers and Christians worldwide. It is a privilege to work together.



Testimonies from the Children's Class held in Devon, England

On the last day of the seminar I realized that I had been worrying for a while and wasn't sure if it was all right or respectful to bother God with little petty teenage problems. I thought God had better things to do than listen to my little problems, while there were other people in the world who are starving and dying. So I just kept these things to myself. On that afternoon when Tim spoke in tongues and interpreted, the message meant so much to me because it started off with: "Dear children, I am always listening." And then it just hit me, I realized that even when there are small, petty problems in my life God is always there, always listening and always watching over me. And that makes me feel safe and comforted.

Shaunna Calpin, (Age 13)
Almere Haven, Netherlands

In the Weapons of Our Warfare Class I learned about the gifts of the Spirit. It was brilliant. It helped me think more about God and Jesus Christ. Tim Sullivan told me how to speak in tongues.

Timothy Roberts, (Age 8)
Swansea, Wales

The Weapons of Our Warfare class was cool because I learned about the Bible and God. We learned about the spiritual war and we learned about the spiritual weapons which are the gifts of the spirit. I liked answering the questions. It was fun playing with the other children.

Nathan Roberts, (Age 10)
Swansea, Wales

I very much enjoyed the Weapons of Our Warfare class because some of the examples related to some of the situations myself, or my mates have come across at school. Also I thought the class was very easy to understand.

Laura-Beth Waterhouse, (Age 13)
Southampton, England

The Weapons of Our Warfare class taught me a lot, especially how realistic Tim made it and how he related the class to school. Now when I go to school, and I'm faced with problems with friends and teachers, I know how to handle them (pray). From this I have learned that you should P.U.S.H (pray until something happens).

Sarah-Louise Waterhouse, (Age 15)
Southampton, England

Thank u 4 teaching the class i had great fun i enjoyed myself a lot. u have inspired me 2 learn more. my favourite teaching was the tongues and interpretation. i think u taught that really well. every thing i learned was reinforced the second time around an i got a lot more from it. i would recommend all children 2 take this class as their hearts will grow bigger for god

Apollonia Charles, (Age 13)
Greenford, England

The childrens class in Burstone 2004 was good and enjoyable, because we learnt a lot about God, it was simple and easy to understand. The teachings kept us interested because they were funny. It increased my confidence to speak in tongues both in public and privately. I find I speak in tongues more since the class and it keeps me calm. It helped us to learn the books of the bible, as we had to find them ourselves.

Darragh Lucas, (Age 14)
South Harrow, England

I enjoyed the W.O.O.W class very much. It taught me many new things and extended my knowledge of things I had learnt before.

I enjoyed every single part of it including the new songs we learnt.

The class was easy to understand. It helped having a funny teacher like Tim. I took many things from the woow class for example I have learnt why it is important 2 speak in tongues and interpret,

and why we do it. I also learnt where the books of the bible are, now I'm not the slowest in finding them.

In between sessions was fun, we now know people better, lots of exciting and amazing things I have found in the class.

Aidain Lucas, (Age 13)
South Harrow, England

And finally from two of the mums who also took part in the seminar (no ages provided!)

When Tim asked if the children would like to contribute their thoughts on the WOOW children's class I was filled with apprehensive emotions, they can make or break you, in one sentence these kids. I was also interested to hear what they had to say, since I also sat in the class along with these gorgeous kids. I was expecting them to wax lyrical and be very profound, since I found the experience very profound myself, but they are just kids and I know for sure that they do not realize the greatness of what they have just experienced. That will come in time. I am myself just so grateful that they had this opportunity to hear and be exposed to, such simple logical truths, at such an early age. Everything they hear forms an impression on their young minds and I know that they will reap the benefits and bear the fruit of this time spent listening to the most valuable contribution we can give them, lessons in life, lessons in spiritual life. They are now aware of the truth, and I know it makes them more confident and stronger to deal with the challenges that this difficult life will throw at them.

Aine Lucas,
South Harrow, England

I was thankful to be able to take this class as it was taught so simply even though I have taken the adult class. To sit and listen to the children's class I then saw how I could teach sections of the class and share them with people who don't have a Bible background was great. The class may have been directed at children but I as an adult I came away every session thinking that was great. Sometimes I don't know how to teach some subjects but Tim gave examples from everyday life, and that was a thrill because you could see how it could be applied.

Elaine Waterhouse,
Southampton, England



**Testimonies from the Seminar
presented at
Indian Lake, Texas**

The Weapons of Our Warfare Seminar grabbed my attention from the first sentence to the very last syllable. As Jerry McGuire's girlfriend states in the movie of the same name, "You had me at hello." It was a time of healing and comfort for me personally. As others in our class stated, "It was a simple and a plain presentation of God's truth by a man listening to Him," and I echo their sentiments indeed.

What a burden relieved to realize that we do not have to be strong in ourselves any longer, but in Him who has called us, thus joyfully ending for me many wasted years of trying to fit the round peg into the square hole. It sure saves time and grief knowing what God really says! Instead, we simply live in obedience to Him. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

In closing, I would say that the knowledge you presented and then the understanding poured on by our Lord allowed my heart to soar and now I have no excuse not to fly. Wrong teaching and improper applications of truth are serious impediments to a Christian's ministry. Our hearts may be willing, but we are bound by these cords. Thanks for severing captive cords.

In Him, Becky Sheirer

Forewarning: Since men are allowed about 1/6 the amount of words per day as women, my comments will be noticeably shorter than my wife's!

The key point that will help me most is knowing that when God gives us revelation, our job is simply to obey. God then gives us the faith to believe. When we speak it forth, God makes it happen. It is not me that makes it happen. I am simply the messenger. I don't have to renew my mind (if that were possible), nor do I have to conjure up some mystical strength from somewhere. God gives me a simple, easily-followed job — love Him and keep His commandments, which includes revelation. That I can do.

Thanks again for clearing up many of my false beliefs through systematic use of the scriptures.

Agape, Gary Sheirer

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