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# Good News

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As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news  
from a far country.

Proverbs 25:25



Greetings in the wonderful name of  
Jesus Christ.

What is the power of one?

What can one person do? Can one make a  
difference? Do you have to be someone special  
in order to have impact on the world?

How many life changing, wonderful ideas  
have faded away because the one who had the  
idea couldn't get anyone to join with them. And  
then thinking that they could not do it on their  
own so they let it go?

This doesn't have to happen and here is  
why. I may only be one person, but when I join  
with God Almighty and the two of us become  
ONE that's a power that is unstoppable.

In Genesis we see Jacob who was only one  
person, but as he headed back to their home  
land Isaac blessed him and said:

Genesis 28:3 and 4:

And God Almighty bless thee, and  
make thee fruitful, and multiply  
thee that thou mayest be a multi-  
tude of people;  
And give thee the blessing of  
Abraham, the thee, and to my  
seed with thee; that thou mayest  
inherit the land wherein thou art a  
stranger, which God gave unto  
Abraham.

Jacob then went into the land as one man  
but with God on his side and God prospered all  
that Jacob did. Jacob became Israel and his  
twelve sons became the twelve tribes of the na-  
tion of Israel.

Now here is an important thing to remember,

God did not do all of this alone and Jacob did  
not do all of this alone. The two of them worked  
together as ONE to get it done.

God gave the promise and Jacob acted on it  
and no matter who tried to interfere Jacob al-  
ways came out on top. Laban tried to cheat him  
repeatedly but God's blessing always won out.

In Judges we see the power on one  
(meaning an individual joining together with  
God) to make great things happen. Gideon  
stood as one man but because he was backed  
by God he won out over amazing odds.

And of course the greatest record of one is  
Jesus Christ—one man who changed the world  
forever. But every time some would bring up  
what he had done or how wonderful he was,  
Christ quickly reminded them that of himself he  
could do nothing but with God he could do any-  
thing.

We are also reminded of this truth in  
John 15.

John 15:4 and 5:

Abide in me, and I in you. As the  
branch cannot bear fruit of itself,  
except it abide in the vine; no more  
can ye, except ye abide in me.  
I am the vine, ye are the branches:  
He that abideth in me, and I in him,  
the same bringeth forth much fruit:  
for without me ye can do nothing.

In this day and time with God in Christ is us  
we can make an unstoppable team. When we  
walk together as ONE we will always get results  
in our lives and be fruitful.

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So don't ever let yourself get talked out of being all that you can be. Bring your life and your ideas to the world and let them see your light. Together with God and Christ we made a powerful team.

God bless you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ.

In His love,

Duke Clarke

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**New Website Coming:**

We are in the process of putting up a new website that will have teachings, articles, videos and products. You can go to:

<http://www.TheThinkingChristianInstitute.com>

There is a place on the first page where you can opt-in to receive emails on upcoming events and products as well as daily blogs entries.

This site will be a place to share God's Word with the world and get people to "Think" about the truth and integrity of God's Word.

I will also be posting past Good News Articles there as well as some past teachings in MP3 format. The opening page will be up by the time you get this Newsletter and we will get the rest of it up as quickly as we can.

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***The Way of Prosperity: The 7 Stages of the Prosperous Mind***

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# *A Word from the Oasis*



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## I Never Walk Alone

I used to have a Sunday God, actually he was a Sunday morning and Sunday evening God—the afternoon was for playing football with my friends.

He was a Sunday God and the rest of the week belonged to me. Then I was taught that it was God in Christ in me which meant that He was not always with me and that I never walked alone.

However somewhere along the line I was also taught that God might turn His back on me or that if I did certain things I would be walking away from Him and sadly I believed that for awhile.

But today, I never walk alone and I never work alone. Today I enjoy every moment of every day with God.

Just think for a minute, there is a condition where twins are born and are physically attacked. If one offends the other doesn't one get mad and leave? If one says they are going to walk away, can they? NO!

Well, God is closer to me than those joined twins are. Romans says that nothing can separate us from the love of God and Hebrews says that He will never leave us or forsake us.

With the new birth, we are linked eternally and that is a good thing. Now I may close my mind to the truth that God is there inside me, but that certainly doesn't make Him go away.

In Psalm 139 it says that if I make my bed in hell He is there with me. It says that even if I am in the darkest night of my life that darkness is as the noon day sun to God, it cannot hide me from Him.

So remember that God is always there and no matter where we are we never walk alone.

## The Lord's Compassion

Psalm 145: 8 and 9:

The Lord *is* gracious, and full of compassion. Slow to anger, and of great mercy,

The Lord *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.

To know the Lord is gracious and merciful to all is foundational to accepting His healing wholeness. Theology today preaches that God has the power to do miracles and some even admit that He can do miracles.

But I believe that we need to know more than the fact that He CAN do them, we need to see that he YEARNs to do them.

Psalm 25:6:

Remember, O Lord, they tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.

Psalm 103:4 and 8:

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Truly the age of miracles has not passed us by as some think because God is just as powerful and just as compassionate as He has been from the beginning.

### The Tormented Mind

What could be more innocent than a thought? It has no intimidating appearance, it has no apparent toxic properties, it can't bite, hit or physically attack you. And yet thoughts alone have been the oppressor of the tormented mind since the beginning of time.

In Genesis chapter four it was the thought of being by himself that torture Cain.

Genesis 4:13 and 14:

And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

God was going to protect him but the thought of it all was too much for him.

Thoughts of sickness, thoughts of financial lack, thoughts of relationships in trouble, these are all the tormenting thoughts that torture us and more often than not the situation is not as bad as the thoughts foretold—so we go through the torture for nothing.

Even if some of the things turn out to be what we thought they were, we can't do anything about it until it actually happens so why put ourselves through so much stress when we can't do anything.

The mind can bring us peace or it can bring us torment depending on how we use it. Focus on doubt, fear or worry and the mind will torment you. Focus on God, His promises and His deliverance and that same mind will bring you peace.

God gave us free will to choose what we want to think and as we use that free will wisely we develop a mind that brings blessings to our lives.

“Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace whose mind *is* stayed *on thee*; because he trusteth in thee.”  
Isaiah 26:3

### Reality vs Truth: A Daily Decision

Christ was a master at acknowledging reality but seeing the truth. We are faced with what we believe are “real” situations everyday in the areas of health, finances, relationships, goals and desires.

But no matter what we might see around us or what we perceive our reality to be, we always have to ask, “What is the truth behind this situation?”

In Mark chapter 5, Christ was confronted with a real live, wild man. The man of the tombs came running out and came right up to Christ. Instead of freaking out and jumping back on the boat where it might have been safer, Christ sat down and talked to the man of the tombs and got him in his right mind.

The people of the village just saw a crazy man, that was their reality, but Christ saw through all this and look at the man inside. When he was delivered and in his right mind, then he was the real man and not the crazy man everyone thought.

All through his ministry, Christ saw what others didn't because he looked for the truth in a situation and not just the facts as they were. When we look deeper into everything we will see what is really there.

In chapter 6 of the Gospel of Mark, Christ came into his own country and now it was just the opposite. The people in his home land look at Christ and said,

Mark 6:3:

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses and of Juda, and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

They only looked at what they “thought” was truth and because of it they did not believe he could do anything—and thus they were the losers.

We need to look at life as Christ did, seeing the truth in a situation and making our decisions based on that and not what we “think” is the reality.