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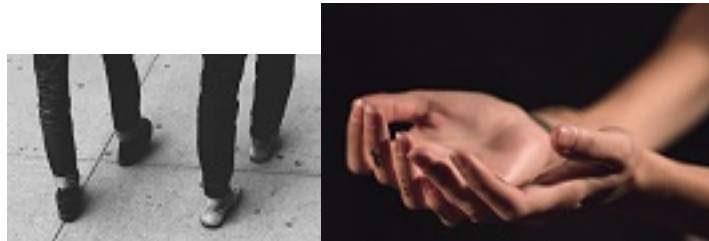
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"PACE & PRAY EPISODES"



Dear *Friends & Family*,

[3/9] While reaching up in a cabinet this a.m. to retrieve a vitamin bottle, I immediately, unexpectedly sensed the Lord drop an idea in my heart that I had never considered before. Most of you who read these newsletters are aware Kim & I try to pace & pray around the bottom floor of our house as much as we can, usually in the evenings. We call it our "evening vigil". Well, last night, my friend & webmaster, who oversees the www.cabooseministries.org website, a.k.a., **Joel Appenzeller**, called unexpectedly. Through the many years he has often given me good tech advice & ministry ideas. It was his idea to call my TabTalks "**Cab!Talks**" after **Caboose!** Well, he was informing me that I hadn't supplied material for my iTunes account for many months, until recently. He said I need to do so, as people who are subscribed to my podcast get notified when I post something new. I had never thought of that even though I'm subscribed to many YouTube channels & a few podcasts. Well, the idea that came this a.m. was to record some of our "Pace & Pray" times in our home & send them out as podcasts to encourage anyone who might listen to them. I just finished my 1st episode. I would pray & also encourage the listeners as if they were in my house with me. I was thinking these might be encouragements for God's people while driving, before they go to bed, etc. They're prayers which contain many Scripture quotations. May God use them for His glory, trusting they were His idea. Amen. Here is the original episode of Pace & Pray: <https://youtu.be/8o87gybjxi8>

"THE PYRAMID BLOCK IN MY LIVING ROOM"



[3/25] Speaking of Pacing & Praying, the other day while I was doing so (Kim was babysitting), I was once more entreating the Lord re: certain issues, burdens, needs, etc. that I have earnestly entreated Him about for many, many months. I have been virtually begging Him to move what appears to me to be these gargantuan obstacles/needs in my life that so far have not budged. I saw in my mind a massive stone block on logs, similar to those portrayed in Cecil B. DeMille's "[The 10 Commandments](#)" epic from 1956. I cannot let these burdens go. That Holy Spirit (?) "knot" in my stomach will not release them, until our God moves-until He does something. This brings to mind one of the most powerful lines in DeMille's epic. While Moses & Sephora are in the wilderness tending their sheep, nearby Mount Sinai is smoking. Sephora beholds it & says to her husband, "Tonight He sleeps". There are times in my desperate entreat-ies to the Lord that my feelings scream that is exactly what He's doing. And yet, I know this is an impossibility, as "He Who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps" (Ps. 121:4). How often our feelings scream otherwise. Sephora's line mentioned above, however, is not the powerful line I speak of though. Moses says later in the conversation, "My spirit will not rest, until I hear the word of God-from God Himself." O, how very true that is & so deeply resonates in my spirit. That is what I am waiting for, Beloved, in this hard season of trial-& *waiting*. Yes-I'm waiting for our God to speak. I'm waiting for our God to move-to move these massive blocks in my heart & mind. And, up to this point-He has not.



I read somewhere many years ago, "**P.U.S.H.**"="Pray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens". And that is where I am. I've often said "One doesn't know what they are really like until they're told 'No.'". Also, one of the most common ways the Lord tests His people is by having them *wait* for something. One doesn't know who they really are until they have to *wait* for something. Waiting for God is a real barometer of your spiritual depth & maturity. I've not done so well, Beloved, to be honest. And yet-I press in. I press on. Sooner or later God will move.

Speaking of the stone block in my living room, I was awestruck how men, made in the image of God, could not only *move* these massive stone behemoths along the ground, but wonder of wonders, how they could lift them to the height of the pyramids! And to think, so many men believe they *evolved*. O, the insanity of unbelief! “Thinking themselves to be wise, they became fools...” (Rom.1:22).

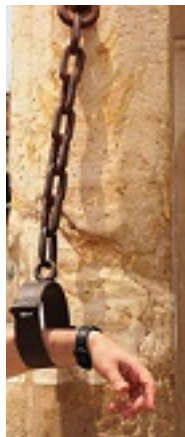
“SPEAKING OF BLOCKS...”



[3/30] Speaking of “blocks”, once again as I do every year at this time, I watched the epic movie from 1961 “**King of Kings**”. **John the Baptist** is blocked in-in the block-walled prison of **Herod Antipas**, called **Machaerus**. The call of God upon the Baptist’s life entailed sparse surroundings, a meager diet, denial of women, & isolation in the most hostile surroundings of the Judean wilderness-the **Negev**. And, most likely, he endured all of this during his very virile older teenage/young adult years. As sparse as his surroundings were in his preparation, he met his God there. “The word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness...”. Jesus said of His step-cousin, “Of those born of women, there is none greater than John the Baptist... [Mt.11:11]. It was foretold that John would come “in the spirit & power of Elijah” [Lk.1:17], & that he did. Multitudes responded to God’s power exuded through John & were brought to repentance. His ministerial success was short-lived, however. Several years of austere preparation translated into a relatively short season of ministry. It was the same with the Lord Jesus, his Kinsman. Such are the ways of God. John was now in the confines of a prison, chained to a wall. He was unable to roam, & worse yet-unable to preach. To a very, very minute degree, I have felt John’s confinement during **Covid**. Most Amer-icans have. Isolation is a very difficult thing, given humans are social creatures. One of the “pyramid blocks” I wrote about above is the confinement. And, anyone who knows me knows Michael is a people-person. In the scene from King of Kings, John is laying on the cell floor on a bed of thin straw, as he most likely had for a very long time. He surely felt forgotten by the One Whose way he had proclaimed & prepared. This is why he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was truly “The One Who was to come”. If so, why did He not use the power He was exercising toward so many people & also using to exorcize demons now come & free His relative from prison? Jesus chose to leave John in prison. There were many reasons for this but two major ones were, #1-the focus was now to be on Jesus, not on John. John himself said, “He must increase, & I must decrease” [Jn.3:30]. Secondly, John did not realize it at the time, but our Lord was doing him an immense favor by

leaving him to the “mercy” of the pagan monarch Herod Antipas. How so? John was granted the gift of a martyr’s death. The same applies to those saints in the **Great Tribulation** who will be slain by the **Antichrist**. As horrible as it is to die in such a way, versus expiring due to natural causes, the *eternal* reward is far worth it! Back to the movie. The producers of King of Kings took theatrical license [I often do too in my Time Machine dramas] & portrayed Jesus coming to the prison to visit John. The strength & encouragement I took for myself by this powerfully-rendered scene was this: when John looked up at the window above with its crossed iron bars & saw Jesus, despite being weak, hungry, sick, & tired, seeing Jesus gave him strength to climb up the stone-block incline to grab Jesus’ hand.

“JOHN’S LAST WORDS”



Of course, we have no such record in Sacred Writ what the Baptist’s last words were. However, in the movie, he says to Jesus as he desperately & firmly holds onto His hand for dear life, “Give me Your blessing.” That’s it. “Give me Your blessing.” That is the key, Beloved. The most dire, distressing circumstances our God chooses to put us in, & often *leave* us in for long periods of time, are bearable when we see His face & hand in them & He gives us His blessing. As I watched that scene again, once again, my heart resonated with John’s cry as I too wait in “my cell-block”, in this season of confinement, isolation, & immobility [relatively speaking]-“Lord, give me Your blessing-and I will be blessed-and O.K.”. May it be so. Amen.

“VILLAINS OF VIA SEASON 2”



I hope so very much that many of you can make it out to our 2nd season of *Villains of Via*, & our 18th season of *Via Dolorosa* in general. Here is the promo link for it: https://youtu.be/C2B_6oNgOGM

We pray it will help you refocus on Jesus Christ-& Him crucified. We pray it will take your focus off of the debacle & mess that are world is in now. May it be so.

“GUERT-A CIRCUIT RIDER-WITHOUT HIS ‘HORSE’

-or-

LIVING IN A ONE HORSE TOWN?!”!



[3/31] Today, 48 years ago, the Lord Jesus apprehended me for Himself & His work while I was on a high school Catholic boys’ retreat at a convent in Arcadia, MO. I was not looking for Him. I’m so very grateful to Him that that was not a criterion for Him to come seeking me. The rest is His-story. For my spiritual birthday today, I’m getting a new (used) truck-*again!* “But Michael, we thought you bought a new truck last November?” I did. I bought a **2009 Chevy Silverado** from a good friend of mine who bought another bigger truck for his business [btw-I donated my old truck to **Tel Hai Camp**]. Given the truck was almost 13 years old & given how much brine D.O.T. uses on the roads here in the winter, it had some considerable rust. A dear brother & friend up at Tel Hai Camp, a.k.a., **Merle Kimball**, who happens to be head of maintenance there, not to mention also helping out in the kitchen with his vast culinary skills, offered to work on my truck in his, ahem, “spare time”! How is that? Merle is a master of all trades-my aspiration is to be a jack of some trades! One of his many trades is auto body work! So, I left my truck with Merle on December 7th of last year. Tel Hai is undergoing so many upgrades & improvements via Merle &

Tel Hai's new administrator, a.k.a., **Brian Williamson** (another dear brother & friend of mine), that it has been difficult for Merle to attend to the truck. Having spent the past 22 years on the road in itinerant ministry, I felt like a knight without his armor not having my truck. As with **John Wesley & Robert Sheffey** of old, my truck is my *horse!* Thankfully, our Lord used this preaching respite/hiatus of almost four months to produce other fruit via my **Caboose!** ministry-not to mention giving me some rest after a very busy Summer & Fall ministry schedule. Speaking of Merle, I've said a number of times since getting to know him, that I wish I could spend a year by his side & learn all I can from him in that time. One of the many things I love about our Heavenly Father is how He gives different gifts & callings to His children. A marvel.

Thank you for reading this. I pray you were informed & blessed.

Yours for Him,

Michael & Kim



***Caboose! Commentary Corner:** [Our daughter Laura once said she'd love to have my old Bibles when I passed for all of the notes I have written in them over the decades. This was quite humbling to say the least, especially coming from one of your own children. Hence, I've decided to post each month random notes/comments from Bibles I have studied from]: "If God did not choose some people from the mass of humanity to be His people, He would have no people, for none would or could choose Him." [M.R.G. 3/23/'22]



Caboose! On The Loose!

Ministry/Events for **APRIL & those not listed in last month's newsletter:**

March 10: Parkview AG Church, Newark, DE: worship team practice

March 13: Parkview AG Church, Newark, DE: worship team drummer (2 services)

March 13: Parkview AG Church: Villains of Via leaders mtg.

March 13: Springfield, VA: 1 day "mission of mercy" trip to help Kim's mother

March 14: Elim Fellowship Global Workers' Zoom mtg.

March 18: on-site Chip Sunday Show scene filming

April 3, 10, 17: Chip Sunday Show postings

April 6, 13, 20, 27: Cab!Talk verse-by-verse biblical exposition video postings

April 5: Petra Church, New Holland, PA: *Hopewell Summer Camps* board mtg./Network pastors' mtg.

April 5: Morgantown, PA: hsc directors' mtg.

April 3, 10, 12: Parkview AG Church, Newark, DE: *Villains of Via* rehearsals

April 13-15: Parkview AG Church, Newark, DE: *Villains of Via* Performances

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