

**“He make my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
In the shadow of His hands He hid me; He  
Made me into a polished arrow and concealed  
Me in His quiver. He said to me: “You are my  
Servant in whom I will display my glory.”**

**Isaiah 49:2-3**

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### **“HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN (PART X)”**

We are going to pick up where we left off in our last “Highway to Heaven article” last year. We were talking about the signs that we encounter as we travel along the highways and how they are types and shadows of how God many times gives us signs as we travel in the highway of our life to guide us with brand new information, to confirm something that we already know or to warn us of some danger ahead. We also were talking about dangerous conditions that we sometimes encounter as we travel in the highway such as storms and downpours, however, that is not the only danger that we may encounter as we travel on the highways!

It is my experience that when I have been traveling on the road for a long period of time and I am starting to get tired and sleepy, if I am not careful, I can wind up in the ditch very fast. It does not matter how good a driver you are, or how experienced you may be, ***when you are tired and sleepy, you will put yourself and those who are with you in the vehicle in a very dangerous position!*** You will start to get groggy and miss important signs, miss an exit, or worse yet, may be involved in a wreck. Sleepiness, tiredness and stress cause us to make wrong decisions because our minds and bodies are not as alert as they should be, and therefore respond very slowly. I have learned that when I am tired and sleepy it is best to take a break and get some rest and wake up, then I can proceed on my journey!

It is the same way as we travel on the highway of life! If we devote too much time to work, entertainment and daily cares of life, and we do not spend enough time with the Lord, reading His Word and other Godly Christian material, we may begin to suffer from spiritual slumber and burnout. ***These things can happen very slowly without you realizing that they are taking place!*** Before you know it, you start losing your joy, peace, love and sensitivity for the things of God you once had, and wonder what went wrong? When we are going through that kind of season in our lives, feeling hapless and disoriented, we can't afford to make any important decisions that we may regret later. This is when we need to take some time out of our busy schedules and go to some watering hole or well, so we can be refreshed spiritually, mentally and physically. Then and only then can we continue on our journey, confident that we are better prepared to handle any situation that we may encounter on our journey.

Another very dangerous time to travel is at dusk, when the sun is setting, and darkness is starting to cover us. It is my experience that at these times I get awfully sleepy, the shadows start to play tricks on me, and I lose my sense of perception. Objects may appear farther than they really are, and sleepiness and fatigue becomes extremely difficult to overcome. It is neither day nor night. It is bright enough that you can see without your headlights, and yet not bright enough that you can see clearly. It is at these times when most of the passengers in the car take a nap. All talking, noise and activity cease, as it becomes deathly silent. It is at these times that I make an extra effort to be awake and alert.

***When you are entering a time of testing and tribulation, it usually gets very quiet and peaceful, right before night sets in!*** This is when we need to be alert, much more so than in the daytime, when everything seems to be going our way, when all is well and you can see everything so clearly. I think someone said: “We are most of the time either entering, leaving, or in a time of tribulation, with very few moments in between.” We need to be aware of the fact that during these extremely dangerous times, we are to be more alert, awake and discerning than usual. So it behooves us to try to stay sensitive and close to the Lord, since we do not know with a certainty, which time and season we happen to be in. We must always be ready, so that when our kairos time arrives, we may be able to take advantage of it, and go through the door (exit) that appears before us unexpectedly. Let's go on our journey with love, peace and joy in our hearts!

## MINISTRY REPORT

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" I am happy to be able to share with you all once again the wonderful things that the Lord is doing in our midst. As we start this new year of 2004, there are so many things happening that I cannot possibly share them all with you in this newsletter. This has been the coldest winter that I recall since we moved up here to North Florida in 1992. It seems like every night since the month of December, the temperatures have been dipping into the 20's, 30's with an incredible consistency. That may be fine for up north, but not down here in the sunshine state. But it seems that change is in the air!

At the beginning of the year, we were able to go to the elementary school in Suwannee County and do some Christian Rap during the honor roll ceremony, which the children loved. We did this ministry in conjunction with my dear friend Chris Musgrove of Future Now Ministries. There were approximately 465 students, in addition to their parents and teachers. We were not able to tell the children much about Jesus, but the Lord put in my heart to give out to the students a hundred (100) free CD's of my newly released album "Tuning In To Reality". Those of you that have heard it know that it is loaded with the gospel, having a prophetic message, and delivered through the vehicle-bait of a rap/hip-hop beat. They want us to come back and do it again next year!

During the winter most of the ministry that we did was locally. We conducted several services in some local churches and the Lord moved marvelously. In one service we started ministering to the people at around 11:00 am and did not finish until past 3:00 pm. Most of them did not leave till then. The presence of the Lord was so beautiful and the anointing so strong that it was good just to be in that atmosphere. They were really hungry! There are groups of people that draw it out of you, with their hunger, their passion and their desire for the things of God.

We ministered in another church in central Florida and the young people there are practically taking over the services. They are experiencing revival! The pastor said something very profound, he said: "our young people are not the church of tomorrow, they are the church of today". We are indeed in the time prophesied by the prophet Joel when he said that our young men shall see visions and the old men shall dream dreams. I guess I know why I am having more dreams than visions lately! Ha, Ha!

We also have started going out every Saturday in the mornings to pray over and evangelize our city. We take swat teams and conduct prayer strikes in different parts of our town, while at the same time praying for the people, giving out free snacks, cookies & drinks, even a clown came with us one time to make balloon animals for the children that came. Many of the people have converted and given their lives to Jesus as we prayed with them and for them. The Lord is starting to show me the people as lost sheep without a shepherd, the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are very few, let's keep praying that the Lord of the Harvest send laborers into the ripened fields.

Also in the last three months, a lot has been happening in the state of Florida. In February I was able to go to Winter Haven for a meeting called "Transformation Florida". It was very good, and a couple of weeks ago, there was another "Transformation North Florida" meeting in Lake City, Florida. These meetings are opening up the wells of revival in the state of Florida, and preparing the ground for what the Lord wants to do here. Many have said that Florida is the forerunner state for revival in the United States. In addition, some prophets have said that North Florida is the womb of revival in the State of Florida. Some of the oldest cities in this country are situated in this State. So it does not surprise me that God wants to visit these old landmarks to ignite the fires of revival. Please Pray for Florida and for the upcoming November elections.

Finally we are starting to conduct a Spiritual Mapping for Suwannee County. The Lord has already given me some information and divine strategies on how to go about doing this. The hardest thing to do is to bring the leaders together. The sheep have no problem doing it; it is those in the five-fold ministry, especially the pastors that have a problem with it. But it is beginning to happen. For the last two years, we have successfully conducted tent meetings where several churches have come together to worship God and win the lost, and God has blessed it!

Please keep us in your prayers, as we will be traveling to Ohio, Texas and Connecticut in the next three months. Winds of revival are in the land! Let us continue to pray and work together in His Kingdom. God bless you!