



## "Unconditional Surrender"

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A few months back I began preaching a message entitled "Unconditional Surrender". This is not a popular message but

one that I feel is very urgent and necessary for the Body of Christ in this very crucial hour we are living in. I hope that all who read this message will prayerfully consider what the Lord has laid on my heart and that we all will align ourselves with the Word of the Lord as it is the only solution for the troubled times we live in. God desires so much to send revival to our land and churches, however, it does not come and will not come without a people that are 100% surrendered to the will of the Master.

God is calling the whole church to unconditional surrender. To unconditionally surrender means;

- 1) Surrendering having no reservations without limitations.
- 2) The act of submitting or surrendering to another power.
- 3) It is also the act of delivering or being delivered.

Jesus was one that unconditionally surrendered to the Father. In the garden he said, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

I was thinking about back in World War II I was in Camp Parks, California getting ready to go overseas and the Japanese surrendered. The US dropped the atomic bomb and the Japanese surrendered, so I did not go overseas at that particular time but I did go over in occupation forces. They pulled the great battleship Missouri into the Tokyo bay and the Japanese got on there with a list of things they wanted if they surrendered. Now what do you reckon General Douglas MacArthur told them? He said, "Now, wait a minute. I'm not surrendering to you, you are surrendering to me. It's unconditional. You are going to be under the power of the United States of America. You're not under your power anymore. You're not under your decisions anymore. You have lost the war." I want you to hear this message because I know preachers that have been in this twenty or thirty years or more never have unconditionally surrendered to God. There are people in every church who have not unconditionally surrendered to God. They say " yeah but..." " I'm going to do something for God but ..."

What we are talking about means that you have totally and unconditionally surrendered to another power. And that other power we're talking about is God himself. If you have unconditionally surrendered to the power of God that means you are His prisoner. Paul said He was the Prisoner of the Lord. If you have surrendered completely to the Lord then you are His prisoner, and a prisoner is in a period of rehabilitation. When

you surrender to God you are in a period of rehabilitation, and that rehabilitation is from your ways to His ways. He is going to change you into a specimen like himself. You're going to rehabilitate. Because you've lost the war and there's nothing else to turn to.

Let's turn our Bibles to Matthew 25, where we see two men who submitted themselves. Two who had been a prisoner and learned how to do things right and then we will see one that was afraid and didn't know what to do. It's the parable of the talents.

#### Matthew 25:14-30

(14) For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. (15) And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his iourney. (16) Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. (17) And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. (18) But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. (19) After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. (20) And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. (21) His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. (22) He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. (23) His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. (24) Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: (25) And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. (26) His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: (27) Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. (28) Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. (29) For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. (30) And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

So we're talking about being a faithful servant. A faithful servant is one that is surrendered to the will of His master. A servant who is not surrendered will be unprofitable.

Now in the parable of the talents that man with five talents was faithful and increased five, and the Lord said he would make him a ruler over many things. The one that hid the talent and was afraid was not fully surrendered and he did not use what he had been given.

Let's take a young man that recently got saved for an example. He was delivered from a hard life of sin. He is now a ruler. Not a ruler over Saint Louis or Missouri, for example, but the thing the Lord wants him to rule first is himself. Through a surrendered life to God, he has the ability to rule himself. He is a ruler over all those things which once controlled him. He's a ruler over alcohol. He is a ruler over drugs. He is a ruler over sin, and over everything that had him bound. And it's all because he surrendered. No doubt we all got down and prayed and said, "I surrender all. Everything! No reservations." A lot of people want to be rulers over great things, but are not surrendered enough to rule their own lives. We must make a decision to live the life God wants us to, and get rid of the things that have us bound and that hinder us.

One of the greatest things we can rule over is our tongue. If you can rule over your tongue you can control the whole body. If you rule the whole body you are ruler over many things. Fact of the matter is, we need to rule our mind.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

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

So one thing we must do, is guit warring after the flesh.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (6) And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

The beginning of this surrender that we're talking about is to quit warring after the flesh, and start taking up the spiritual weapons of God.

I was asked a question one time. When the United States defeats a country and takes it over, and they unconditionally surrender, and this country has blown up our cities, and killed our soldiers, the United States goes and rebuilds that country that has surrendered to it. I was asked, "do you think that it is right to take our money and rebuild Germany and Japan and Italy and all those countries that tore our country and our ships up and killed and wounded our soldiers?" I thought about that for a little bit and the thought came to me, "they surrendered didn't they?" What do you do with someone that surrenders unconditionally to you? The godly thing to do is to rebuild them. So what happens when we surrendered to Christ? He comes

and builds our life. Just look at all the damage we've done to the kingdom of God when we were in sin. Causing trouble, wounding ourselves and others. But then we surrender to Him; and what does he do? He takes us and rebuilds us. He builds us after His image and after His likeness because we have totally surrendered to him

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We warred with him. We fought against him. The more he dealt with us, the meaner we got, the further we went in sin. Finally we fell on our face and unconditionally surrendered to God, and then he took our shattered lives and rebuilt us into His likeness.

What happens if we surrender to the wrong source?

Think about the thousands of Jews that died in the hands of the wrong captor. Think about your life when you are surrendered to the wrong captor. Everything was wrong. Everything seemed not right. However when we totally, unconditionally surrender to the Lord, and he begins to build himself on the inside of us, and we become a brand new creature, things begin to turn out right because we're not in the hands of the wrong captor any more we are in the hands of Jesus Christ the son of God. He knows how to take a shattered life and a shattered mind, and a shattered spirit, and rebuild them into the likeness of Himself.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

So what does unconditionally surrender really mean?

To stop warring after the flesh. The charismatics have brought in something that says, just go ahead just live any way you want and war after the flesh, it won't hurt you. They call the old timers fanatics. Yet are we seeing the fruit, are we seeing real godly change in our nation? Has the new age movement produced anything but a crowd? The tavern has a crowd on Friday nights but does that make it right? God is calling this nation back to the old paths and the good way, the way of living a surrendered life unto the Lord.

We must raise the white flag of surrender. Then we are both under His control and under His care. We are is prisoner. He can then rebuild us into a glorious church, as found in Eph. 5.

Ephesians 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

Paul knew what unconditional surrender really meant. Here's a man who wanted nothing to do with the Gentiles, but that all changed when he surrendered and became the prisoner of the Lord. He was totally against Christianity, the apostles, and followers of Christ until he surrendered.

In rehabilitating prisoners, if they really surrender and apply themselves, when they get out of prison they have a trade. In that prison he decides whether he's going to live right when he gets out or whether he's going to live wrong. When you first become a prisoner of the Lord you begin to make a decision; "Am I going to do it right or am I going to fudge a little." When you decide not to unconditionally surrender to God you are in a problem. Now I don't mind telling you it took me about three years, even after I was in the ministry, for me to unconditionally surrender. You can not be a successful minister, or Christian for that matter, without unconditionally surrendering to the Lord. When you are unconditionally surrendered, whatever He says, you do it. You don't argue with him. If the Lord says pack up and go to California, you don't say, "well next month Lord." You don't argue. You are surrendered. What He says, you do. If He says go, you go. If He says stay, you stay.

God used a surrendered man to send to Paul. Ananias obeyed the Lord's instruction and went to Paul and prayed for him. He received his sight, and began to live a surrendered life unto the Lord. Those that are surrendered can really minister to people.

Now, the prisoner is in a learning state. And we see that in the next chapter.

Ephesians 4:1-3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, (2) With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; (3) Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:11-16 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: (14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:17-32 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, (18) Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: (19) Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. (20) But ye have not so learned Christ; (21) If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: (22) That ye put off concerning the

former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (23) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (25) Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. (26) Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: (27) Neither give place to the devil. (28) Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. (29) Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (30) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (31) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

If you still have the old man in operation you have not surrendered. You have said, "Well I'm going to enjoy the blessings but I am still going to walk in the flesh." "I am going to reserve a few things for my pleasure." Churches in this nation are full of people today who are going through the motions but have not unconditionally surrendered to God. We MUST repent and rededicate and consecrate our lives to God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. The time for halfway serving God has passed, we cannot continue on this road to destruction, there must arise a people who will throw themselves on the altar of a living and holy God and cry, "I surrender all!"

Have you ever heard somebody say, "Well, I've just got a few things that I am holding on to." "I just nip on the bottle a little bit every once and awhile," or "I just like to go out and have a good time in the flesh every once in awhile."

Listen, we are supposed to be a ruler over these things. If we are surrendered to the Lord, these things do not rule us we rule over them. Nothing else but Christ moves us. Nothing else but Christ has control in our lives.

What makes us think that we can reserve a place for the pleasures of sin in our life, and still pretend as if we are unconditionally surrendered to God? See, we have to give all of these things up, put off the old man, get rid of the former conversation, and live for God.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Another thing we are just as well to talk about is how we manage our time. You know, we talked earlier about being a faithful steward. People have all kinds of things eating away at their time today. Silly and ridiculous stuff such as this thing called "Facebook." You know they get on there and spend all

kinds of time with foolish, goofy stuff, and they are the same ones that say, "Oh I wish I had more time. I would really get involved in church and start doing something for God if I had more time." And here they are spending hours at a computer meddling with each others business, and sending silly things back and forth, and not managing their time for God.

Folks let me say this again, we <u>MUST</u> get our lives totally and unconditionally surrendered to God! Quit dabbling with the things of the world, and get to work doing something eternal for God.

James says, "whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." You cannot have it both ways. Remember the Japanese couldn't say, "We surrender, but we don't want you to come ashore, we don't want you in our country." No, General Macarthur said, "You have surrendered and we are going to possess your country." You know God says, "I am going to possess you. I am either going to possess you or I am not going to have any part with you." Oh I know that's real tough feeling to some, but listen, God is going to have a church that He is in full possession of, and that church is going to be a glorious church and a victorious church!

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God doesn't just want part of us, but rather the whole spirit, soul, and body. He does not just want us part time. He wants us unconditionally, to be under His control so that He can rebuild and rehabilitate our lives to fit into His master plan.

You know it is amazing, but some people can get through the rehabilitation program in a few months, and others have been in for 40 years and are still not rehabilitated from the lust of the flesh and ways of the world. Many are in the same old problems over and over and over. Listen, this happens even with pastors. They allow the same problems to jump up in the church over and over again. How long does it take for us to learn that it is the little foxes that spoil the vine, and we are going to have to be totally unconditionally surrendered into the Lord. It's all that we could be a vessel of honor unto him.

As a prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ he begins to build our lives and rehabilitate us and then we are enlisted in His army. An army that will fight the good fight of faith.

2 Timothy 2:3-5 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (4) No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (5) And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

Once we finally surrendered to the Lord we're no longer fighting against God but we fight for God.

How many know what you do to a house that you are going to rebuild? Do they just leave it like it is and slap on a little paint and call that a rebuild? Do you just do a little cover-up work and say that you've rebuilt the house. No! You tear out the sheet rock, you remove the ceiling, you repair the rafters. You repair the broken boards. You sure up the structure. You remove all the rotten material and replace it with good. When that is all finished you have a rebuilt house. See what the Lord is doing with us is rebuilding our lives. He is removing all the old rotten, broken material and replacing it with His love, His joy, His peace, and His righteousness. He can only truly rebuild us if we will unconditionally surrender to him

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

See we do not lie any more, we do not steal, cheat, and cut corners. We are new creatures and we live a new life. Our identity is in God and in God alone. What did Jesus say... If any man will come after me let him deny himself, take his cross and follow me.

As I close this message I would like for all who read this to do one thing. As we prepare to end 2009 and enter another year, let us all take some serious time to examine ourselves, and find out if we are truly unconditionally surrendered to God. I am asking for folks to consider that perhaps some of the turmoil and problems in your life come from the battle that secretly you are still holding onto inside. Some vice or sinful lust or pleasure that you have not given up yet. I do not write this to condemn, but rather to let people know that there is a solution. Give up to God. Put away the things that hinder and destroy the true blessing of God in your life, and you will see that a life surrendered to the Lord is one of great triumph and blessing. We are in a critical time such as never has been on the earth, and God in His goodness and mercy is pleading for all who will to surrender and let Him truly be the Lord of all in our lives. We are in the last days let us all heed the Word of the Lord and if there is something yet left in us that we have not surrendered, let us fall down and repent before the Lord, and He will make all things new in our lives. As we surrender God will send a revival to restore, rebuild, and reconcile our lives and the lives of those we love.

God Bless You and may each of you have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

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### The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries

(A Division of Bible Way Association)

Rev. Leslie & Margaret Buckner



#### Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is so hard to believe that another year is quickly coming to an end. 2009 has been a year of challenges yet also a year of many blessings. God is moving in a great way, and we are excited about the coming year.

We would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas. We here at The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries want to express our heartfelt thanks for all of your

prayers and support. We thank God for all of you who have joined with us to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. There is so much for all of us to be thankful for this year. Despite life's many hardships and trials God is good, and He is truly worthy to be praised!

We are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for the ministry. There is so much to do, and so many souls in need of the Word of God. We know time is short and we must work while it is day. Our vision here at The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries, is to do exactly as our name says, be a voice of truth reaching out to lost souls as well as God's people around the entire world. God has enabled us to reach so many people already, but we know there are so many more who need the anointed ministry of God's Word. Read below to see some of the ways we are already ministering to people:

#### Message of the Month Ministry

The Message of the Month Ministry is a ministry that touches people's lives in several different ways. First, the messages are sent to shut inns, or those who due to age or health cannot attend church. Imagine for a minute being in a position of desiring to go to church but not being able to. Many times these folks deal with loneliness, depression, and other issues. These people are still a part of the Body of Christ, although they are unable to attend church regularly. We are able to send them a CD or DVD, Cassette or VHS tape each and every month, which allows them to worship, hear the Word preached, and receive from the Lord right in their home. These messages have also been used to stock up nursing home libraries for those living there.

Secondly, the messages are sent to and used in several prisons. The prisons are an opportune place to reach people with the truth and love of God. Many prisoners are finally in a place that they are looking for answers and ready to hear the truth. We are praying the Lord will continue to use these messages to minister to those in the prisons and that more doors will open in this area of outreach.

The Message of the Month also is used as a tool to "minister to ministers". This has always been a large part of the ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner. Each month the Class One and Class Two pastors of Bible Way churches receive a message meant to encourage them, feed them, and keep them aware and up to date with the ministry of the leadership of Bible Way. (If you are a Class One or Class Two pastor in a Bible Way church and are not receiving your monthly message, please let us know so we may add your name to the list.)

Last but not least, there are all of you who voluntarily support The Voice of Truth through the Message of the Month Ministry. Your monthly donations are helping us to carry on the outreaches to people, however, as a way to show our appreciation and minister into your lives, we send a monthly message to all of our supporters as well. Many have testified to the blessing they receive from these services sent to them each month on CD, DVD, cassette, or VHS.

#### **Radio Stations**

The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries through the support received through the Bible Way Gospel Lighthouse in Potosi, Mo is on the radio each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM in the Potosi area on 89.7 FM. We are also reaching out through the Internet through an Internet Radio Broadcast. We are streaming the Word of the Lord and anointed Gospel singing 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. This particular outreach is limitless in the number of people that can be reached. We are working to improve the website and broadcast and to get the word out to as many as we can about the online radio station and broadcast. This is a very exciting outreach and we are praying the Lord use it to touch hearts and change lives. To listen to the Internet Broadcast go to www.thevoiceoftruth.com and click on the radio station link.

#### Teaching & Evangelism

A major department of The Voice of Truth is the Teaching & Evangelistic Dept. This department is charged with the printed literature part of our outreach. Rev. Leslie Buckner has many books in print taken from over 50 years of ministry. These books are an excellent outreach and ministry tool. This department also provides the training materials for ministers. Through ministerial courses and literature we are imparting the anointed Word of God into ministers who will in turn reach hundreds, even thousands of others through the ministry God has called them to. Our vision in this department is to equip ministers and churches through printed materials and other means, and to teach, encourage and revive the Body of Christ as well as reach those who are not yet a part of His Body. To order literature or books please email: biblewayhq@windstream.net, call (573)996-7317, or write PO Box 549, Doniphan, Mo, 63935.

Attention: We are working to gather a current list of emails from those who wish to receive monthly updates concerning The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries. If you have email, please send us an email at <a href="mailto:biblewayhq@windstream.net">biblewayhq@windstream.net</a> so we can add your email address to our address book.

These are just a few of the ways The Voice of Truth is reaching out and making a difference in people's lives. We are looking forward to expanding the outreach of this ministry; however this is not possible without our supporters. Please pray about this ministry and helping us to do more in the coming year to reach people in need. Some areas we would like to expand in are as follows:

Webcasts
Online Video Conferences
Expanding to more radio stations
Getting a television program back on the air
And there are many other ways to reach people as well.

As you prepare to end the 2009 year and enter into 2010, please keep us in your prayers, and know that we sincerely appreciate all of your support. As this year comes to a close please keep in mind that this type of ministry is a very costly undertaking and we are only able to continue the outreach through the support we receive from the donations of our friends and partners. We are humbly asking our partners to consider sending a special love gift as we close out 2009, in order to help us close the year without a deficit and enter the 2010 year with a good start to be able to continue and expand the outreach. This work is a very urgent and important one and we long to be able to reach out further with the message of hope and truth to a lost and dying world.

#### May God Abundantly Bless You,

Rev. Leslie & Margaret Buckner Rev. Darrell Armstrong And all of the Voice of Truth staff!



# BIBLE WAY ASSOCIATION'S CAMP GROUND IMPROVEMENT PLAN



## "Keepers of The Camp"

As we prepare to close another year, we are reminded of the goodness of the Lord to us in this past year. I will have to admit this year has been one of the most trying since I began overseeing this department, however, it has been a great year of blessing, and through the trials I really got to see the hand of God at work. I want to say how much I appreciate everyone who has supported the Camp Dept. this year. Without you there is no doubt we could not continue the work that is done here for the Lord year after year. Every soul that gets saved, every person that receives the precious Holy Ghost, every pastor and minister that leaves here on fire and encouraged, you that have supported this endeavor have a part in what they received. We are truly grateful for all on the volunteers that have helped throughout the year, and those that have sent in offerings to further this ministry. Although this department is charged with much of the physical labor of running the camp grounds, I hope many of you will view it as I do, not a job, but a ministry.

As we prepare for the coming year, I must be honest. To look at the mountain of impossibilities and limitations we face due to finance is at times disheartening and a bit discouraging. However, I do know that our God specializes in things thought impossible, and nothing is to hard for Him. Through the past year we have saw the enemy work overtime to hinder the work of God here on the grounds, yet God has brought us through with victory every single time.

There is so very much work to do here on the Camp Grounds, and resources are very limited, therefore I humbly ask for your prayer, and continued support for the coming year. There are several ways for those who wish to help to get involved in this department as I have outlined below:

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Volunteerism We are always in need of volunteers who can help around the grounds. In every season of the year there is something to do to maintain and improve the Camp, and we cannot do it without volunteer help. One suggestions is to consider making it a church project to gather up as many people from your church as possible to spend a day or two working on the Camp Grounds.
- 3) Finance The cost for the maintenance of all of our buildings, equipment, and grounds is rather large. With grass to mow, older buildings to constantly repair, and preservation of our newer buildings, we survive on donations and offerings from our many friends and supporters. One way to support the Camp is through the "Keepers of the Camp" program. Through this program monthly donations allow us to both maintain and continue to improve the grounds, so that future generations can benefit and receive from the Lord as all of us have. No donation is to small, and believe me when I say that every penny is both very much needed and very much appreciated. One suggestion in this area is to designate a once-a-month special offering in the churches to send down for Camp expenses. Another idea is to set a change collection bucket in the entry way of your church and designate the proceeds to Camp.

Thank You & Merry Christmas, Rev. Darrell Armstrong - Camp Dept. Overseer

## WE APPRECIATE YOU!

## New Addition To the Camp!

The newest addition to the Camp Grounds is a large wood burning outdoor water stove. This was donated by Rev. Tommy Williams, and we so very much appreciate the donation and all of the time and labor he, and the men from his church and area have put into installing it. This stove will provide heat and hot water for the office and the long dorm, and cut back on our utility expenses. Thank you to all who have helped in this endeavor and to Bro. Williams for the donation.

We are going ahead with the food donation program as it was a tremendous help this past year. The food expense for all of the Camp functions each year is very large as can be expected. With the donation of canned goods, and other food and kitchen material we saved a great deal and cut the expense down some.

Gallon cans of fruit and vegetables, and other nonperishable items can be donated at any time, however an updated list of more specific and time sensitive items will be sent out in the spring of 2010.

Thank you to Sis. Martha Carnelison for coming up with this idea, and for all of you who got on board with us in donating these items, it was a great blessing!



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## Reminder from Bible Way Association Headquarters

Please keep in mind that all tithe and fees for Bible Way Ministers are due by the 15th of each month. If paying annual fees the next years fees are due by Dec 31, 2009. Also those paying twice a year the first payment is due by Feb, 15 each year, and the second by June 15th each year. Please check your records and ensure that you are current on your tithing and/or fees to the Association.

Also church secretaries, please check your records to ensure that your churches tithing and/or fees are current, and not paid delinquent.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, as delinquent income to the Association greatly effects the Association and its ability to meet expenses.

Credentials renew every year and will be mailed out the first week in January. Those with delinquent fees will not receive 2010 credentials until all tithing and fees are brought current.

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Dear Friends, Ministers, and Churches,

God spoke to me to hold a special service on New Years Eve. The scripture he put in my heart was,

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. (Jeremiah 33:3)

We all know that we are living in perilous times, there is a feeling of uncertainty across this country. God is calling us to himself and ready to reveal to us the things of the Spirit, however we must seek Him. As pastor of the Voice of Truth Bible Way Tabernacle I personally invite you to join with us as we seek the Lord for the great and mighty things He has in store for 2010.

The service will start at **8:00 pm** with a worship and communion service.

There will be a break for fellowship and a dinner. Then we will enter into a time of <u>singing</u>, <u>preaching</u>, <u>and prayer</u>, <u>as we enter into 2010</u>. (There will be places to stay on the Bible Way Camp Grounds if you do not want to drive back home after the service.)

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO WE CAN PREPARE THE ELEMENTS OF COMMUNION AND FOR THE DINNER.

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- Singing
- Preaching
- Praying
- Fellowship and Dinner

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