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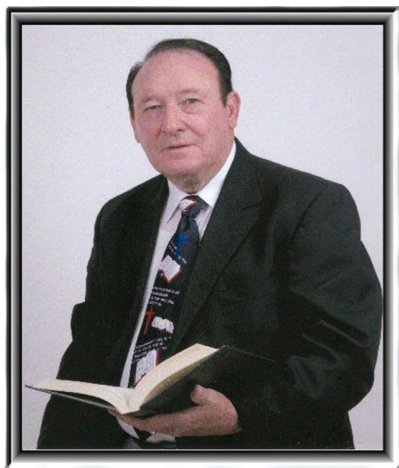
The Heritage of  
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**Happy New Year**

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## Struggle or Rest

**Jude 1:3** *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

Sometimes I believe we have the misconception of what the faith was that was once delivered to the saints. The faith that was once delivered to the saints was not faith in things or in people; but it was faith in God. I want to emphasize on faith in God and what this faith in God really does. Faith enters us into a spiritual rest, a rest with God.

**Hebrews 3:18** *And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

**Hebrews 4:1** *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have be-*

*lieved do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

**Hebrews 4:10** *For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*

In other words, he has put this in operation with God; let God do the work, we need to quit trying to help God out and instruct God how to do things.

Faith brings us into rest. This is the faith that was once delivered to the saints. We have rested our case in God, we are trusting in God and are no longer trusting in ourselves. We have found out we can't do anything anyway, without Him, we can do nothing. We have begun to rely on and place all of our faith in God. In the Old Testament, faith is interpreted as trust, if we trust God with all of our heart and lean not to our own understanding, He is able.

**Ephesians 3:20** *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

That power is faith, truth and grace. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Sometimes we struggle because we don't pray the right kind of prayer, the disciples saw the great effectiveness of prayer in Jesus' time.

**Luke 11:1** *And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

When Jesus prayed in the garden He said, "Father, if it be thy will, let this cup pass from me. But nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." A prayer of faith is a prayer that believes God. Whatever the situation is, turn it over to Him, not my will, but thine be done. If it causes the flesh to suffer a little, that's okay.

The people we are talking about in Hebrews are the people that were in the wilderness, these people had two experiences. One of unity, marching out of Egypt; a great unified experience marching 600,000 plus through the sea and right into the wilderness. It was right in the middle of the wilderness between Egypt and the Promised Land, they began to struggle. They struggled with the elements, with each other and with leadership. They even struggled with God.

There was a man in the Old Testament named Jonah that dared to struggle with God. God said, "I am sending you to Nineveh to preach the message I bid you to preach." This message was a very simple message; forty days and forty nights and then the city would be overthrown. Jonah said, "I don't think I am going to do that, I'm going to Tarsus," so he bought himself a ticket to Tarsus. That is struggling with God, and because Jonah struggled with God he wound up in a storm. Other people are not always going to put up with our struggles. The people on the boat with Jonah threw him overboard and he wound up in the belly of the fish. Just as soon as he turned it over to God and prayed out of the belly of hell, the fish took him to the bank. He must have prayed not my will but thine be done, because it wasn't his will to go to Nineveh. He said Lord I will do it, I'll do anything to get out of this struggle, I am tired of the struggle. He made a quick trip to Nineveh, preached a very simple message and won the whole city to God without a struggle.

The reason things are not happening a lot of the time is because we are trying to

fix it. We know how it's done, we believe in our own efforts, we have not ceased from our own labors. Struggle comes from two elements, one comes from us trying to have our way and two, it comes from us trying to help God.

Abraham and Sarah decided God was to slow, so they were going to help God out. Abraham took the handmaid, Hagar and fathered a child, they named him Ishmael, which means struggler. The whole Middle East is struggling today because one man and woman decided they could help God. God is not pleased with anything that is not faith.

**Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

These people were struggling in the wilderness, they were struggling with God and with Moses. They had a mental struggle, they were wondering if they should go back to Egypt. Joshua and Caleb were not struggling, they were believing, they started preaching faith. They believed they could take the land, but others said there are giants in the land. They struggled with their thoughts, with their spirit, with Moses and with God. They even had to struggle with the elements. There are some people today that if they don't have anything to struggle with, they create something.

Paul said faith is a spirit, we know that struggle is a spirit. If we have the spirit of struggle in us, we will never get anywhere until we get rid of it and turn it over to God. We have to say God you know how to handle this; I don't know how. God wants to hear us say, I don't know how. When we learn that wisdom, when we turn it over to him in faith believing, he will say, okay I will show you how. Knowledge comes from God.



**II Peter 1:3** *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*

**Proverbs 16:25** *There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

It is not our knowledge, but God's. When we learn His knowledge, we can see that His ways are not our ways.

**James 4:1** *From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

Now, we are going to look at some of the struggles that people are faced with today. There are many people with a mental struggle, or it could be a spiritual struggle.

**Galatians 5:17** *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

We have to kill the flesh every morning when we get out of bed or we will be fighting him all day.

**Matthew 16:24** *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

What happens on a cross? We die. Paul said: **1 Corinthians 15:31** *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

If you want to get out of the struggle, then you must crucify the flesh every morning.

**Galatians 5:24** *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

Then there is the mental struggle.

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

There are four things that are inseparable in the Bible that I can find. Faith, rest, peace, and liberty. We are not free if we are struggling.

**John 8:36** *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

He has freed his mind, his spirit and his entire being. The whole spirit, soul, and body has come in line with the Word of God. Every day he walks in faith, he doesn't walk by sight. He doesn't walk the way other people want him to, he walks by faith, with no struggle. When he comes up against something he says, "not my will, but thine be done." We have to get rid of the mental struggle, and we do this by letting our spiritual mind take over. People have their personal struggles with finances. We get financial struggles by lusting for things we don't need and we overextend ourselves. We have our inner struggles. Lots of families today have struggles. The main struggle in most families is who is going to be the head of the household, the Bible has a clear plan for that.

**Ephesians 5:22** *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of*





## *A Note From Brother Buckner*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I thought I would let you know how God is continuing to move in our lives and our ministry.

As many of you know, I have been through a time of sickness this year that could have easily taken my life, but the Lord was not ready for me to leave this world yet, he has more work for me to do.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all the prayers that you have prayed and continue to pray for us and our ministry, it is only by the love and grace of God answering these prayers that I have continued to improve and gain the strength needed to continue in the work of the Lord.

I also want to let you know that I recently went to see my doctors for a check up, after my stay in the hospital and rehab. They have received all my records from the hospital and the rehab center and tell us that I am in better health now than I was ten years ago. This just goes to show us that God not only answers pray but is still working miracles for his children today.

As I said I am continuing to gain strength every day and I feel better than I have in a long while, we are even able to travel again to minister the word of God. We have been blessed to be allowed to minister in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Arkansas and several churches in Missouri. God has moved in each of these services with souls saved, healings and refreshing of many that were dry in spirit.

Again I want to say thank you for all your prayers and support you have shown to us. Let us remember that our lives only continue each day by the grace and love of God and that He is the one that deserves all glory and praise for the blessings and healings that we receive as we continue to serve him and do our best to do the work he has called us to do.

*Rev. Leslie Buckner*

# *The Heritage of Bible Way Association*

God placed a calling on the life of Rev. Leslie Buckner during the early part of his salvation experience. Soon the Lord began to deal with him through visions some of which resulted in the founding and establishment of a church over 56 years ago that soon became what is now Bible Way Association. When we consider the literal thousands of souls that have been saved, healed or delivered and revived through his evangelistic ministry and the ministry of the Camp Grounds we must stop and thank the Lord for the vision and the anointing. We strongly believe this Association is a chosen vessel that has enabled so many to be of service to God in the chartered ministries and churches that make up the Association.

Brother Buckner has labored over the past 56 years with intent of providing a facility that would cause the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be empowered to continue unaltered even beyond his lifetime.

I thank God for the anointing and truth of this ministry that has been a part of each of our lives. The Camp Grounds at Doniphan have become a portion of the inheritance and heritage that God has provided for the use of each of the ministers and churches connected to Bible Way Association.

None of these facilities are owned by Brother Buckner. The Association has a corporation into which all properties and finances are placed. It is required to operate according to non-profit standards which dictate that none of its property or assets can be used for personal or pecuniary gain other than normal compensations for services rendered, the same requirements as any other church. Some people are mistakenly under the impression that Brother and Sister Buckner are wealthy because of the Association. They do not live on Association owned property. They own a comfortable and modest home in Doniphan Missouri.

Bible Way Association is seeing the goodness of God in many areas of the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of the churches are seeing the ministry of salvation on the rise and the power of the Holy Ghost is moving. Remember, prosperity is not just a matter of money and increase, the greatest and most enduring prosperity is that of increase within the souls of men concerning the Kingdom of God, which according to Romans 14:17 is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. When the Kingdom of God flourishes, the children of God will flourish in every way!

We feel that a spirit of revival is at work. We must hunger and thirst after His righteousness that we all might be filled according to His word.

God's presence and provision is always there and He will use those who will let him perform His perfect will. Jesus said in **Luke 6:38** *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over; shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*

When we see the churches struggling, we endeavor to assist in any way we can. Every need is not a financial one, but, in this economy there is plenty of need to go around!

Bible Way Association has several outreach mechanisms that are set in order for the purpose of assisting churches and their efforts to reach the lost. Among those are the Voice of Truth World Outreach Division, the Home Missions Department, and the Campgrounds of Bible Way Association.

## *Voice of Truth World Outreach Division*

The Voice of Truth World Outreach Division has a long standing record of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through any outlet it can find. The Gospel is going forth over our very own internet radio station that is located on "[thevoiceoftruth.com](http://thevoiceoftruth.com)" as well as other land-based radio stations. Many CD's and DVD'S are sent out each month to supporters of the Tape of the Month program, some at no charge. Adult and Children's literature are being produced and published with efforts made continually to create new and unique literature that can be found no where else. This literature totally based in the King James Bible with sound doctrine as its base. Training courses are offered to help equip ministers in the Gospel. These courses are unique with insight given from over 56 years of ministry providing a truly unique understanding of the many problems every minister will face as we serve the Lord. Other teaching and training publications are made possible as well because of this Division. The Gospel is going forth!

## *Home Missions Department*

The Home Missions Department has two major purposes; they are to start new churches and to assist existing churches in their needs. It takes a great deal of support to start another church and equally to assist churches that are in need monetarily. Many months the need may be several hundred dollars but, sometimes it amounts to thousands of dollars. The needs cannot be ignored and every need is important and should be supplied. We cannot turn our back on any one of these needs as long as the ability is there to help them. Any soul that is won to the Lord in any one of these churches and ministries makes every dollar and every effort worthwhile! Isn't this what it is really all about?

## *Keepers of the Camp*

Often our ministers and Camp Meeting attendees only see the parts of a Camp Grounds that are visible and apparent during the Camp Meeting services. They can't begin to understand the costs associated with providing food, lodging, insurance, etc. However, often the income does not completely cover the costs related to these wonderful, life changing events. Most will not see or understand the continuing, year round, costs and labors that go into supporting and maintaining the facilities which enable these events. As anyone who owns a home knows all too well the expenses never go away.



**Keepers of the Camp** is a program that is developed to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the Camp Grounds, as well as helping with improvements. There are continuing monthly expenses associated with the Camp Grounds facilities that continue whether we are having Camp Meetings or not, such as insurance and some utilities. **Continuing maintenance and monthly expenses are our first priority and the greatest need.**



This program also helps enable special projects, such as the renovations and remodeling efforts of the facilities and grounds. Each project is individually accountable and designated funds are set aside for their intended purposes, IF they are given with a designation. We are hoping to see many improvements in the near future as funds become available. Some of the older buildings may soon be gone and we are looking forward to new structures, such as cabins and a new dormitory building but this will take time and funds to make them possible.



***Could this be one of your opportunities?  
Remember, if you are connected with or receiving from Bible  
Way Association it is a part of your Heritage.***

For some time we have been encouraging our churches and ministers to diligently pray about supporting the efforts of the Association and enable the ministry to reach even further. The response has only been marginal. While we acknowledge that there are many worthwhile and valid ministries and needs, and many have chosen to support them, please do not forget the PARENT ORGANIZATION (BWA) and its needs as well.

It is sad to say, but some only look at the Association as an easy way to get what they need, whether minister credentials or charter tax coverage. We are not discounting or making light of the need for these services which we offer. That is what they are provided for and it is our goal and mission to be able to provide them. But, consider where your church or your ministry would be if any of these services were not readily available!

We are just using this article as a possible way of offering an opportunity for others to be workers together for the same end purpose, to win souls and to bring glory to the Lord!

As workers together, let us not forget the costs of the efforts. Please pray about

how you, or your church or ministry can be of help with these worthy efforts.

We have been encouraging our churches and ministries to consider giving a designated offering, an amount of their choosing, each month to help support these efforts and make their outcome more sure and enduring. If a designated, monthly offering is not a good option, then perhaps just receive a designated offering each month and send whatever comes in that can be designated for this support.

Remember, all mission works are not overseas and some of the greatest opportunities to win souls and supply needs is right here at home in the United States of America. I have heard many missionaries from other countries look at the United States as a place where the fields are ripe for the harvest, yet so many are lost and in need and if we are not careful we will overlook these opportunities here at home!

The offerings can be designated to any of these works by noting the preference in the memo, or they can be designated to Bible Way Association, in which case, the total offering proceeds will be divided equally between these three works, Home Missions, Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries and the Keepers of the Camp. This is much like the Bulk Missions offerings are divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

We are excited to see what God can do when there is a willing and obedient heart! God will measure to you again the same measure that you mete out. He will cause men to give into your bosom according to the provision of His riches in glory, thereby honoring your willing and obedient gift!

*Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you.....shall MEN give into your bosom....*

The mailing address is:

**Bible Way Association  
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**One of the main purposes of this ministry has always been to provide something that would allow every minister or partner/member of Bible Way Association, as well as the congregational members to come together, receive of the ministry under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and then take a part of what you receive back to those you minister to in your church or ministry. Likewise it is important that you bring of your ministry into the Association. This is a part of the vision of the Lord given to Brother Buckner years ago. It has been termed as “The Bee Theory.”**

Regardless of everything God has provided far too many ministers fail to take part of what is provided. Some have never even seen the Campgrounds, much less taken part in it.

I exhort everyone to be a part of what you have joined forces with and labor with us to keep the spirit of unity in the bond of peace as the Word exhorts.

We are all workers together with the Lord and, just like the bee hive, we all have a common purpose and goal, to reach souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bring glory to God in the process.

Join with us, let us join hands and commitments while it is still day, for the night cometh when no man may work. Let God be glorified in all!

*Rev. Eugene Abrams*



## Rev. Charles Asberry

Rev. Charles and Connie Asberry have been faithful members and ministers in Bible Way Association since February 1972. During most of that time they have been the pastors of the Lighthouse Temple Church in Ellington Missouri. Brother Asberry has been serving on the General Board of Directors of the Association since 1978. Most of his time on the Board of Directors he has served as

the Vice-President of Bible Way Association. They have been faithful supporters, both in prayer and financially, of every project and effort that Bible Way Association has undertaken.

For a number of years Rev. Asberry has been fighting a battle with cancer and is standing in faith for God's power to heal. At this time your prayers are needed for a miracle, and we are believing it will be of the Lord since man has done all they can. They have sent Brother Asberry home with a bad report and we must pray for the healing power of God to move on his behalf.

Brother Asberry has never asked for anything in return for their service for the Lord. However, we do feel it is time to give back in support for their needs and the expenses involved in their medical needs.

If you will pray for God to heal, then also pray about sending your generous support to help with these expenses.

Bible Way Association has been established and operated on the faithfulness of God's ministers and their willingness to provide support and encouragement concerning any needs they are made aware of. Remember God loves a cheerful giver and also He exhorts us to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Someday it may be you standing in need of prayers, encouragement and support. You can be assured that God is faithful and will not forget your support and prayers now.

Please send your cards, letters and offerings of support directly to Brother and Sister Asberry at the following address:

**Rev. Charles Asberry**  
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## “STRUGGLE OR REST “

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*the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

Therefore it is very simple and it puts an end to that struggle.

We can't have faith as long as we are struggling. Faith is a cease from struggle, it is resting its case in God. Faith is doing what God's word says to do.

**James 2:20** *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

No wonder a lot of people are dead, they don't have any works with their faith. We have to put the faith and the works together, we can't fix it to suit ourselves, we need to just rest our case in God.

Struggle is caused by us trying to have our way and our trying to help God get things accomplished. Anytime anyone tries to help God, they develop a struggle. Anytime somebody thinks they have a better way and think they are going to have their way, it means death.

There are situations people struggle with, but if they believe God in a situation, why should they struggle? Why don't they just keep walking with God in faith and let him take care of the situation? We need to learn to turn everything over to God and walk through them.

There are those that have preached that faith is something that will get you out of your problems, that is a lie. Faith is something that takes you all the way through a problem without a struggle. Paul and Silas were thrown in jail but they had faith. They prayed and sang praises to God and He shook the jail-house and they won a lot of people to

God that night. That's faith without a struggle, faith does not get us out of things.

**Romans 8:35** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

So many people say today, "If I could just find a church that does not have any problems." Instead we should be hunting a church that has one. What is the church for, when did we start going to church? When we had so many problems, we had to find God so He could take care of them and we could have faith in Him instead of our self. We are saved through faith, by grace, not by works lest any man should boast. We brought our problems to God and told Him that we didn't know what to do with them. When we did that, we entered into a walk with God in faith.

**Isaiah 28:11** *For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear*

I have never seen so many tired people as there are today. Young people should be full of vitality and instead they are tired. Struggle makes us tired because it gets in our mind, it is not necessarily our flesh that gets tired but our mental ability that gets tired.

We used to have to walk a quarter of a mile to get a bucket of water from the spring, we didn't have electricity. God has blessed us mightily in the hour we live in but we do not appreciate it.

Here is how to get rested if you are tired. Remember when God spoke to Joshua and said "as it was with Moses so

it will be with you. I'll go with you. Everywhere you step your foot, I will give it to you. I will give you rest." That is spiritual rest. God told Moses in **Exodus 33:14** *And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.*

It is impossible to have rest without God's presence. *"In thy presence there is fulness of joy."* Faith, rest, peace, and liberty are four things that will come together. If you have real faith, you will have rest, if you have rest, you will have peace, and if you have peace then you are free. He who the Son has set free is free indeed.

**Matthew 11:28** *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

The Bible tells us in Hebrews chapter 4 that faith in God produces rest. They couldn't enter in because of unbelief.

**Matthew 11:29** *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

We can find rest when we take it to the Lord in faith believing.

**Proverbs 3:5** *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

There were two brothers that got into a struggle before they were born. The word says the twins, Esau and Jacob, struggled in their mother's womb before they were born. When they were born, Esau was born first, the struggle is always over who is first. Our inner struggle is over what is first; flesh or God, but God has to be first. The minute Jacob was born, he grabbed Esau's heel, it was as if he was saying, you aren't getting ahead of me, this struggle went on as

they grew. This was helped along by the fact that Isaac, their father, loved Esau and Rebecca, their mother, loved Jacob.

One day Esau went to the field to get some venison for his father, because his father loved venison. Keep in mind, Rebecca's family had a nature, an environment of struggle, so she said, "Now we will fix it." Isaac was getting old and blind, so she told Jacob to go to the field and get a goat and they would feed Isaac goat meat. They would also put the goat skins around Jacob so he would be hairy like Esau. They took the food to Jacob and he said, "It's the arms of Esau but the voice of Jacob," so he blessed Jacob. By doing this Jacob obtained Esau's birthright and his blessing. Then when Esau came in from the field and said, "Father don't you have a blessing for me!" Esau began to get angry. He had lost his birthright and his blessing. Esau decided that he would kill Jacob, but Rebecca knew of his plans and told Isaac to send Jacob to her brothers' house so he could marry one of their women. Isaac sent him to her brother's house, but the struggle wasn't over for Jacob.

The first thing that Jacob saw when he arrived at his Uncle Laban's home town was a beautiful young woman and he wanted her for his wife. He talked to Laban and told him that he would work seven years for her. So they had a wedding and in the morning he discovered he had married Leah, who was Rachel's older sister. Then Jacob got mad and asked Laban why he had deceived him. The struggles went on and on. Laban told him that he could struggle another seven years for Rachel, and because Jacob loved Rachel he agreed. All the time in his struggling head, he was thinking he was going to get every cow, every calf, everything this man had. He thought within himself "Laban is not beating me." So he worked seven more years for Rachel.

The spirit of struggle is in this situation, so the women begin to struggle. Rachel can't bear children, so she gave Jacob her handmaid, who began to bear lots of children. Then Leah is afraid Rachel is going to get ahead so she gave Jacob her handmaid. They struggled and struggled, ten of those twelve brothers turned out to be strugglers, remember, they sold their brother Joseph into the land of Egypt. Joseph became a man who would not struggle.

Jacob wound up a wealthy man who had two wives and a lot of children. But everything was in a turmoil and a struggle. Laban began to look unfavorably upon Jacob. When you have cheated and deceived people they don't look very favorably upon you. Jacob started thinking he had better gather his cows, his wives and his children to leave.

Now, he had Isaac's blessing, Esau's birthright and nearly everything of Laban's, but he still doesn't have God's blessing. He has out struggled them all. So he gets in the middle of the desert headed home because he didn't have anywhere else to go. A messenger came to see him and said "Your brother is coming to see you and he has four hundred men with him." That is the last thing in the world Jacob wanted to hear.

In the Book of Genesis we can find out what happens to Jacob and his family.

**Genesis 32:24** *And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*

Jacob decided that he would finally get rid of all of this struggle. In the 26th verse we find that what he was really after was God's blessing. He had everything else, now he wants God's blessing. He was willing to put his life on the line to get that blessing. He struggled all night with an angel of the Lord. Jacob

wouldn't let go of the angel. He knew if he saw that angel at daylight, face to face, it meant certain death but he held on and struggled through to his victory. The angel reached out and touched his thigh and his leg was out of joint and he became miserable, but Jacob was determined that he was going to have faith in God and obtain God's blessing.

**Genesis 32:25** *And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26* *And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.*

Jacob said, "I have to have your blessing tonight. I've got to put my trust in you, Lord, I have to turn it all over to you, I have no where else to go." That is usually when we get real faith, when we have exhausted all other sources is when we get real faith. Just because things seem to be going well sometimes doesn't mean we have entered into the real faith where we say it's all yours, Lord, I turn it over to you.

**Genesis 32:27** *And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28* *And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.*

He said you are delivered tonight, you are no longer Jacob, the struggler or the deceiver anymore. You are now a prince, you are now Israel, what a change!

**Genesis 32:29** *And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.*



That is the blessing Jacob had needed his whole life and never had it because of all the struggle and all the strife. The only strive we are supposed to have is to strive to enter at the straight gate.

In Chapter 33 of the book of Genesis, we find a man that was delivered from struggle. He was a man that had never recognized his brother before, the only thing he ever wanted from his brother was more of what he had. He met him the next day with a brand new experience of deliverance that he had never had before. Now he was free and he didn't want to struggle anymore. He didn't want to hurt his brother anymore, he wanted to honor him. Jesus says in the New Testament to honor our brother before ourselves

We also find a man that was a little crippled the rest of his life. That is a scar of struggle and the scars of sin that are on us all. Inside of Israel was a brand new spirit of love and joy in the Holy Ghost. He had everything he needs, he was no longer bound by the spirit of struggle.

*Genesis 33:3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the*

*ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.*

Esau had never seen anything like this before, he always saw a man that would struggle and fight and twist things to suit himself. There was his brother as he had never seen him before. He was on the ground and bowing himself seven times before Esau. What a difference!

Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him as they wept. The end of a life long struggle had come to a joyous reunion of two brothers who started struggling before they were ever born.

I believe with all my heart that this is going to be the type of revival God is going to give the church to produce a church without spot and without wrinkle, a glorious church. A church where we wipe away the fleshly nature and the carnal mind and fall on our face to get rid of the struggle and become godly and content. Then we can worship God in spirit and in truth and get rid of the struggle and get back to the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

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## **Monthly Fellowship Meeting**

*We will be continuing our Monthly Fellowship Meetings in 2015. If your church would like to host a fellowship meeting please contact us here at the Bible Way Association Office. (573) 996-7317*

*We WILL NOT have one in December 2014 or January 2015.*

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## 2015 Camp Meeting Schedule

### *June Family Camp*

*The first full week of June*

### *Youth Camp*

*The third full week of June*

### *September Camp*

*The second full week of September*

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