



Eagle Vision Partner Letter

The Goodness of God

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Dear Partner,

I pray this letter finds you operating in the power of a fearless God! Deirdre and I count it a joy to minister the Word of God with you on a monthly basis.

This month it seemed good to the Holy Spirit to talk about the subject of the goodness of God. In **Psalm 92:1**, it says *It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:* After all when you think back to all that God has done for you, there are so many reasons to give Him thanks.

Sometimes I travel pass accidents or hear about bad things happening around the world. I automatically offer up thanks to God for His protection over my life. So many times we Christians tend to focus more on what doesn't appear to be happening rather than on what the Lord has already done. **If we are faithful in thanking God in the least, we enable God to bless us with much.** God longs to bless His children, but sometimes we delay our blessings by complaining. **Complaining is a trap that breeds depression.** The Bible tells us in **Philippians 4:4-8** *⁴Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

A big part of how we feel is a matter of what we focus on! Staying focused is a fulltime job. That's why **Joshua 1:7**, says *Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.*

In other words, God was telling Joshua to stay focused. He did not fail Joshua and He will not fail you.

Psalm 27:13-14, says ¹³I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

When I think back over my life, there were so many times that I had to depend totally on God and He always brought me through. One thing that we must do in order to see God's goodness is to trust Him. **If He spoke it, He'll bring it to pass!** God has never lost a battle and he's not going to start with yours. We must rely on Him. In my family, I have an older brother and plenty of older cousins. As a young boy, I could always depend on them, whenever there was trouble. They never let me down. Now if I could depend on them, how much more can we depend on the goodness of God!

Steps to Overcome

1. Think back to (3) things that God has delivered you from.
2. Begin to express your trust through praise.
3. Go back to the original promise that you heard from God.
4. Don't allow circumstances to shake your faith.
5. Don't allow a temporary obstacle to break your focus.

Praising God for His Goodness,

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Senior Pastor

If you don't know Jesus as your personal savior, say this prayer: Lord Jesus, I repent for all of my sins. I believe in my heart the Jesus died on the cross for my sins and God raised Him from the dead. I now accept His love, forgiveness and restoration in my life. Thank You Lord for saving me! Use my life for Your glory. I belong to You forever! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Ministry Update

To date we have had over 65 people born again and many more touched by the power of God. The Rest Home Ministry is going well. We just recently completed our four-month Evangelism Class. The Women of Excellence will be holding their next Fellowship on May 21st.

Opportunities to Sow Seed

- > Purchase of (4) microphones, stands and cables--- \$120 each
- > Purchase of a keyboard--- \$600
- > Commercial time for three months--- \$1,500-\$1950

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