



Eagle Vision Partner Letter

Restoration Begins with Praise

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Dear Partner,
I pray this letter finds you ready for the return of Jesus Christ!

Lately I have noticed that people have been going through a lot! I believe the devil is trying to use circumstances to talk God's people out of God's best. The Bible says in **Galatians 6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we make a determined choice to "not faint", I believe God will set us up for harvest and blessings like we've never seen before. **Psalm 126** tells us although we've sown in tears, we will reap in joy, bringing our sheaves (harvest) in! After all, God has never failed us and He is not about to start now! The Bible says in **Habakkuk 3:17-19** ¹⁷Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: ¹⁸Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments. We are to rejoice even when it does not look like things are going to work out. This is how you pass the test! In **Psalm 100:1-5** ¹Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ²Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. ⁵For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. **Verse 3** says that God is the one who made us, not we ourselves. So because God made us, He will take care of us if we respond to trouble and circumstances with faith. **Praise is the greatest expression of your faith!** He even lets us know that praise is one of the ways that we tap into increase. First sow the seed, then water it with praise. **Psalm 67:1** ¹God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. ²That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. ³Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. ⁴O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. ⁵Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. ⁶Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. ⁷God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Praise is an expression of your faith and confidence in God. We see in **II Chronicles 20** that battles can be won through praise. When you praise God you are magnifying God above the situation at hand. But when you complain, you are magnifying Satan. Satan does not deserve any of your attention or time, or breathe, so stay focused on God. He has a proven track record. Sometimes it may take every ounce of strength you have in you to praise, but I am a living witness that it works!

I remember years ago, while working on a previous job, I walked into the office and the secretary informed me that an angry man had called and was upset with me and he was on his way to my office. (He had a history of violence.) I went into my office and begin to praise the Lord. By the time the guy came to the office, he was nicer to me than he had ever been before. You see, praise stills the avenger. My enemy was made my footstool.

Praise is going to spark the restoration that God has promised to his people. Look at **Joel 2:21-27**
²¹Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. ²²Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. ²³Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. ²⁴And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. ²⁶And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. ²⁷And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

As we begin to be glad and rejoice in the Lord, we will attract restoration in our lives like never before. Today we have a choice to praise God and begin the process of restoration or complain and remain in the current situation. So make a choice today to give God praise and begin to experience restoration!

Partner With Us

We encourage you to become a partner with Eagles' Christian center today. Help us carry the Gospel to this lost and dying world. Ways that we are currently ministering to the world: We minister at the rest home, in Wake County prison, on the radio and door to door in the community. We also have our Youth & Children's Ministry. There is so much more to do. We have a God ordained mission to reach the lost. With more faithful partners to stand with us in prayer and financial support, we will accomplish all that God has for us to do. So pray about becoming a partner today.

In His Righteousness,

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MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Marriage Retreat in August was great. It was a great time to relax and be candid with the Couples. We also had a covenant renewal ceremony and each couple received certificates to commemorate the ceremony. Our Marriage Conference in September with our special guest Pastor Brenda Timberlake was great! CDs for each night are available for purchase for \$5.00 each. Pastors Harold & Deirdre continued to teach the Word on WCLY 1550 AM and were Special Guests on 103.9 FM The Light—Live on Thursday, Sept. 28th. Continue to visit www.EaglesChristianCenter.org for new updates. Pray about sowing a financial seed into our building fund to help with the church renovations. Thanks for all that you do!