Message from the Editor

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! My heart's desire for this New Year is that I'm trusting God to do all that He needs to do in this ministry and in the lives of all the readers that come across the P.I.T.W.M. website, the Newsletters, and Sunday School Lessons; to keep helping hungry souls; to help lost and fallen souls; and to equip you to prosper where you may be weak. Those that desire to place encouraging articles or testimonials in the PITWM Newsletter, please contact me through "contact me" or email directly to gwoodard001@comcast.net. (1 page please). I know others that may be going through some circumstances would be refreshed with your Word from the Lord! That has been my desire to allow others to use their Godgiven talent and anointing for God's glory.

God has a plan for your life and it seems to be that I'm in it to place some nourishing nuggets along the way. Don't let them fall on the wayside but allow God's Word to grow deep into the good soil of your heart, so you are able to tell someone else. That's what it's all about; do not keep it to yourself. I need you to spread this Good News to others and trust God to be in charge of the Word you give forth.

Pray that God places on my heart just what you need to read about! Keep in touch and stay close to God in what He wants to do in your life this year. Twelve is the symbol of Divine government; governmental perfection. Pray for our government as God puts it in order! This year will be a most significant year for many, especially so, when God is in it! GOD BLESS!

SALVATION

Let me introduce you to the Savior, the Son of God, Jesus, foretold in the Old Testament. We were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, where we had no relationship with the Father. However, the Father loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life (with Him).

Jesus came to be our Way, Truth, and Life, that will lead back to the needed relationship with the Father. He came that He might destroy the works of the devil. He came to be our atonement for sins of the world.

WHY YOU NEED HIM

If you died today or tomorrow, you're going to Heaven or Hell! Where will you go? Heaven to live life eternally with the Father! Or Hell, to live in damnation eternally with the devil! The payment for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You must be born again because you are separated from Him. God loves you so much that He does not want you to die in your sin and if you don't believe in Him, believe this: you will die in your sins, because <u>you're separated from Him</u> by not accepting Him as Savior and Lord. You are a sinner in need a Savior!

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YOU NEED A SAVIOR TODAY IN YOUR LIFE!

Believe by faith, Jesus is the Christ, born of God. Your New Life did not come from your earthly parents because the life they gave you will end in death. But this new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living God. God gives a heart to know Him and return to Him. He is seeking you today, drawing you to a full life with Him.

ACCEPTANCE IS NEEDED BY YOU

SEEK the Lord today while you have breath to call upon Him. It's time to come clean with God if you truly do not know Him!

PRAY! I'm praying for the sinner that God tugs on your heart and you desire Him today! Accept Him by faith; Him dying on the cross for your sins, being buried in the grave for your sins, and resurrected from the grave on the third day to give YOU NEW life in Him. May love win you today! I LOVE YOU!

RECEIVE! For it is by God's free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God. Epheseians2:8

IS. 9:6; JH. 3:16; JH. 14:6; 1 JH.3:8B; 1 JH. 2:2; MATT.13:30, 38-42; ROM. 6:23; JH.3:3; 1 PT. 1:23; JH. 8:24; IS. 59:2; JERM. 24:7; IS.55:6; JH.6:44; MATT. 6:6; ACTS 8:22A; JAM. 5:19-20; 1 CORTH. 15:3-4; EPH. 2:8

GOING THROUGH THE PAIN - Part2

In the February 2009 Newsletter I had written Part 1; now Part 2 is given to me. I don't know your situation but God has spared you for a New Year! As I look at the economy and the things that are happening with people I can say that there was bound to be some patience being worked out in you because it was weary or it just didn't seem to be a good year for you. I heard a man say at the beginning of 2011, he was laid off, next his father passed, and he said some more things that was like a domino effect that happened to him every month. It was painful for him and especially when you're a Christian and wondering when God when, is it going to stop or change for me.

Now either you're going to work the kinks out or you're going to be so stiff you can't move because you're so worn out and weary. And I'm not talking about the physical kinks; I'm talking about the mental kinks. If you've been grieving because you've lost a love one or can't pay the bills because you lost your job, the body becomes tired because the soul is tormented and therefore leaves the spirit weak. Yes, that enemy of worry sure knows how to come through and work on us. Worry affects the whole body, soul, and spirit! After you've prayed there is a stance to take; a football player has this stance. And when he stand, he's waiting for his opponent; either he will get run over or either the opponent will be thrown down by him. I like the latter one.

I want you to remember, that the sin of worry is under your feet; put that pressure under your feet! Begin to plant your feet on the solid Word of Jesus and quote that Word so your ears can hear it and your enemy of worry can hear it (I don't care how many times it comes to disturb you). Something is bound to happen because "after patience has had its perfect work, you shall be perfect meaning complete and mature wanting nothing" Jam. 1:4. Faith goes through tests and after tests it yields a product (whatever you were lacking). I like what the TLB says, "So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete."

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure Phil.2:13. Don't be confused as to who the leader is! I pray that your joy will soon return because this is "in the morning"; weeping is over, it's time to get back up and begin again to work through some more pain. Oh you thought you were through? Oh Yes, with this one! Do you think your suffering is just for you alone? That, that you have gone through, comes up in someone else's life and they will need you to testify to them; how you came through on the other side with peace; with joy; with an answer!; of the goodness of God!; and what you've learned in the experience! "Paul says, Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory" Eph.3:13. God Bless!

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The first eight months of 2011 turned out to be what I thought was the most difficult times that my family and I have ever experienced since I became a Christian in November 1981. I pastor a church and by vocation, have a construction business. During this time period, it seemed as though God had turned His back on us because no work was coming in. There were times we thought God had forsaken us. How can you trust God when you can't trace him? How can you trust God when everything around you seems to be failing? Sometimes, we don't realize that the "trying of our faith is far more precious than gold." Other times, we don't realize that God has a higher purpose for the things He allows us to go through. There are also times when we are so focused or distracted by what we're going through that we cannot see what God is bringing us to. God has a way of refining us through the furnace of affliction to get impurities out of our lives that we may not realize we have.

I had recently purchased a brand new vehicle for my construction business, but from January 2011 to August 2011, I did not have the money to pay one penny towards the principle or interest of the vehicle note. God spoke to me the last week of August 2011 and told me to return the vehicle to the bank. The devil was also talking "hide the truck from the bank and what will people say with you being a bishop in the community and not able to take care of your financial obligations." His lowest blow was "how is it that you are about to lose your house (we were six months behind and facing foreclosure,

eight months behind on the vehicle) and you never lost anything before you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and now that you're serving the Lord, Jesus Christ, you're about to lose everything?" When God tells you to do something, just do it. Even my wife did not want me to return the vehicle to the bank. God had me to realize that it was not right or fair to drive the vehicle any longer and not have paid anything on it. In the last week of August 2011, I returned the vehicle to the bank. My wife and I pleaded the blood of Jesus over it and believed God that we would get it back in some way.

The first week of September 2011, God opened up the heavens and began to pour out a blessing that we did not have enough room to receive. I received so many phone calls for construction work in the first week of September 2011. Those requests for work amounted to more work that all of the first eight months of 2011 put together. God is so faithful. When I thought that we were about to lose everything, we were actually gaining. My children received several grants to attend college, our home came out of foreclosure, and we were able to refinance with a considerably lower interest rate (the interest rate went from 8.3% (variable) to 4.3% (fixed), and ultimately God blessed us to reclaim the vehicle that we had returned to the bank and even reduced the cost of the vehicle by \$11,000.

In closing, I exhort every believer reading this article to believe and trust God. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ..." (Philippians 1:6, KJV) You can begin again!

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MEN'S HEALTH

Screening test are important and can detect diseases early. Prostate

Cancer is the most common cancer in men. One in every 6 men will get prostate Cancer sometime in his life. African American men are at a special risk for this disease. Every man age 45 or over should be tested annually.

WHAT IS PROSTATE CANCER? — Normally cells grow and divide in an orderly way. Sometimes this normal process can go wrong. If abnormal cells continue to divide they can form cancerous tumors. Prostate Cancer tends to occur in the cells lining the prostate. Its growth is usually slow and supported by male hormones. The prostate gland is part of the male reproductive system; it produces fluid for semen.

The prostate is about the same size and shape as a walnut, and sits in front of the rectum and below the bladder, when it surrounds the urethra that carries urine out from the bladder. Prostate Cancer cells can spread to other parts of the body. There are no noticeable symptoms of prostate cancer while it is still in the early stages, which is why testing is so critical. In more advanced stages symptoms may include frequent urination, blood in the urine or bone pain.

EARY DETECTION — There are two test to aid in the early detection of Prostate Cancer.

BLOOD TEST - PSA — This blood test measures the level of protein

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called Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA). PSA is found in the blood at very low levels. Elevated PSA readings can be a sign of Prostate Cancer; however, PSA levels can be elevated for reasons other than cancer.

PHYSICAL EXAM (DRE) — The Digital Rectal Exam is a simple safe and slightly uncomfortable physical exam performed by your physician. Men you are to continue your physical exams yearly.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He Him; male and female created He them" Genesis 1:27 Amen!



PRAY FOR PITWM AND ITS READERS!

Father, here I am, yesterday (or last year) was not so good, so I want to start out by thanking you anyway just for carrying me through it and not leaving me in it. Whatever I have to do that I haven't done, continue to teach me. I want to begin again to pray more and thank You even more so, for the little things that brought joy. I don't want to complain because I know that there are people that are worse off than me. My hope is still in you!

Whatever Your plan is for me this year, help me to yield to Your way and not to mine, that I may please You alone. I know that there is something better for me because I've been through so much and I'm still standing; I'm still here waiting to see; waiting for my miracle! The enemy may have beaten me down at some points but I know if it wasn't for You Lord, I might have lost my mind. But Lord I was able to cry out HELP ME JESUS! I know You heard me and gave me the strength I needed. Thank You!

Father, many times we lack wisdom, so make us men and women of wisdom and discernment, not as the world give but as You give; lead us in Your ways and teach us from Your Word so that in time we can glorify Your kingdom and Your dear Son Jesus.

Lord, I love You! Place those ministering angels all around me to keep me on the right track. And Lord send me to those that need to hear what I've gone through and what I've learned, that they also may be helped. Place your love and anointing on the Word I give to others. Thank You Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen!

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POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

MY MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

MY VISION: Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

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"Before the beginning of great brilliance, there must be chaos. Before a brilliant person begins something great, they must look foolish in the crowd."



Scripture For The Month

"And I saw under the sun that the race is not won by the swift, nor the battle by the valiant, nor a livelihood by the wise, nor riches by the shrewd, nor favor by the experts; for a time of ca-

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How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

MY MISSION: Use the God-given gift for His glory!

MY VISION: Teach others to reach for those God-given gifts in them!

DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

New Year's Day Jan 1 Martin Luther King Day Jan 16 **National Mentoring Month**

lamity comes to all alike" Eccl.9:11 NAB. TRUST GOD Jeremigh 17:7-10

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planned by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, ad according to the fruit of his doings.

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SECRET MESSAGE: What king conquered Judah in this book?

BIBLE QUIZ: How well do you know the Bible?

1 Moses	ollowing Bible characters in their historical sequence. (6 points) 2 Abraham 3 David 4 Noah 5 Samson						
2. Name the books of the Bible that the Apostle John wrote. (5 points)							
3. In what boo	k of the Bible are these well known verses found? (11 points)						
Special bonus	(1 point for each verse) if you know the chapter!!						
(a)	"For God so loved the world						
(b)	"And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord						
(c)	"Go and make disciples of all the nations						
(d)	"We love because He first loved us…"						
(e)	"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."						
(f)	_ "Blessed are the peacemakers						
(g)	"The Lord is my shepherd"						
(h)	"You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol"						
(i)	_ "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies."						
(j)	"Love is patient, love is kind But now abide faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."						
(k)	"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he						

is old he will not depart from it.'