

**“Is Anything too hard for the Lord?” Genesis 18-19 1/07/24**

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Is Anything too hard for the Lord?" in Genesis 18-19.

To Online Word's souls, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs*..... Videos are watchable upon the click on the website). ***YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available***

Q1. In 18:34, "Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son," what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In 18:32, "Then he said, 'Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?'" what is observed from Abraham's prayer in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In 19:1, "Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground," what kind of person is Lot in the context? And what can we learn from here?

**(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)**

In the last time, in Genesis 17:27, "and all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him," Abraham circumcised all the men of his house without hesitation, after being convicted of God's commandment to circumcise at 99 years old.

**TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

**Inductive Explanation in context & syntax**

<p><b>18</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup>Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw <i>them</i>, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, <sup>3</sup>and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. <sup>4</sup>Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead <i>it</i> and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>1-8= (The Lord appeared to Abraham through three divine messengers. Abraham bowed himself to them. Abraham provided a morsel of bread, fine meal, a calf beef the best food for them. Providing the need of guests for food or lodging was a culture at that time, even the same culture today in the Bedouin people. Also it is the practice of God's 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. It is interesting that the divine messengers are eating and so they are able to take on the form of humans. At least one deity in verse 10, "And He said," was Christ who appeared in the Old Testament, called as Christophany or theophany, and the other two men are the angels. <i>Heb 13:2; Mark 12:31</i><sup>1</sup>)</p>
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<sup>1</sup> *Heb 13:2* Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels; *Mark 12:31* And the second, like *it*, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

<p>the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave <i>it</i> to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set <i>it</i> before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Then they said to him, “Where <i>is</i> Sarah your wife?” So he said, “Here, in the tent.”</p> <p><sup>10</sup> And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.” (Sarah was listening in the tent door which <i>was</i> behind him.) <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; <i>and</i> Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” <sup>13</sup> And the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear a <i>child</i>, since I am old?’</p> <p><sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”</p> <p><sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied <i>it</i>, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid.</p> <p>And He said, “No, but you did laugh!”</p>	<p>9-13= (The divine messengers told to Abraham where Sarah was. That one of them, appeared Christ or God in the Old Testament, told to Abraham about Sarah’s son pregnancy. Sarah overheard it and laughed at it because her age was 89 at menopause and Abraham’s age was 99.)</p> <p>14=Q1 (Nothing is hard for almighty God. As Gabriel the angel told, Elizabeth the old woman bore John the Baptist and virgin Mary bore Jesus because with God nothing will be impossible. Sarah had lack of faith in the almighty God, laughing at it. Here, she saw it with her perspective, not with divine perspective. E.g. CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by almighty God so far because CCAH is the Lord’s church, “all in all.” So, we ask the Lord to handle an issue, giving what we have to Him and let Him handle it with His power like Andrew rather than Peter. <i>Luke 1:36-37; John 6:6-9<sup>2</sup></i>)</p> <p>15= (Sarah laughed but she denied it. So, she lied because of the fear of its disclosure. Flesh fear, not holy fear, causes lying or more lying. Sarah had not only lack of faith but also lack of Agape love. <i>1 John 4:18<sup>3</sup></i>)</p>
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<sup>2</sup> *Luke 1:36-37* Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing will be impossible.” *John 6:6-9* But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.<sup>7</sup> Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”<sup>8</sup> One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

<sup>3</sup> *1 John 4:18* There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

<sup>16</sup> Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. <sup>17</sup> And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, <sup>18</sup> since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup> For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." <sup>20</sup> And the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup> I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" <sup>26</sup> So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." <sup>27</sup> Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: <sup>28</sup> Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack of five*?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*." <sup>29</sup> And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* for the sake of forty." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do *it* if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> And he

16- 21= (Abraham farewelled the divine messengers. The Lord told Abraham about (1) a great and might nation through him, the blessing in him for his descendants' obedience to His word to do righteousness and justice, through Jesus Christ, and (2) the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah for very grave sin, like the outcry against Cain for innocent blood Abel. God wanted to know where outcry against it to be judged according to His righteousness and justice *Gen 4:10<sup>4</sup>*)

22-33=Q3 (Now Abraham prayed for Sodom where Lot, his nephew, dwelled about whether or not God would destroy the righteous with the wicked, from 50 righteous ones even down to 10 righteous. God answered God would not destroy Sodom for the sake of even the ten. Then, Abraham returned to his place. Here it is observed that God desires to save all, if each available human free-will is not against God, not destroy anyone *2 Peter 3:9<sup>5</sup>*)

<sup>4</sup> *Gen 4:10* And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

<sup>5</sup> *2 Peter 3:9*The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten." <sup>33</sup> So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

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<sup>1</sup> Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.

<sup>2</sup> And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." <sup>3</sup> But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

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1=Q3 (Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom, showing him as a public officer like an immigrant officer. He was well accustomed to living in Sodom. He had exercised (1) his free will to choose Sodom like the garden of the Lord, while Abraham had chosen Zoar like the land of Egypt. He (2) dwelled in Sodom, being restored of his stolen goods by Abraham. Now he became (3) the public officer for Sodom. Whenever Lot discovered Sodom the ungodly city in the context such as robbery, pride, the neglect of the poor, or homosexuality, he should move out of Sodom with his family members. Even if Lot might have kept holiness from Sodom the flesh, his family members were corrupted such as his sons not to listen to Lot, in verse 14, and his daughters' incest in verses 31 to 35. It's learned whatever a man sows, either to the flesh or to the Spirit, that he will also reap. In fact, Lot also was polluted or compromised with a little flesh in verse 6, permission of his daughters to be raped by the mob, and in verse 16, his lingering to escape from Sodom. *Gen 13:10-11; Gen 14:12; Ezekiel 16:49; Gal 6:7-9*)

2-3= (Unlike the public in Sodom, Lot persuaded the two angels who would spend the night in the open square to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and Lot provided lodging, washing feet, a feast, the unleavened bread – stated the 1<sup>st</sup> in the Scripture and the leaven is a type of sin and so it is sinless or pure bread. Even in a hospitality culture at that time like Abraham's last hospitality, Lot also practiced God's 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. *Mat 16:11*)

<sup>6</sup> *Gen 13:10-11* And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. <sup>11</sup> Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other; *Gen 14:12* They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed; *Ezekiel 16:49* Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy; *Gal 6:7-9* Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>7</sup> *Mat 16:11* How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—*but* to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees;

<sup>4</sup> Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. <sup>5</sup> And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.” <sup>6</sup> So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, <sup>7</sup> and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! <sup>8</sup> See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.”

<sup>9</sup> And they said, “Stand back!” Then they said, “This one came in to stay *here*, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. <sup>10</sup> But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. <sup>11</sup> And they struck the men who *were* at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary *trying* to find the door. <sup>12</sup> Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take *them* out of this place! <sup>13</sup> For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” <sup>14</sup> So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

4-8=(The old and young men of Sodom forced to commit homosexuality -- “carnally,” and “wickedly – with the divine guests. It is observed the homosexuality was a common practice in Sodom like today. Lot suggested her two daughters to be raped by them for the safety of divine guests. Here, Lot’s serious impurity is shown over even his deep hospitality to the divine guests *Phil 4:8*<sup>8</sup>)

9-11= (Over the men’s attempting raping the divine guests against Lot’s suggestion, “not a judge for them,” God made their eye blindness and they were tired of finding the door like Elisha’s prayer for Syrian soldiers’ blindness. *2 Kings 6:18-20*<sup>9</sup>)

12-14= (The messengers told Lot to make his family members escape there before their destroying this place. He told to his sons-in-law but they neglected it as joking. Here, the failure of Lot’s taking care of his children godly is shown *Eph 6:4*<sup>10</sup>)

<sup>8</sup> *Phil 4:8* Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

<sup>9</sup> *2 Kings 6:18-20* So when *the Syrians* came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, “Strike this people, I pray, with blindness.” And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. <sup>19</sup> Now Elisha said to them, “This *is* not the way, nor *is* this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.” But he led them to Samaria. <sup>20</sup> So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, “LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see.” And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and there *they were*, inside Samaria!

<sup>10</sup> *Eph 6:4* And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." 16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. 17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed." 18 Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords! 19 Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die. 20 See now, this city *is* near *enough* to flee to, and it *is* a little one; please let me escape there (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live." 21 And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. 22 Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. 23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. 24 Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

15- 25= (While Lot, his wife, and his 2 daughters escaped from Sodom, the Lord endured Lot's lingering for his wealth, power, or position, until the 4 family members escaped to Zoar the requested city by Lot where Abraham dwelled. Then, the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, as archeologists discovered some debris. The people there have become so corrupt that they wouldn't do any good. This confirmed (1) a righteous man, like Abraham the righteous one's fervent prayer avails much and (2) God's long suffering or patience, not forever, throughout even the 10 righteous to the 4 members in order to save any righteous ones. *James 5:16; Gen 6:3<sup>11</sup>*)

26=(Lot's wife looked back behind Lot, being covered with brimstone as a pillar of salt. Jesus, in a warning of the dangers of turning back on the way for the kingdom of God, "Remember Lot's wife." God knows how to deliver the righteous ones, but reserves the ungodly ones for judgment, lest the wheat should be uprooted with tares. We can't escape the judgment of God today because it's really long overdue like even throughout the 10 righteous ones on the days of Lot or the days of Noah. Thus, we can't serve two masters but one master Lord Jesus Christ the savior, "all in all." *Luke 9:62; Luke 17:26-32; 2 Peter 2:9; Mat 6:24<sup>12</sup>*)

<sup>11</sup> *James 5:16* Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much; *Gen 6:3* And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.

<sup>12</sup> *Luke 9:62* But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God; *Luke 17:26-32* And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: <sup>27</sup> They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; <sup>29</sup> but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. <sup>30</sup> Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot's wife; *2 Peter 2:9* *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment; *Mat 13:29* But he said, 'No,

27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. 28 Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace. 29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

30 Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave. 31 Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father *is* old, and *there is* no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth. 32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." 33 So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 34 It happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in *and* lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." 35 Then they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. 37 The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he *is* the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he *is* the father of the people of Ammon to this day.

27-29= (Abraham stood before the Lord on the high place of Zoar, looking toward Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction. Lot and his two daughters escaped from Sodom into Zoar.)

30-37= (Lot and his two daughters dwelt in a cave on the mountains out of Zoar. Two daughters were conceived by her drunk father Lot, bearing Moab and Ben-Ammi who was the father of Ammon people. Because Lot was the relative of Abraham, once Jews were forbidden to harass Moab but later Moab and Ammon people were ones of the greatest enemies to Jews. Also Ruth as a Moab woman was the great grandmother of David. Here, God's silence to the daughters' incest with their father Lot was neither His approval nor disinterest but the incest is strictly forbidden by God in other divine words of Scripture. Today, the capital of Jordan is Ammon. The descendants of Ammon, Moab, and Ishmael are called as Arab people. *Deu 2:9; Ruth 1:16; Ruth 4:17; Lev 18:6<sup>13</sup>*)

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lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them; *Mat 6:24* No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

<sup>13</sup> *Deu 2:9* Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor contend with them in battle, for I will not give you *any* of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession; *Ruth 1:16* But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, *Or to* turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people *shall be* my people, And your God, my God; *Ruth 4:17* Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David; *Lev 18:6* None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I *am* the LORD.

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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## ***Happy New Year 2024!***

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## Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

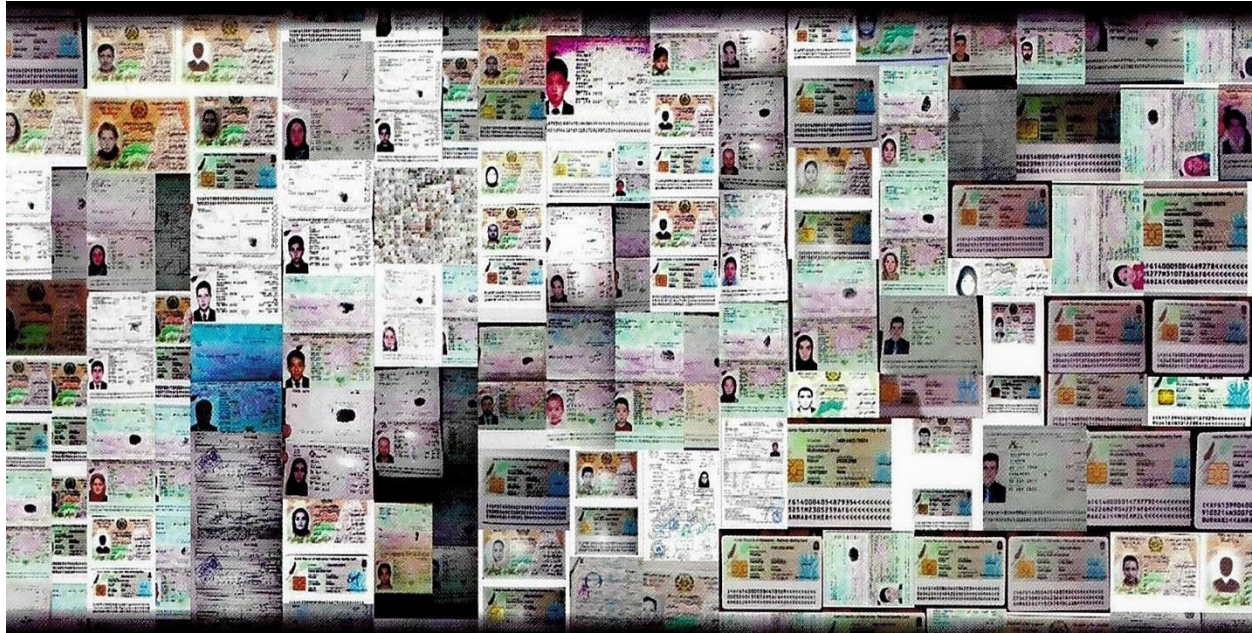
A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Bibles & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online counters (Mat 22:2). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing. Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because God has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, "all in all," purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, "**Let CCAH go, let God.**" And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7)

For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Bible simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). The truth shall make us free (John 8:32), from where Christ is named, where commercial capitalism is controlling, where territorial boundaries are lined, or where racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores. Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, youth, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/ temporal/ perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26).

When God leads, God provides. So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). Individually, we can discern each mind before the Lord, as how much portion of each expense to the Lord is how much love for Him (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philippians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Ecclesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4th Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18). CCAH is the poor in material and spirit, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

*Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" 1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"*

**Give thanks to God for 63% the Christians of a couple of hundred Afghanistan and Pakistan people rescued and for the left ones to be Christians.**



## JUST A COUPLE HUNDRED OF OVER 2,000 LIVES SAVED

The situation for Afghans has become critical. Many were able to seek refuge in Pakistan from the murderous Taliban regime. On the 1st of November, Pakistan authorities issued a decree that all Afghans must leave Pakistan and began going door to door forcibly removing refugees. Many of these are widows and children who have lost everything, and Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) helped them to get to Pakistan. Now, they are facing certain death as the Taliban are waiting for them at the border. I received multiple calls from some of the Afghans that we have helped who are refugees in Pakistan. They report the Pakistan Secret Police breaking down their doors in the middle of the night and giving them 24 hours to leave.

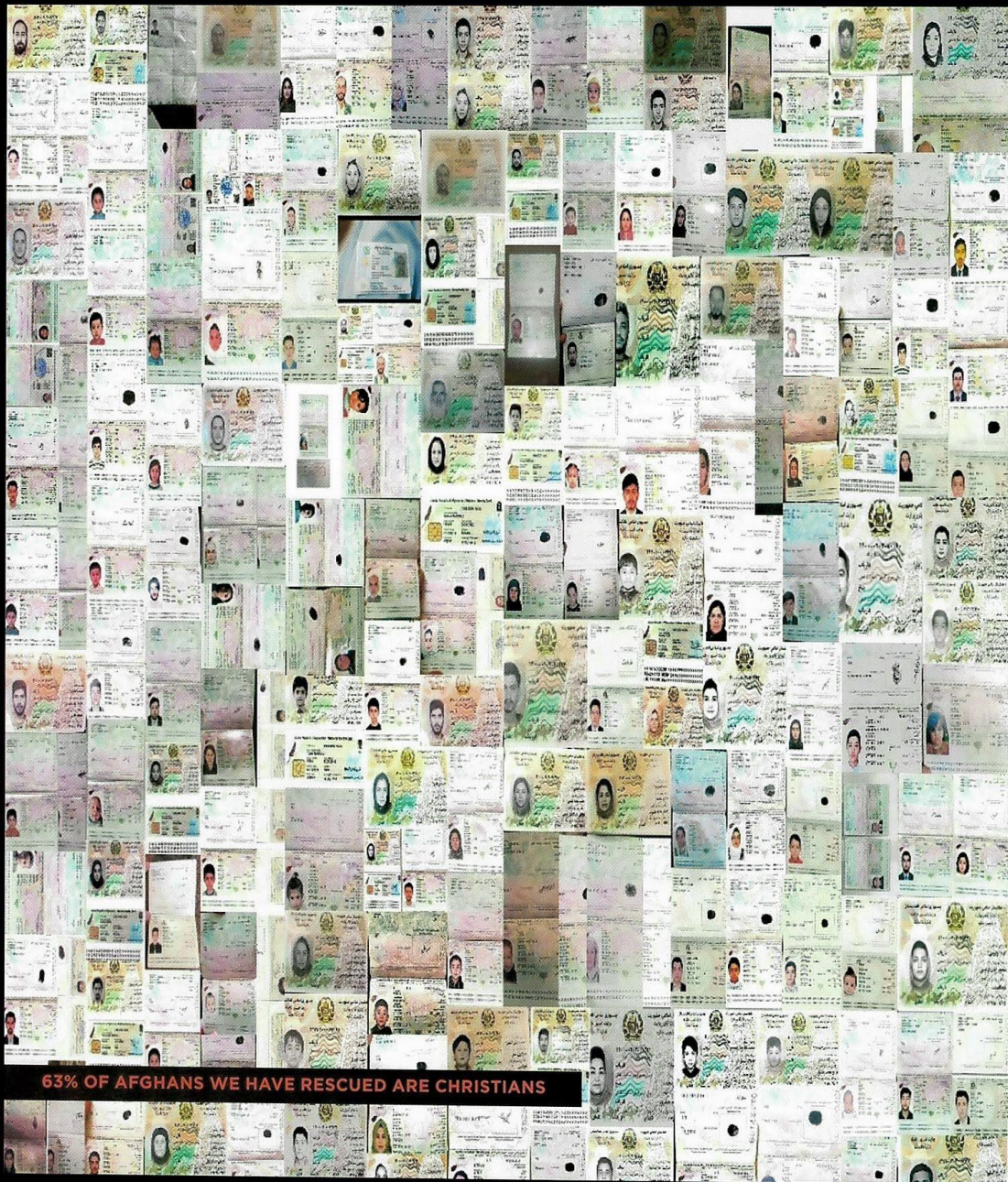
One woman, Hanifa, a widow with four young children, was weeping as she told me how the Secret Police broke down her door and told her she had 24 hours to leave the country. She asked me, "Where can I go? I have

nowhere to take my children. Is there anyone who sees us or cares about us?" Hanifa's husband was brutally tortured and murdered by the Taliban for his work with Americans. We took her and her young children into a safe house last year and were able to get them to safety in Pakistan. She has been on a waiting list for a humanitarian visa to a country where she can rebuild her life. I told Hanifa that we would do whatever it takes to prevent her and her children from being returned to the Taliban. She represents 79 Afghans whom we have helped flee Afghanistan and are now facing the same brutal crackdown in Pakistan. Pakistani believers, whom we have hired to assist the Afghan refugees, are now also being targeted for simply helping Afghans.

As of the 3rd of October, FRM has rescued 2,003 Afghan civilians. Sixty-three percent are Christians, and the rest are Muslim, most of whom served with the United States military in Afghanistan and were left behind.

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We have also rescued many women and children who were being sold into sexual slavery. Unfortunately, one of the most difficult things we are dealing with is that most of the countries we have been sending refugees to have now begun to shut the doors for more. If we can keep the doors open, we should have an additional 75 to 100 more individuals out by Christmas. Right now,

we have many families whose lives are hanging in the balance, and I know I need to be vigilant in working to save them.

I have to admit this has been a time of great concern for me. I have seen what the Taliban is capable of, and it has caused me many nights of restlessness. I would like to thank all of you who have given to rescue these people.