

“A Special Treasure” Exodus 19:1-25 1/15/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “A Special Treasure” in Exodus 19:1-25.

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

Q1. In verse 2, “For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain,” what is the name of the mountain in the context? Explain what happened at the mountain in the Scripture. And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verses 5-6, “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel,” what do these mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 16, “Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled,” why did God's voice come in the extraordinary event? An 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 Exodus 18:27, “Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way to his own land,” Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, advised Moses how to choose ministers in Exodus 18:21, “Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens, as CCAH His church has adopted [Volunteer \(calvarychapelanaheimhills.com\)](http://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com).

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

¹In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

² For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and

1= In the 3rd month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt.they came to the Wilderness of Sinai (After the Passover feast on 1/14, in the 3rd month especially 3/6 was the Pentecost Lev 23:5; Lev 23:15-16¹)

2=Q1 ...from Rephidim.....to the Wilderness of Sinai.....before the mountain (the mountain was Mount Sinai or Mount Horeb in Sinai Peninsula, recently some discovering archeologists' saying in Arabian

¹ Lev 23:5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the LORD's Passover; Lev 23:15-16 And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. ¹⁶ Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD.

<p>camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there <u>before the mountain.</u></p> <p>³ And Moses went up to God, and <u>the LORD called to him from the mountain,</u> saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and <u>tell the children of Israel:</u></p> <p>⁴ ‘You have seen <u>what I did to the Egyptians,</u> and <u>how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.</u></p> <p>⁵ Now therefore, <u>if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant,</u> then you shall be <u>a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.</u></p> <p>⁶ And you shall be to Me <u>a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.</u> These <i>are</i> the words which you shall <u>speak to the children of Israel.</u>”</p>	<p>Peninsula; There God appeared to Moses in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush; There Elijah heard a still small voice of God; we can learn God communicates whomever wherever He pleases <i>Exo 3:1-2; 1 Kings 19:8, 11-12²</i>)</p> <p>3=...the Lord called to him from the mountain....tell the children of Israel (the Lord communicated with Moses at Mount Sinai, saying to tell the children of Israel)</p> <p>4=...what I did to the Egyptians....on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself(God allowed the bondage in Egypt --- every happening either good or bad regardless of our comprehension --to Israelites to be brought back to God powerfully like eagles’ wings; Through such tribulations, God’s characters or Christ’s characters may be built up to each of us <i>Mat 10:29; Ex 2:23-24; Deut 32:11; Isaiah 40:31; Rom 5:3-4³</i>)</p> <p>5=Q2 ...if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant....a special [peculiar] treasure....for all the earth is Mine (God is the valid owner of all the earth, although Satan fraudulently possesses the earth by cheating Adam; Here is the condition precedent – if obey and keep, Israel people shall be a special or peculiar treasure; Israel people shall be specially directed by God above all people upon that condition; But Israel people failed to obey and keep)</p> <p>6=Q2 ...a kingdom of priests....a holy nation.....speak to the children of Israel (God wants us to have fellowship, communion, or oneness – which is deeper than mere relationship; So, God set up priests as Aaron’s descendants, through whom Israel people were able to worship God freely and set apart from the world to heaven; But Israel people failed the condition; Now by Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection, all Christians in the riches of mercy, love, grace, and kindness through each faith are a special treasure where God the Spirit reveals specially the Scripture to all Christians, a royal priesthood where each Christian is a free worshiper who is not of the world but of heavenly King, and a holy nation, set apart from the world into heaven, to proclaim the praises of Him – In the sense to proclaim that, every Christian is a minister as to the Lord with whatever job/position – not</p>
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² *Exo 3:1-2* Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed; *1 Kings 19:8, 11-12⁸* So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God. ¹¹ Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

³ *Mat 10:29* Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will; *Ex 2:23-24* Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. ²⁴ So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob; *Deut 32:11* As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings; *Isaiah 40:31* But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint; *Rom 5:3-4* And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope;.

<p>7 <u>So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him.</u></p> <p>8 Then <u>all the people answered together</u> and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will <u>do.</u>” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.</p> <p>9 And <u>the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.” So Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.</u></p> <p>10 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and <u>consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes.</u></p> <p>11 And let them be <u>ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.</u> 12 You shall <u>set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the</u></p>	<p>inconsistent with the Scripture -- and wherever <i>1 John 1:3-4; Eph 2:3-9; 1 Peter 2:9⁴</i>)</p> <p>7= So Moses...the elders of the people.....laid before them all these words..... (All is all; without altering, Moses delivered all His words to the elders; a word minister must do so transparently/ sincerely like Moses, as Jesus commanded “All” to His disciples; but in the society, His word so much is peddled. <i>Mat 28:20; 2 Cor 2:17⁵</i>)</p> <p>8=...all the people answered together... we will do...(all the people fully accepted all His promises, including the condition to obey and keep in verses 5 and 6, becoming the valid and enforceable agreement, contract, or covenant; why? Because we want to be God’s special treasure, to have free access to worship with fellowship with God, and to be a holy nation, they all agreed; Then God and Israel people were bound to perform by the covenant; The last Abrahamic covenant was particularized in this covenant through his descendants <i>Gen 17:7⁶</i>)</p> <p>9=.....the Lord.....in the thick cloud ...the people may hear...speak....believe ,,,,forever (God’s voice in the thick cloud was to make the people hear and believe forever)</p> <p>10=consecrate[sanctify] them today and tomorrow....let them wash their clothes (a physical preparation to wash their clothes was a piece of evidence to consecrate, sanctify, or set apart their hearts from the world into heaven or from flesh into God the Spirit, as well as not to come near their wives in verse 15)</p> <p>11-15=(the people should be ready for the 3rd day when the Lord will appear on the Mount Sinai set with a fence or boundary where neither man nor beast must even touch, not to be subject to death penalty --- it’s observed that God’s appearing place was set part from the people and beast, becoming so holy. Moses</p>
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⁴ *1 John 1:3-4*that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full; *Eph 2:3-9*among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast;*1 Peter 2:9*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

⁵ *Mat 28:20* teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. *2 Cor 2:17* 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.

⁶ *Ge 17:7* And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. ¹³ Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live. When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain. ¹⁴ So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵ And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not come near your wives."

¹⁶ Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

¹⁷ And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. ¹⁹ And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. ²⁰ Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

²¹ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the LORD, and many of them perish. ²² Also let the priests who come near the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them." ²³ But Moses said to

asked the people to sanctify by themselves in heart by washing their clothes and not nearing their wives.)

16=Q3 ..on the 3rd day, in the morning... thunderings ...lightnings...a thick cloud....the sound of the trumpet was very loud....all the people ...trembled (the extraordinary climate event of thunderings, lightnings, and a thick cloud at Levites' very loud sound blowing trumpet caused all the people to tremble because in verse 9 God had the purpose to make the people hear and believe the covenant forever; Here, God may speak His voice to His people, wherever He pleases -- diversities of operations -- in order to benefit all the people; e.g. a denomination? When it benefits all the body of Christ, it's the work of the Spirit. When it divides all the body of Christ, it's fleshly work. 1 Cor 12:6-7)

17-24 = (God communicated with Moses on the top of Mount Sinai, when the long blast of the trumpet sounded louder in its full smoke and great earthquake; Not to be subject to death penalty, nobody may look at the Lord and nobody, even priests, may enter the boundary except Moses and Aaron; Then, the Lord would give the 10 commandments to Moses in the next chapter Exodus 20)

⁷ 1 Cor 12:6-7 And there are diversities of activities[operations], but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, ‘Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.’ ”

²⁴ Then the LORD said to him, “Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them.” ²⁵ So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

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 actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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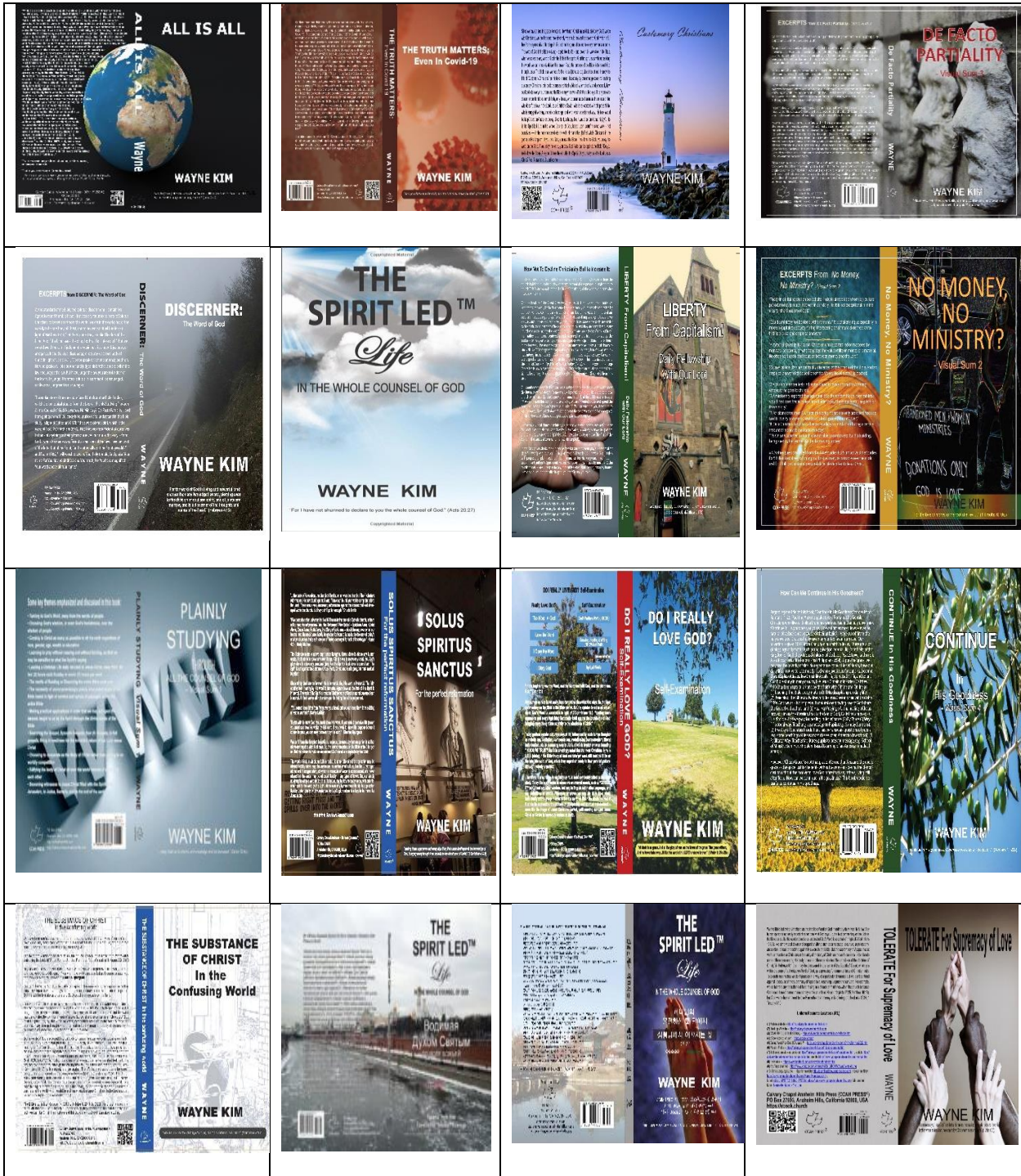
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GOD’s Continuing Work Through His Church Acts 29

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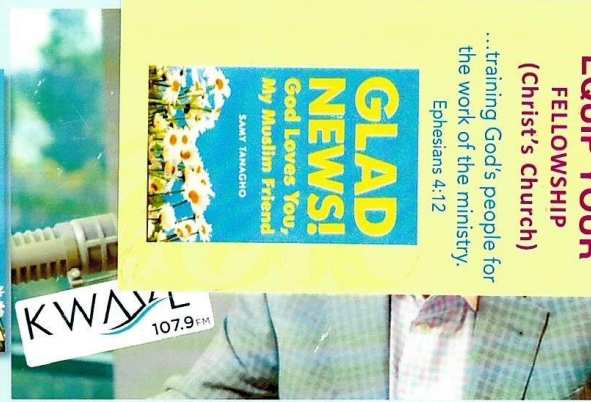
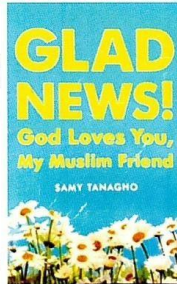
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OUR CHAPLAINS ARE AT THE FRONT WITH THE MEN

When I read a testimony such as this, it often makes me wonder why men in leadership try to test the boundaries of what is permissible. When by choosing to truly live for Christ, we can change the world.

I have told many of you about one of the orphans that we had brought to us in Mexico named Clara. At the time, she was three years of age and had a sexually transmitted disease. Her father had been raping her from the time she was one year old. When I first met Clara, I had never seen a child so traumatized. When a man would walk into the room she was in, she would cover her eyes and begin to cry uncontrollably. She would then peek to see if the man was still there and would begin to cry again from terror. When I approached her, I touched her very gently and did my best to comfort this little one. She eventually calmed down, but then when I got up to leave, the crying started again. She did not know how to respond because she did not know if she would be hurt again.

Through many prayers and love, Clara began to heal. For Christmas of 2019, I visited her and the children at the orphanage. When I arrived, it was evening and dark. When I walked in, the lights were off because the children were watching a Disney movie. I did not see

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Clara at first, so I asked the director where she was. The director of the orphanage pointed and said that she was right there. Clara sat up and smiled at me with the most beautiful smile and waved. When I saw the calm and happiness in her eyes, it brought me great joy. There is nothing I could have received for Christmas that was more precious to me than to know this little girl was safe and loved.

In the orphanage, I had cameras installed in every room and in places where the children would be so they could be monitored 24 hours a day to ensure that no child would be abused. But we had one little girl that was severely handicapped and had a tongue seven times larger than the normal tongue. One night at about 1 o'clock in the morning, she stopped breathing and went home to be with the Lord. The authorities came in and were shown the video, but a wicked woman tried to accuse the director of murder. The authorities came and took the kids and shut the orphanage down. This went on for months with this wicked person trying to make a name for herself. But finally, a judge looked at the surveillance video and rebuked those who had taken this action. He asked why this had been brought to his court; as you could see, the child had died of natural causes, and the case was dismissed. But the damage had been done. After this time, the founders of the orphanage prayerfully decided to retire and wait on the Lord for their next steps in ministry.



TRAGIC THAT THESE CHILDREN LOST THEIR FATHER, BUT THEY WILL KNOW GOD'S LOVE

We could not find Clara. I had people going to the authorities trying to make sure she was safe, but they were resolute about not identifying her whereabouts. But I just refused to relent until I knew she was safe. I had been praying a King David prayer over her father from the time we had received Clara. The prayer was to have him completely repent or destroy him. I asked the Lord to

surrender. But they refused, so we fought it out killing all the rebels and bringing everyone back to safety. I explained to the Ukrainian chaplains that we did not set out that day to have a gun battle; it was completely out of our control, but the care of those who were abducted was completely dependent on our actions. By behaving as followers of Christ, they were all rescued. I believe the Lord allowed us to be there so those people would be saved. Just last week, I read about a man who killed his 11-month-old daughter, then dismembered her body. She was a beautiful little girl. I wished my men had been there to save her.

While in Ukraine, I gave money to two young mothers with children whose husbands had been killed in the war, and one was severely tortured. Trust me, I have to contend every day with choosing to realize that God has sent me to save and bring healing to those who are lost and victimized. But the first sword I go for is God's Word.

Every difficulty we face must be dealt with according to scripture. I tell the men do not let the problem take hold of you, but through Christ, take hold of the problem. As for our chaplains, I do not allow the men to boast about how many kills they have. This is not something we boast about. Unfortunately, because of sin, it is sometimes required to take up arms. Our purpose is to take the love of Jesus to a lost world. It is only to protect the innocent that we are forced to take up the sword.

When we have such a great cloud of witnesses in the Word, giving examples of both those who have succeeded and those who have failed, why would we want it written in eternity that we took the lower road. Rather, let it be said that our light so shined before men that they saw our heavenly Father.

If this letter seems a little chaotic, it is because we are having to deal with so many storms. In the end, when our time on this earth is done, I pray that it will be said of the Chaplain Corp and this ministry that we gave no occasion for the enemies of God to blaspheme.

If you remember when King David sinned and slept with another man's wife, God sent the prophet Nathan and he told King David by your actions, you have given great occasion for the enemies of God to blaspheme. Tremendous trials can either define a man and his character, or break him, depending on how he trusts the Lord. When a man goes through tremendous adversity does he turn to the King of Kings and wait on the Lord, or does he turn to something that will numb his senses?

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ORPHANAGE - UKRAINE



The current war in Ukraine has left many children as orphans. Far Reaching Ministries has been able to purchase two homes to be used as orphanages to provide these children with a home.

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