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Greetings from the enemy's lair:

Well, I've got good news to all that will listen! You are on your way out of the despair and bondage that has been stressing you out! But, you've got to allow Him to work it out! I've been in the middle of the den of wolves, but then I realized I'm a lion and the wolves scattered. Nonetheless, having ears, they hear not. Having eyes they see not. Why is it that the ones God has blessed to be a blessing are the ones betrayed and look down on the most? It's because the enemy has stopped up the betrayers ears and pulled blinders over their eyes. And it is the enemy that sows discord among brothers. So if those around you are always putting someone else down, you know who they serve. Every day I have guys come and say "so-and-so did this or that, but I would never do that." Why are they always trying to paint themselves to look like a Michelangelo work of art when it's plain to see they are a stick figure at best!

Granted, I'm willing to work with some of those stick figures and help them and bless them and give to them, but then I see them squander the blessing or sow seeds of discord or betray the one put in their midst to help them the most! Why? I'm not sure why other than they did the same things to Jesus and He did say we would have the fellowship of His sufferings, so all I can do is pray God somehow uses the little I've done and one day those that have been shown the goodness of the Lord will decide to allow Jesus into their lives. And when you realize this is really the best thing to do, you begin to see the stress of everything hindering you begin to be lifted off. Because it's only through Him and His work on the cross that we realize He paid the price for all of us and all the nonsense that we have to go through is really peanuts compared to what our Savior endured for us. He was loyal to His Father in heaven and to us to the death! Do you have anyone like that in your life? I think I can count on one finger someone who would actually be willing to die for me. Do you have that kind of love for anyone? I can honestly say I have and do. And sometimes it literally feels like it's going to kill me, but isn't that maybe how it's supposed to be? I know that God is moving and he's about to move some of us into something brighter and better and I'm pre-thanking Him for His goodness and mercy, for surely those will follow me all the days of my life!

Let's pray! My Father in heaven, Holy is Your name. You are good and Your love endures forever. I want to begin by thanking You for loving a sinner like me. Oh, how I so often mess up, but You're the best cleanser there is, so wash me clean and pure right now of all the dirt and sin in my life. Cleanse my heart, O God, and begin to show me how to fill my being with more of You. I struggle. I waste time, I fail in so many ways, but You've always been there to lift me back up when I cry out to You! And when I do, You're sure to take care of all the things I need.

You are always blessing me when I come to You like the prodigal son, You prepare me a banqueting table in the presence of my enemies, and even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I don't always understand Your goodness, but I sure do love feeling it! So pour your Spirit down over me right now as I pray this. Let me feel You, Lord! Let me sense You, Holy Spirit. Let me feel Your touch, my Jesus. Bring healing to my broken spirit and understanding to my confusion. Send peace to my storm and patience to my trials and tribulations. You are good and Your mercy endures forever! Lord, for what You are about to do, the move You are about to make. Find me in the middle of it, willing to go at a moments notice to wherever You would say to go! Here I am, Lord! Send me! Use me! And I thank You and praise You for all that You've done and all that You're going to do! Amen & Amen.

Well my friends, I remember telling God I would go to the deepest jungle or the darkest prison for Him back in 1997 in Pensacola, Florida after returning from teaching in Europe for three and a half years. Little did I realize how powerful those spoken words were as He decided to take me up on that promise. I can say I'm ready for the jungle as his prison thing is getting a bit old, but remember: It's not our way anymore! It's His will we've been asked to accomplish for great will our reward be when He has found us faithful. Be one of those faithful ones! I wish I could personally know all of you that receive these letters of encouragement behind enemy lines. Perhaps one day we'll have that opportunity. Until that day know that the new season is coming upon you. And you shall be blessed in your going and you're coming and you will be used to fulfill God's will not only in your own life but the lives of others!

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