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Greetings to all the faithful:

Wow! What a difference a month can make! This past month CHIEF Ministries has found out from the government that CHIEF's House has been officially recognized as a non-profit entity. All our paperwork has been filed and we have been deemed fit to continue our pursuit of developing a halfway house that will go All-the-way in seeing men who desire a change in their lives. We are currently looking for property as the next step, but we also need people with a calling to the prisoner to partner with us. Those willing to help educate, rehabilitate, reintegrate the felon and revolutionize the thinking of society. There are great men in prison whom the enemy has fooled for years about their being chosen men of God. But, I have seen first-hand them coming back to fulfill that calling. They just need Godly people willing to help by holding them accountable. CHIEF's House will be such a place. Perhaps some of you reading this will feel the call to help us. Pray and ask. This may be the great leap of faith He's been waiting for you to take. The prisoner is part of the end-time harvest. Great will be the reward for helping. Please be in prayer for us and with us in this continued great work of the Lord!

Did you know that God wants you to be a carrier of His fire? That everywhere you go, you're letting that fire (light) shine before men. Where and when do we need fire the most? In the midst of darkness; and as a beacon that can be run to when there is fear. I recently have been placed in the midst of a dark place, but it's so awesome to see how God's plan is always right on time and so right for us if we're willing to be that light. Recently a young man came to me and said, "Chief, I think the fire you brought here has done what it was supposed to and God may be moving you to another place that also needs to be set ablaze." I thought, "Great! But I'm not going anywhere, I like it right where I am at". Two days later that door was shut and here I am going through another, seeing such great potential and opportunity to be that light, that fire in the lives of three times as many men. It sure wasn't what I had planned, but with joy, I look forward to stoking the fire of those already possessing it and starting it in those who don't. God's way is so much better. Let's walk in it! God wants us to possess the land in front of us, to receive our inheritance, but that requires action on our part. Hebrews 12:25-26 says:

See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens (ESV)

These should be sobering words on any terms and whether we're nearing history's climax or simply experiencing another of its radical times of cataclysmic change, there is counsel for us in verses 28 and 29.

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Inescapably present in the text is the dominant fact that worship is central, that we may serve God, <u>that is</u> to worship Him.

We live in a dark world, dark prisons. We are called to be the light, the fire that will illuminate these places. Ever felt inadequate? Isaiah did in chapter 6. Don't let your awareness of sin and failure before the Lord make you feel condemned, but worship so that you will be restored! Worship your way out of the wilderness! Isaiah's lips needed cleansed. He knew where he was weak. Perhaps our mind needs cleansed, our hands, our heart. As such, the fire of worship gives us a picture of how God's restoration works in our lives. It 'refines' us, - burning out the residue of what is unworthy. It 'consumes' us – taking the bondage out of our lives and burns it up. It 'melts' and 'warms' us – softening hard hearts and thawing out cold ones. It 'ignites' us – when we have turned off – God turns us back on.

It was in the place of worship after Isaiah was purified and restored, that God gave him a mission: "Also, I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? 'Then I said, "Here am I! Send me! And He said, Go…." Are you moving forward in the Spirit? Are you pressing onward and upward? Begin to renew your attitude of worship wherever you are at. For that is where the Lord has purposed you to be. For there is more for you to possess, a greater inheritance is yours! Possess the land!

A prayer: "Father, renew my mind that I may worship you in spirit and in truth. Help me tell You from these clean lips how I want to serve You. How I want to be willing to do whatever You ask of me. So, I ask of You to give me my people, my family, my cellie, my dorm, my pod, my unit. Use me to be a Godly example that I may claim my inheritance. All of my strength, my hope, my life I place in Your hands as an instrument of worship so that all may see the beauty of who You are. Let those in darkness run to the light, the fire, that You have and are placing in me in greater measure as I surrender all of my hopes and all of my plans. I'm lifting my hands and I give them to you! Lord, I offer my life to You, everything I've been through, use it for Your glory. Amen and Amen."

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