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Ministry News

Greetings,

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Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I'm so amazed at what the Holy Spirit has been doing within the prisons that I frequent (*Shelby County Jail, St. Clair Prison, Draper Prison, Elmore Prison, Bibb County Prison and The Women's Work Release*) and how God has brought people under conviction of sin to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. It encourages my heart to know that if I miss a prison appointment because of some emergency in my family, the inmates really get concerned because they miss the fellowship, ministry and understanding of God's Word that He generates through me. I feel like an unworthy vessel, but I thank God that He has made me worthy. When I pass by their cell blocks and in their dormitories, they beg me to stay with them a little longer and give them the Word of God, the same way that Cleopas and the other disciple begged Jesus to stay with them after the resurrection when He revealed Himself to them. So, I am looking forward to God continually using me behind the prison walls.

I had an opportunity in July to go to my old neighborhood in Harlem, New York City to share the Gospel with many of my old friends, most of whom are Muslims. I had an encounter with 15-20 of them on 7th Avenue in Harlem. As I gave the Word of God out, they were amazed by my memorization of Scripture and said, "Larry, we cannot handle you." So, they went to get one of their head leaders who told me how much he had studied, how learned he was and how I need to take the Bible and burn it because the Greeks had written the Bible. I politely told him that I had no discussion for him. I did let him know that the Bible was written by holy men of God as they were inspired by the Spirit of God.

I had an opportunity to talk to a really nice young man on the airplane about his spiritual condition. He told me that he had been raised as a Lutheran and asked me what being born again was about. He asked me if it was spiritual enlightenment and I told him that I was glad that he had asked. I

asked him if he would mind if I showed him what the Bible had to say. I turned to First Corinthians 2:14 that tells us about the natural man not understanding the things of God and I went through Scripture after Scripture, showing him what Jesus Christ had done for him. Then, I asked him, "If this plane doesn't land safely and we have an accidental death, do you think that you would go to Heaven?" He told me that he believed he would because he loved his wife. He told me they had a new baby and he took care of his family. So, he thought that he would be alright. I lovingly told him to read Titus 3:5,6 that says, *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior."* I told him that being a good man and loving his wife and child couldn't save him. After he read the Scripture, he looked at me humbly and told me that he understood and he prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Savior. Hallelujah! Bless God!!

As I was getting my luggage, he ran up behind me and begged me to let him pay for my taxi fare. I told him the Gospel was free of charge, but he stood there dismayed and insisted that I please take the money. I didn't want to offend him, so I took the money. I had a fruitful trip.

Please continue to pray for me and all those that God is blessing through the ministry that He has put in my bosom. God bless you and keep you.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry McMeal". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Love,".

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