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SALT AND FREEDOM?

Looking back over our history as the United States of America, I remember that we were settled by people searching for religious freedom from the tyranny of the Old World. July 4th we will celebrate the very high cost of our freedom, both religious and secular, by both men and women of their times. War has a high cost! For our liberation, men went to war, took up arms, fought and died for freedom. All the while, their families fought also.

And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred **abode by the stuff.** 1 Sam 25:13 Then all the wicked and worthless men of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man's wife and children, that they may lead them away and depart."1 Sam 30:21-22 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand. For who will listen to you in this matter? but as his part is that goes down to the battle, so shall his part **be that tarries by the stuff**: they shall part alike. Sam 30:23-24

Just as in David's day, not all of us are at the battle, some stay with the stuff. Remaining home without protection, without providers, without fathers, without finances and security, the women and children that stayed home and helped to supply the war effort, "with the stuff," just as the men who remained behind 'with the stuff' in David's time. Those at home suffered and died just as the soldiers. They endured privation, and lack and gave all they could to the war effort. They supported the wounded. As our army fought all our battles for freedom, the Civil War, WW1 and WW2, Gulf War, Afgan War, the ones who stayed and supported them were as important as those who fought. Children often forfeited a childhood, becoming men and women as needed. Some lost their homes. Many lost loved ones. Goods were scarce. Many made the weapons soldiers used. Today, as we fight for our freedom, most of us remain "with the stuff", at home. What is our role in this struggle? Jesus said, You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matt 5:13 Our religious freedom depends on our saltiness! Without it the Lord says that we will be trodden under the foot of men (oppressed)! We too must stand for something. If we don't, we will stand for ANYTHING.

Today, the news celebrated the saltiness of some as they fought and won the case for states rights in removing Roe vs Wade. No longer is abortion the law of our land. Today, we are battling even greater battles and the 'saltiness' of some of the people at home with the 'stuff' are trying to protect our innocent children in schools across our land. How often do we think of ourselves as part of the warfare? But we most certainly are. I believe Jesus was referring to our zeal for the Word of God as our saltiness. Our willingness to stand against the onslaught of the culture for the Word of God. Saltiness demands our unreserved belief in the Word of God. There can be no uncertainty or wavering. No milk toast attitude, because Jesus says "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue (vomit) you out of my mouth. Rev 3:15-16

Saltiness will help us to preserve our freedom. Elect salty politians, educators. Support salty workers. Join the battle while with the stuff and pray!

One of my favorite students took the Marriage & Family Class three times. First a scoffer, later to become a believer! I believe this was his second essay.

I learned many things in this class. I educated myself in how families are dysfunctional and their patterns or identities. What I mean by that is the character traits of each personality. There were other pieces of information that I thought were cool to learn. However, Miss Eileen, I want to retake the class to really embed or get all this info. It is a whole lot to soak up. I am more interested in the educational information than a certificate or diploma. As I read the instructions "Tools for Genogram", I had a lot of questions in my head.



I think one of the facts that I liked the most was the "God and our True Self: ultimate strength" and the Love Tanks...

I might fail the final exam:) but it does not matter. I learned a whole lot more than what I knew before I signed up for this class. And God willing, I will learn more and be ready to answer all the questions that I had for myself this round. Thank you for the time you take off to teach us. This is a very good class with very, very, very good information. Thanks and thank God!

Essay: Parenting/Boundaries Class!

The most important lesson learned is that without God as the Head of the Family, there will be discord and dysfunction! The overriding principle is to see my own false thoughts and beliefs, challenge my idiosyncrasies and change! Remove bad habits and replace them with good habits! Also put into practice what Jesus our Lord said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"! If we love the Lord God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer first and above all; then our neighbor as ourselves; then we will set healthy boundaries not only for ourselves, but inadvertently for our family and friends, as well as others we come in contact with! By simply not stepping over their space.

When we break the mold, and viscous cycles of co-dependency and/or drug and alcoholism addictions, we need to build healthy relationships and deal with the Core issues and hurts that caused the addictions and codependency in the first place! So we won't become dry drunks or out-of-control control freaks! Here again, our God has made provisions if we would just surrender to His will and seek His face, through prayer, study of His Word, and practice of His precepts! Then we will learn the underlying imperative: acts of Love and respect for others! Then we can teach our children and grandchildren as according to Deut 11:1-23, especially verse 19! Thank you Ms. Eileen, God bless.

Dear Little Lambs Inc

I just wanted to say thank you for this new Certificate. It is a joy to learn God's Word systematically and I wanted to express my gratitude for your service towards me (us) who are being taught by your ministry..

I pray that you **all** are found under God's precious grace and on the continual end of His promises and blessing for truly God is Good.. My love and prayers to you all. UG, Ca

Dear Salas, I want to first thank you for the ministry you are doing in these prisons! THANK YOU. I never picked up a bible until earlier this year while in jail. I felt God pulling my heart but there are so many things I don't know nor understand. Unfortunately, because of covid, the chapel here isn't doing much and the chaplain isn't here much, therefore I don't know where to really go with the questions I have. I thought I'd send this letter and ask if you could help? We wrote to her that we would be glad to answer her questions through the bible studies. We let God mentor through the Holy Spirit. Eileen does personally answer any questions included with our lessons

Dear John & Eileen, thank you so very much for taking the time and expense to make this wonderful bible study available for me. I can feel in my heart that both of you are anointed with the Holy Spirit. What a blessing it is for me to have you all for Christian brothers and sisters. I would like to keep in touch after I am released. God bless you! MT

Upon request that he would be going to go abroad, we sent this young man 3 lessons at a time. We wrote saying that we would mail it to his foreign address. Now he is graduating and hopefully we are sending another little missionary home:

Pastor Sala, attached are my final three lessons. I appreciate your "bending the rules." I wanted to finish while in here, and not lose mail in the shuffle when I am discharged. The same applies to my bible. I have heard from several people that when you leave, it can take you mail several months to catch up with you and knew I would be leaving.

I would like to thank you for my lessons. They allowed me to deepen my studies in the Word and strengthen my walk with the Lord. I bless the volunteers who took their time to grade and ship out my assignments.

My wife and I will depart for Guymas, Mexico, shortly after my discharge, scheduled for the first week in August. There is an ex-pat community of other Americans, and I can let my wife's time finish out on the ocean. She has many medical conditions.

I do not yet have a space address in the trailer park, but ship my bible to my home address. It should be there when I get out. It will take about 2 weeks for us to move. As I embark on this journey, might I ask that you pray for my wife and I again, I appreciate everything you and your ministry has done for me in my walk with God! EJ

Mrs. Sala, I learned so much from your "Family & Marriage" Class. It hit me personally! I was very dysfunctional in my past before God saved me. I have had 3 mothers abandon me, not just one. The third mother abandoned me just recently after serving God 15 years. What this really tells me is that I must be some kind of scumbag to have 3 mothers abandon me, especially now as a Christian. I struggle deeply inside in light of 18 months till I leave prison, having no family. I was abused sexually, physically, emotionally. After using me a dirty rag, they said I was trash and a little devil because I acted out sexually with other kids and became an angry child. No one asked any questions! So that the abusers would not be revealed, they got rid of me, the trash. At five years old clumps of my hair came out in my father's hand as my body went down a long flight of stairs. Reaching the bottom my head had so much trauma, blood was coming out of my nose, ears and mouth. My mother left my dad and took all my brothers and sisters but left me with this man who beat her and raped her. Now I almost died. Later my stepfather thought it was funny to have my mentally retarded sister beat me and rip clumps of hair out of my head. Crying, helpless, totally defeated, these were the years where my spirit was broken. My birth dad was a violent drunk and a sexual predator. My step father was a violent man who drank, but a lot smarter to hide his dirt. I became the abuser because this was the only way I could protect myself. I said I would never... I would never... Well, without forgiveness towards others, I became what I hated. And so when God saved me, I hated what I did which led me to confession of a crime 6 years prior. It took me 5 years of punishing myself, in prison, for self hatred, to let go of my pride and ask God for help to forgive myself. And I kid you not, Mrs. Sala, that at the same time God used YOU (Little Lamb's Bible study) and an article by Charles Stanley to bring this moment of brokenness and self-forgiveness. Your study on sexual sin led me to brokenness and repentance over my sexual sin as a child that I did with other children. And to forgive those who did sexual things to me. Stanley's "In Touch" magazine's article said that sexually abused children share what they have learned with other children. These are 'learned' behaviors. This is all what God used to help me repent and forgive myself. You, Mrs. Salas, are a very special sister in Christ and anointed!! You are an inspiration to me to keep going on as you keep going on loving others and helping others. It has been God's glorious plan and sovereignty that you entered my life many years ago at Mayo C.I. and now at Avon Park C.I. before I go home. I'm no longer dysfunctional because of the power of Christ's blood to change me permanently! I learned how to love a woman and children from your class. I learned how serious marriage and family are. I'm a little afraid. But my soul longs to love a woman like she deserves and needs. I've learned how precious a woman is! A precious gift from God to the male is the female! Both the image of God, complimenting and helping each other. Just some of the characteristics of God's image in the female that the male needs from to female to help balance him. Now, I know, Mrs. Sala! D. This young man wept during parts of our class which I believe was healing for him. Aren't you just amazed how the Lord works? Just keep putting one foot in front of the other, being faithful!!

Dear Partners,

As everyone is well aware, Florida sand is typical of the warning of Jesus, that houses built on sand will fall with a storm. I was sure Jesus was referring to the coastal shores. But Florida soil is very sandy. And our ministry building is sinking! We have so many cracks in the building as well as obvious sloping floors and windows leaks, causing us to lose precious office space and in need of repair. Our foundation has to be placed on rock, not just sandy soil.



We have contacted Alpha Foundations and with their technology we found that our foundation has sunk from 1.5 inches, to 3 inches in my former office and 5 full inches near the back door! We cannot repair the interior or exterior until the foundation is firm. With that in mind, we have contracted with Alpha Foundations to level our building with permanent foundation jacks on solid bases that can be adjusted if need be. It will be expensive. We need 20 stainless steel jacks and steel beams in places they are lacking. Fortunately, last year we had all new guttering, which is key to keep water off the foundation. We are very impressed with Tony and Alpha Foundations team and have decided that this must be done to continue. Our final cost for the 2 day, 20 jack procedure is \$20,000. This is a big expenditure; if you can help us we would be very grateful. You have been so faithful to us and it has been precious to us. 2nd Chance ministry will do the remodeling when





I would like for you to meet our friends from the 2nd Chance Ministry. Our group meets every Wednesday evening for class and bible study. It is a pleasure to work with this very polite and interested young men who are serious about recovering their lives. From the right is Junior, Mike (recent graduate who has a job, car, home who continues to attend),

Jessie, James, Tyrone, Jose, Richard, Hector, Paul, Tim, Jordan, John. Behind Jordan is Randy who has since left the program.

We are very impressed by these young men and Mr. Aldo Guzman. Work continues to make their home at Grace Place beautiful. Soon they will be installing a new fence with the help of Bible Fellowship and Little Lambs. Our current fence will probably not make it through this hurricane season!

We are very happy as Padilla and Mike have graduated, returned home, has a job and a wife and con-

Schedule JULY 2022

Mon... Biblical Marriage Family & Parenting@ APCI Work Camp Tues....Purpose Driven Life @ 2nd Chance Ministry

Wed.....Bible Study with Eileen & 2nd Chance Ministry

Thurs....Celebrate Recovery @

2nd Chance Ministry Counseling by Appointment 863-273-6075 Mike have graduated, returned home, has a job and a wife and continues with his last phase of the program, a sort of aftercare. Mike attends church with us and participates with some of the therapies such as our class. Padilla and his wife manage a restaurant in Orlando. He and Mike also work several days a week with the ministry sales to help fund the program. They seem contented with life which is a blessing!

We pray you have a very Blessed Fourth of July as you celebrate God's gift to us: our Nation. Please be careful of the heat index which is hovering around in 107+ degrees.

Your servant, Eileen Sala