

## Partner Letter

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Fight, fight, fight!

Hello, dear partners!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our monthly, Holy Spirit-inspired letters! We take our letters to you, partner, very seriously and prayerfully. We take the time to discuss the events going on around the world, we talk about the prayer requests that have come in recently and how they've impacted YOU, and we prayerfully consider what the Holy Spirit has been dealing with us about so we can impart it to you. These aren't just words on a page; they are powerful words of encouragement and exhortation for the body of Christ, but most importantly, for us here at JMM! That's why it's so encouraging to hear positive feedback from so many of you, especially those who read this in the Romanian language after it has been translated.

Therefore encourage (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (strengthen and build up) one another, just as you are doing. Now also we beseech you, brethren, get to know those who labor among you [recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all]—your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort you. 1 Thess. 5:11-12 AMPC

Thank you to those of you who watch our programs on various platforms around the world! Hearing your words of encouragement is confirmation for us to keep writing what the Holy Spirit inspires us to write, producing and editing television programs, and doing Facebook Lives daily. That's why we continue to fight the good fight of faith every day and take this mandate of the Gospel around the world until the Lord's coming. We know that together we are making an impact on the world one soul at a time by depopulating hell and populating heaven! Just today, before writing this letter to you, John had the privilege of leading a 75 year old woman to the Lord. She watched one of our programs for the first time and was so penetrated by the Word of God, that she made a decision to follow Jesus and wants to make a covenant with the Lord by getting baptized in water as soon as possible. She told John she wants to leave "religion" and pursue a personal **relationship** with Christ. THIS is why we continue to spread the uncompromising Word of God through different platforms; so that the Word can penetrate lives through the airways, Facebook lives, letters, and television programs.

This mandate hasn't been an easy one! It certainly hasn't been a walk in the park. We've had our share of growing pains and oppositions, trials and tribulations. But the Lord has <u>always</u> been faithful to strengthen us, and He often sent us encouragement, a word of knowledge, or confirmation through different partners and friends so we can keep fighting the good fight. That's why we're beyond grateful to have partners like you who see, feel and support the vision the Lord has given us. Partners, we are in this together! You are a PARTner of this Ministry. Seasons in life will be ever-changing. But even in our driest seasons, we kept God's Work alive and our eyes focused on Him. Many of you have asked us, How do you overcome those dry seasons, seasons of oppositions or quiet seasons? Seasons where you feel like God hasn't given you any answers; good or bad? To this we say, Continue fighting the good fight of faith. Fight, fight, fight! Continue speaking words of life (the Word of God) over EVERY situation even when you don't feel like anything is changing. Even when you don't feel like speaking life; speak it ANYWAY.

Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12AMPC

A few weeks ago while meditating on the Word and praying, the Lord gave us a picture of the game "tug of war". When you play the game of "tug of war", you have two teams pulling the rope on each side and in the middle is usually a big mud puddle. On one side of the rope were the believers in the Kingdom of God and on the other side was satan and his cohorts. In that vivid picture, we could see the reality of warfare and how satan is constantly tugging, trying to get believers to fall into the mud puddle (in the middle of the 2 teams). This gave us a clear picture of how the devil plants negative thoughts in believer's minds, attacking their emotions, getting them to complain and/or speak idle words, or just simply give up. But on the other side of the rope, we could see Jesus tugging on the rope behind every believer giving them the power and strength to win the war. In other words, the believer was determined to do their part, and Jesus was right behind them doing His. This is a picture of how we need to be fighting the good fight of faith, *daily*.

What is the good fight of faith and how do we fight it? It's staying in the Word daily (*Hebrews 4:12*), feeding on Christian programs and podcasts (*Phil. 4:8*), always praying and giving thanks (*1 Thess. 5:16*), being surrounded with like-minded believers (Phil. 2:2), being encouraged and exhorted by those like-minded believers (*1 Thess. 5:11*), and most importantly, watching our words carefully *everyday* (*Prov. 18:21*). We've said this before, but we have to say it again: the Christian life doesn't take faith vacations, breaks or detours to satisfy the flesh. It is a constant *everyday* fight to the very end (*Matt. 24:13*) until we see the breakthrough in that area. And one of the most crucial things that keeps believers from getting to that place of breakthrough and victory are **words.** Jesus said this about words,

"But I say to you that for every <u>idle word</u> men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment." Matthew 12:36

Many of you have heard this passage before and many haven't. But it bears repeating. Have you been speaking idle words over your situation? Sometimes we don't necessarily speak "negative" words (foul language, swearing, words of damnation, etc.), but we do speak careless, empty words and even begin complaining about our circumstances. Then we wonder why our situation hasn't changed for the better. Idle words are **not** Life words. Most of the time we don't even realize that we're speaking idle words. We think it's harmless to vent or express ourselves to others about our situation, but we are actually speaking careless, idle words that produce no fruit. Idle words will cancel out everything we've prayed for and confessed.

But don't be discouraged! Remember, Jesus is right behind you tugging on that rope and helping you win the battle. You are **not** alone! As long as you do your part, He will do His. If you don't have like-minded Christians to pray in agreement with or if you feel all alone, we are here to pray with you! We encourage you to feed on our programs or any other Christian programming that bears witness with your spirit. We also *strongly* encourage you to go through the Scriptures in these letters (even the ones we've referenced) and meditate on them until you feel like the Word of God pierces your soul and spirit and reaches deep down in your heart. Feeding on the Word is vital to your victory! Don't give up on what you are believing God for and what He's promised you!! Will you keep fighting the good fight of faith even though you don't see a change in your situation? Through Christ, you will have the victory if you do not give up (1 Cor. 15:57). Your family is worth fighting for, your health is worth fighting for, your country is worth fighting for, your marriage is worth fighting for, your finances are worth fighting for, your spiritual freedom is worth fighting for, your lost family members are worth fighting for. Even though you don't see the situation changing with your natural senses, keep on believing God at **His Word**. Remember that Faith *is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*. Hebrews 11:1

In His Service, John & Alexandra