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my dear friends - it is such a joy and an honor to come to you each day and share the greatest and goodness of our Lord. you know, Jesus said, "no one is good but One, that is, God." matt 19:17 how often we judge ourselves as good or better than. i guess that statement slaps us all back into reality.

i really believe this generation is unique, almost as much as when our Lord walked this earth. this generation is living up to it's reputation of being the worst. let us all go forth in His love and power, proving it to also be the best.

have you ever felt that you were not enough - that you just aren't accomplishing what you hoped. none of us are enough if we are living without Jesus. let us look instead at and boldly claim His promises. we are more than conquerors! He has said, "my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 cor 12:9 praise God! if there's one thing we all have, it weakness. we may try to hide it or reject it, but it's there; always trying to emerge and convict of something.

we are all called to be watchmen - that voice crying in the wilderness: prepare ye the way of the Lord. we walk by faith. the world sees faith as weak. it is far from it. it is the most powerful force in the world. even as God said, faith "calls those things which do not exist as though they did". rom 4:17 it sees that blank socket where an eye should be and calls it into being by faith. it sees that missing leg and watches it grow out - by faith.

friends. i believe we ain't seen nothing yet. as our Lord's coming draws ever near, i believe we will witness and even cause to be, miracles like the apostles performed and more. but we all need to let that faith build up in us. it means knowing that He is creator of all and "nothing is impossible with Him". faith takes possession of what He says! faith doesn't deny reality. it believes God to change it.

i heard a preacher say the other day: sometimes we all experience unexpected, undeserved seasons of adversity that we have to endure without explanation. it is faith that gets us through. life is lived forward, but only understood backwards. only when we have gotten through it and seen God's end will it all make sense. we will see Him there, weaving the pattern.

we know God does not put sickness upon us but He can turn it around for our good and His glory. my last stroke was very debilitating and i thought i would end up dead or hoping to die. the following month i got home from the hospital and began sharing with a few friends my progress. those emails quickly turned to sharing the things of God and His worthiness.

i do not claim these as great writings but they gave my life a new purpose and a reason to go on. it has given me an opportunity to serve my Lord in a unique way from the confines of my home. to lift Him up and while doing so, to perhaps encourage a few and maybe even reach into the heart of that lost one.

in numbers 22, we are told the Lord opened the donkeys

mouth and used him to speak to balaam. well, i am more than a donkey and surely He can use me. use me for whatever: to woo, win, convict or convince. what else do i know?

I DO KNOW:

He is faithful.

He alone is good.

weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning.

the weapon may form but it will not prosper.

He'll take what the enemy meant for evil and turn it around for good.

i am more than a conqueror.

a thousand may fall by my side but it will not come near me.

His love is a strong tower that we can run into.

when the enemy comes in like a flood, He will lift up a standard against him.

can you locate where all these promises that were made to us by God? i challenge you to search them out. i know this and so much more. i know it by faith because i know God cannot lie. and because He cannot lie i know, i also know i am secure n His arms. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."  
john 10:29

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