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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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HOARDING! BURIED ALIVE!



**2019:
Look to Jesus
Leave the past behind
and press on!**



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Hoarders and Packrats: Leave it behind in 2019

Dear Readers,

Here we are in a New Year, 2019. May God bless you and yours. This is my prayer for you.

Well, I know that you did not think that you would be greeted with the horrible and nasty looking photo on the front cover of this newsletter. You know, neither was I going to present this issue looking at that filthy photo, too! Don't stare at it! You might get sick to your stomach! I know I almost did.

CHANGE

See, I was crying out in prayer early one morning to the Lord just a few days ago. I felt down and depressed about things happening in my life. Yeah, off to a New Year with all of the same old headaches, problems and same troubles. I'm not gonna lie.

So, while I was praying and fussing to the Lord about this and that, I could still feel His presence. Well, I kept moaning and groaning about this thing and that thing. Then, I poured out my complaints big-time since I felt I had His attention.

The television was on because I was watching one of the Christian channels. The minister was preaching and I kept letting the Lord know my complaints in my morning prayer.

I cried...and cried. Then right in the middle of my crying, God said, *"Wanda, Change the station on television."* I STOPPED crying. I looked at the television and was surprised He wanted me to do that to a preacher I like. *"Change the channel,"* He said again.

I reached for the television remote laying on our bed. I pressed the channel button and it went to the Hoarding program. There was a lady standing in a room in her house filled up and loaded with everything from boxes, bags, shoes, books, dog food, dresses, pants, glasses, dishes, empty packages of cookies, opened bags of chips, chairs, a hair dryer, radio, several bags of trash, boots, and on and on! She was standing there crying. Her face looked puzzled and afraid. Way over near a window were lots of dead hanging plants and potted plants that were dead and completely dried with only brown leaves... a few leaves were holding on to the dead plants.

I stared at the television as the lady cried. Then, someone called out to her, *"Mom! Mom! Are you in here? Where are you, Mom?"*

"I'm here, Dorothy. Over here..." answered the lady who was a Mom. *"Dorothy?"*

"Mom! You have to get out of here...you MUST!" said Dorothy reaching her hands out to hold her Mom standing in trash that nearly reach the ceiling of that room.

"Mom! We can get hurt! You have to GET OUT!"

Dorothy found her Mom. They hugged and cried. *"You can't stay here anymore! Mom! You can't keep living like this!"*

"I don't know what to do...Dorothy," cried the lady. *"I can't leave all of this...I can't leave it... These are all of my things. I have kept them for years...I don't want to let them go! I won't! I...can't do it! I can't..."*

GOD SPOKE in the MIDST OF MISERY

Then God said to me, *“Wanda, I want My people to leave ALL of the things that they have been holding onto that is not life, true, profitable, reliable, prosperous, loving, helpful and right... BEHIND! They must leave their bitterness, sorrow, worries, and miseries...BEHIND them.”* He went on to say that they must:

- *“Leave their shame, fear, distress, and anxiety...BEHIND.*
- *Let go of the people who are not for them. Don't try to make others do another thing. These people won't change unless I change them.*
- *Stop holding onto the old plans and schemes. They won't work! I am not in those plans. I will not allow it to work because I get no glory from it.*
- *Release failed relationships. They are only webs to capture them and hold them down. They can't escape!*
- *Get rid of false beliefs. There is no truth in what is not real and wrong. They can't make it change. False beliefs are lies...misconceptions.*
- *Refuse what appears honest. This is not real. There is nothing honest in what is fake.*
- *Step away from the path of destruction. Turn away! Go another direction.*
- *Reject things that are time consuming. Don't allow yourself to get absorbed in what comes to distract you!*
- *Forgive those who have been deceitful, played tricks, and had schemes against them.*
- *Don't hold on to memories of rejections and loneliness. There are new opportunities and blessings that I have for them.”*

THEN HE SAID...

“I cannot use Christians who are like these Hoarders and Packrats. I cannot use those who are holding onto these worthless things, bitter times, failed relationships, and disappointments. Give them up to Me! Let this ALL GO! DON'T HOLD ON TO what is broken and won't function without My Spirit.”

I heard: “FORGET THOSE THINGS BEHIND! PRESS from THE PAST! Move swiftly ahead. Run on! Go on! Leave what is not worth it and not needed in your life...BEHIND!” There is a prize waiting for you...God has a higher calling for you! Press on to JESUS CHRIST!

~Wanda J. Burnside

~Philippians 3:13-14 (KJV)~

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**Australian Ministry Leader &
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Ms. Sandra Hickman
sends a New Year Blessing**



Forgive

2,019 Ways....

We have already tucked away our bygone years in the memory boxes of our hearts.

Our memories are many... the joyous, the happy, the funny ones, and the sad.

Only God knows the memories which we will make this New Year.

Only HE has that inside info!

Memories aside; hear this ~ gracefully leave behind the past and move expectantly into the future. What's done is done. There's no changing it. Except for amends.

Amends can and should be made; forgiveness is mandatory and without any options.

Jesus left only one option when He said, "*Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do*"

And... 'they' were trying to kill Him.

Such is the grace of God to bestow His mercy upon 'them' with His unconditional plan of Love, forgiving and loving them even as the nails of bitterness and hatred shattered the hearts of His true believers.

We need His Love which crosses all the logical barriers.

It is our hearts which we are called to forgive with, not our logical minds.

We are disciples, the born again believers carrying the love-beating heart of Jesus.

We need only to look to the cross of Calvary still standing resolute and strong.

Of all the New Year Resolutions we could make, this is the most valuable.

Can we do it? I say, yes we can!

Every time we forgive we move closer to the cross of the Savior.

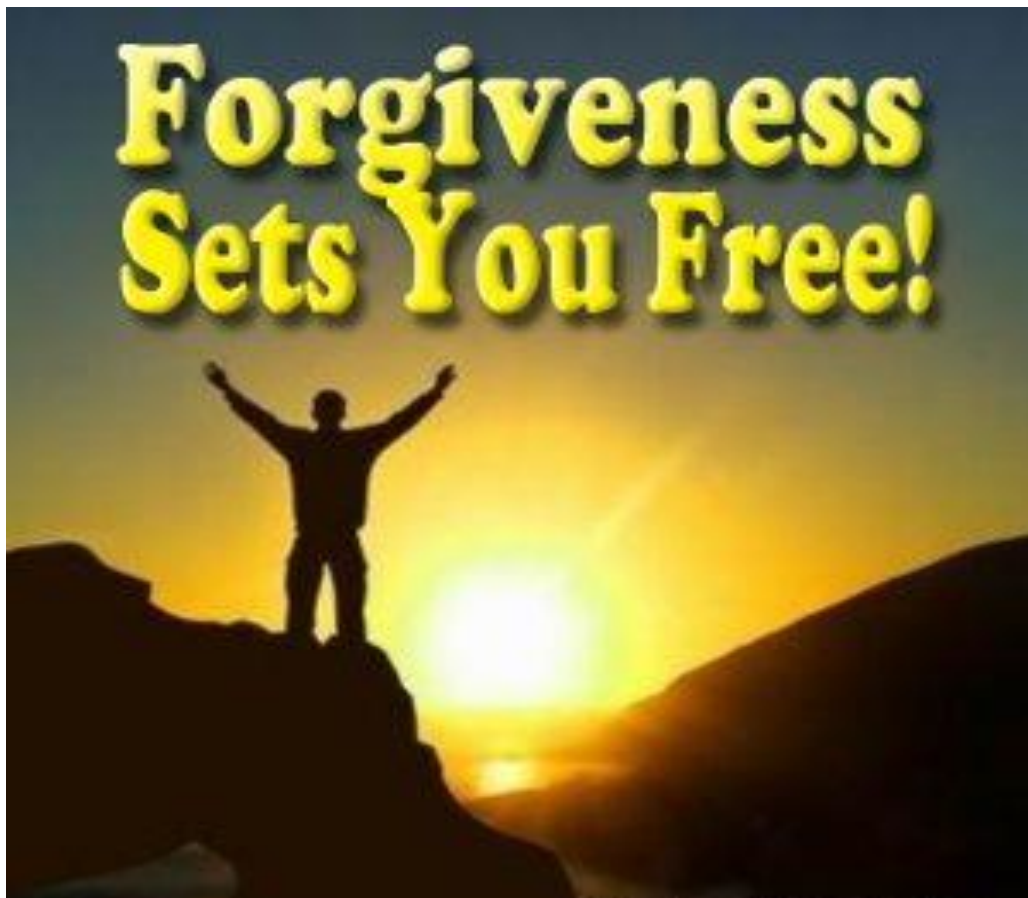
Would forgiving all whom we encounter compare to the countless acts of unmerited kindness and forgiveness God has bestowed upon us?

Imagine if we could think of 2,019 ways to forgive and be a blessing!

After all...when the disciples asked Jesus, "*Lord how do we pray?*" didn't He deliver to them the Lord's Prayer? Wasn't the forgiveness paragraph loud and clear? Jesus said we can only be forgiven as much as we ourselves forgive.

This is an unmissable key to our heavenly seat inside the gates of heaven. Stand under the cross in the throne room of prayer and feel His unmatched Presence. *This New Year let us copy Jesus ~ exercise love and practice forgiveness.*

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Happy New Year dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

As each day of 2019 goes by, it's wonderful to know that we have God's sure word of assurance, of how much He loves us, no matter what, and of His faithfulness as these four scriptures highlight:

"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore." (Psalm 125:1-2, ESV)

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV)

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." (Jeremiah 31:3, NIV)

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8: 38-39, NIV)





***Believe God for Your
2019 Miracles!
by Michele Barnes
of the United States of America***

**Invite the Lord into your life-experiences with the
Power of His Word!**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Psalms 118:24 (NKJV)

"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalms 27: (KJV)

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; And my God will meet all your needs...





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“For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you” (Deuteronomy 20:4 KJV).

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?” (Jeremiah 32:27 ESV).

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16 KJV).

“The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow” (Deuteronomy 28:12 KJV).

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We...**

Wish you and your family a joyful,
bright, healthy, prosperous and
happiest new year ahead. !!

Happy New Year!

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