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Highlights for April:

- **Weapons of our Warfare Series - Forgiveness**
- Ministry Spot Light: Breath of God International Outreach Church-**Special Needs Baseball**

WHEN FAITH TOUCHES THE ANOINTING, IT RELEASES THE POWER OF GOD

The Weapons of Our Warfare- A series on our spiritual weapons - Forgiveness

By: Patrick Bucksot

There is one thing that destroys friendships, marriages, families and churches more than any other thing; **UNFORGIVENESS**. It is no accident that I get to write about forgiveness since we are celebrating our Saviors resurrection during the month of April. This series on our *Weapons of Warfare* could be summarized with forgiveness. I have written about the Word of God, which centers around Jesus and God's grace. God's grace (Forgiveness), our unmerited favor, climaxed with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. I wrote about how Obedience causes God to move on our behalf. Forgiveness is the one thing we do that mirrors who God is more so than anything else that we can do. It encompasses the act of Love. It requires Faith to forgive. It is an act of worship to God. It requires Humility to perform.

As you can see, it takes a lot for us to Forgive. So many things come into play when we enact forgiveness toward someone. Yet, if we do not forgive, God will not forgive us. This is so powerfully written in **Matt. 18:21-35.** Jesus spoke about an unjust servant who would not forgive his debtor after he had been forgiven of a much greater debt. **In Matt. 18:35**, Jesus said, "*So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."* That is a strong condemnation. Now, you may be thinking of **Rom. 8:1** when it says, "*There is therefore now* ***no condemnation*** *to those who are in Christ Jesus.* I would have to say that you are correct if I let you stop there, but the verse goes on to say this, "*who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.* When we harbor unforgiveness toward someone, we are walking according to the flesh. So that leads to condemnation from God and does not enable us to hold onto **Rom. 8:1**.

There is a real danger when we are unwilling to forgive another person's mistakes. First of all, it automatically separates us from God. If someone, whether on purpose or on accident causes you harm, they have placed a heavy burden on themselves and you. At this point, there are choices that have to be made. If the person realizes their mistake and ask for your forgiveness, they have asked for a release from their weight. If you decide not to forgive them, you have actually held on to your weight while taking on theirs also. When a person has asked for forgiveness, they have accepted their responsibility for the mess they have made. Your choice is deciding if you both get to lay down your weights. When both parties get to lay their weights down, everyone walks away with more power. Unforgiveness also breeds other spiritual problems. Not only do you have the weight of two people's sins, but we are entangled by the works of the flesh. At the beginning of this article, I stated that Forgiveness is encompassed by most all of our *Weapons of Warfare*. **(TO PG. 5)**

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Pastors Corner- **A word from Pastor Ron – Dancing at the Cross**

Wow, it is almost hard to believe it is already April and the season of Easter with spring in the air. For me this is an exciting time of year. Not just because of arrival of spring and warmer weather to ride the Harley. But Easter is one of the most exciting times in my walk with the Lord. This is a time of new growth and births. This is a time where we take time to recognize the sacrifice of the Father when He sent His Son to carry our burdens and death away and give us salvation and new life. A few years ago Mel Gibson came out with a powerful movie on the last days of Christ prior to His death and resurrection! The movie was called "The Passion". Mel Gibson had a really hard time trying to get the funding and acceptance of his peers to make the movie. Once he was fed up with all the criticism and rejection he said that he would fund and produce the movie by his means. Then came out of nowhere the attacks from the Christian communities about the way the movie would be made and the Jews about the possibility of passing the wrong message. There were so many that looked at Mel Gibson's life and said, "How dare a man of his background try and produce a movie about Jesus!" People came against it because of the violence within the death of Christ and now on the screen. Mel Gibson has been in the news for some really bad choices he made with alcohol. The amazing thing is even with all that bickering, blasting, negative publicity, and predictions of failure the Lord used a man that pressed in and produced what may have been the greatest evangelic tools in the entire world. The Lord used someone not perfect to provide a perfect story that changed lives around the world. Theaters were filled to capacity and churches were renting complete theaters and giving free passes to people to see the movie. The Passion broke records and placed criticism on its knees!

I have two challenges for you in this wonderful month. These two challenges are up to you to accept or not. I pray you accept the challenges and see the Lord move in new ways in your life.

First is to take a moment and read the Scriptures that talk about the last week in the life of Jesus. If possible watch the movie "The Passion" by Mel Gibson. Then I want you to take some time and look at the amount of love the Lord has for you in allowing His Son to step into your place on the cross. Look at the amount of love it takes to, without question, sacrifice everything for someone you love even when they don't love you. Then ask the Lord for the ability to walk in that type of Love.

The second challenge is understanding that there are two services around the world that the most people attend church Christmas and Easter. What an opportunity to reach people by just asking them to attend an Easter Service. People that do not darken the church door all year feel the pull to be in a House of Worship on the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! Here is the challenge to pray for the Lord to place 5 names on your heart that need the Lord and a life transplant. Pray for those 5 people every day that the door will open for you to ask them to church. Then when the opportunity arises send a card and then call or visit them and ask them to come to church with you.

Brenda and I pray that you have a powerful celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord! What a wonderful time to dance at the cross! God bless and remember "When faith touches the anointing it releases the power of God." Keep making Jesus Famous!

Ministry Spotlight – SPECIAL NEEDS BASEBALL - 2009

There is a very special ministry in New Bern for the surrounding area. It is a ministry that has touched far too many people to count, but most of all, it has touched my life in a special way. This ministry is called Special Needs Baseball. SNB is a baseball league for people with various physical and/or mental disabilities from age four up to about 70. Their eligibility does not depend on their ability but willingness to get out on the ball field and have a lot of fun.

Special Needs Baseball was born in a prayer meeting of my brother and a friend of ours who has turrets syndrome. Our friend, now in his 50's, grew up in a time when people did not understand his condition. Because of this, he was rejected from many activities like baseball. After a small conversation, they decided to give people with disabilities a shot at playing as normal a game of baseball as possible. Special Needs Baseball was born in 2003. In our first season, we had around 35 athletes. Since then, we have grown to around 115 athletes. To God be the Glory.

We have various churches in the New Bern area help in sponsoring a weekend. This is done with prayer, volunteers, and lunch for after each game. The after game lunch provides us an opportunity to get to know our athletes and their families a little more. This is also a time for showing our athletes that God loves them, not for what they can do or offer, but just because He does. They are not special because of their disability but because of their ability to love unconditionally.

You may be asking, "What can I do to help"? Well, for starters, you can pray that God will continue to bless our efforts to Glorify Him. And, you can volunteer. What you do on game day is totally up to you. If you wouldn't feel comfortable on the ball field, you can sit in the stands cheering. We try to let God worry about the finances and the volunteer corps. He has not let us down yet.

Our season will start on Saturday, April 25th and run every Saturday through June 6th. We will have a banquet on the 13th of June. All of our games will be played on the Babe Ruth fields at Creek Side Park in James City and begin at 9:00 AM. I invite you to come out and support these wonderful athletes and see God's mighty hand at work in our lives.

Reality Check – submitted by: Beth Bucksot – A word from the Lord on 3/11/09

Revival is coming soon; but before it can happen, My people must be broken and dead. They must be dead to their own desires; dead to their own needs; dead to their own works - totally dead before Me. My people must know that I AM Jehovah-Jireh their provider. I provide what I know they need, not what they think they need or want. The needs and wants of My children constantly change, but I AM the Lord and I change not. My children's faithfulness waivers based on their ideas of needs and wants. My faithfulness does not change or waiver – it is constant!

I will not leave My children nor forsake them. I will lead them to paths of righteousness, and instruct them in the way of Holiness. I will purify their minds, their hearts and their souls. I will fashion and reshape to walk in the Spirit (My Spirit) and not walk after the carnal flesh.

I will deliver their children from the enemy. He shall not hold them captive – for I shall go and take back what is mine. They are My seed! But know that I AM that might rushing wind that scatters the seed. I let it take root where I will, and I uproot where I will. For My ways are not your ways, My thoughts are higher than yours. I see all things clearly because I am higher. Your vision is limited, mine is all encompassing. I know the plans that I have for you and your children – My seed. My plans are good, even when your vision is limited.

Trust Me and do not lean on your own understanding. Your understanding will fail you, but not the trust that is placed in Me. Your understanding will lead you astray and slow down (but not stop) My plans for you. Trust Me, acknowledge Me in all your ways – even when it is hard and watch Me reward faithfulness. As you come through each circumstance, you will look back and see that I was and am working on your behalf. That I do make all things new, and I make you better. You are wiser, stronger, more humble, more gentle, kinder, more faithful, quicker to obey, and have a greater trust. You are able to walk by faith and not by sight; able to call those things that are not as though they were. You are not as easily shaken by the works of the enemy – instead, he shakes at my work in you.

In your brokenness and death, I will resurrect you with great power. There is a purpose to all you have suffered; to fashion you once again into the incorruptible image of My Son. To fashion you into the incorruptible image of Christ. To make you whole/complete and able to stand against Satan's wiles. To make you one with Me and My Son so that I may share with you what I am about to do. To make you sure of my word so that you, My friends, will speak with power and authority. The brokenness, death and resurrection you experience will separate you from the works of the enemy. You will be clothed in humility and love; you will be full of My Glory. When you do signs and wonders, all will know that it is by me. When the enemy does signs and wonders, pride and manipulation will be in the midst. There must be a distinct difference between my people and his. Signs and wonders will not prove it alone.

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THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE - Amen, Pharaoh!!

A visiting minister was very long-winded. Worse, every time he would make a good point during his sermon and a member of the congregation responded with "Amen" or "That's right, preacher" he would get wound up even more and launch into another lengthy discourse.

Finally, the host pastor started responding to every few sentences with "Amen, Pharaoh!" The guest minister wasn't sure what that meant, but after several more "Amen, Pharaohs" he finally concluded his very lengthy sermon.
After the service concluded and the congregation had left, the visiting minister turned to his host and asked, "What exactly did you mean when you said "Amen, Pharaoh?"

His host replied, "I was telling you to let my people go!"

My Idea of Poetry- By: David Bucksot

Poetry is a fresh look and a fresh listen*
It is the beauty of the planets and the stars glisten
The softness of the snowflakes fall
Or the temptation of pile of leaves call
Poetry can be the rush of walking on a tight rope so thin
Or the push of standing on the edge of a waterfall and wanting to jump in
Poetry is all of these things and even more thus
But over all its God's reminder that it's more than just us

-David Bucksot

**Robert Frost-first line only*

You are WORTHY of Salvation!!!

"For God so loved the World that He Gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."
"John 3:16-17"

Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden we have been in a displaced relationship with God. We were created to dwell in fellowship with Him, but our sins placed a barrier between us and God. Man has attempted to bridge that gap through many forms of religion and good works, but the fact remains that we cannot build a bridge over this gulf created by Adam and Eve. In God's infinite love and mercy, He sent His only son Jesus to pay the penalty of sin and forever bridge this gap. It is through His love that sin is forgiven. The only thing that we can do is repent of our sins and ask God to forgive us through the sacrifice of Jesus. **Romans 10:9&10** says that if we confess with our mouth, the Lord Jesus, and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. For with the heart, man believes, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. You may be thinking that you have done too much wrong to be worthy of God's grace. The point is - **GOD LOVES YOU!!!**

YOU ARE WORTHY of salvation because Jesus already paid the price for your sins. You can't do anything more or less to make God love you any more than he already does. He desires to have an intimate relationship with you because **YOU MATTER TO HIM**!

Please Pray This Prayer with Me

Jesus I love you and I know I am a sinner. I have sinned against you and I am sorry. I believe in you and want you in my life right now. Change my life and take away anything unholy. Help me through each day and to seek you in everything. Teach me to pray, give me desire to read the Bible and place me into a church. I can't do it myself, only with you can I make it. Help me Jesus. I praise your name. Put Joy in my heart and mouth. Thank you Jesus, I love you. AMEN.

Reality Check – submitted by: Beth Bucksot – continued from page 3

There must be evidence of My fruit of the Spirit. In order for My Kingdom to show people My love. This fruit in your life lifts Me up and not man – this love will draw men to Me that I might deliver them. It is My love that brings salvation. Love Me enough to trust Me in the brokenness and death. Watch what I will do in your resurrection. Prepare to be amazed! I AM about to move in powerful ways, and I want to use you, My people as I do. Trust Me and remain faithful.

The Weapons of Our Warfare- A series on our spiritual weapons - Forgiveness

By: Patrick Bucksot Continued from page one.

Unforgiveness causes us to live in the flesh. **Galatians 5:19-21** says: *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told [you] in time past, that* ***those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*** When we are bound by the sin of unforgiveness, we are susceptible to letting a lot of other spiritual problem jump on us.

Is the pride of being right in an argument worth being separated from God? Are your hurt feelings keeping you from a relationship from God or someone that should be a close friend? Are you letting bitterness separate you from a church member or a family member? Is it time to let go of something that is holding you back from fully serving the Lord? I would think that now *IS* the time.

I should mention here that there is a flip side to not forgiving someone when they ask. There are those times when you will have it on your heart to forgive a wrong before someone asks, or even when someone refuses to ask for forgiveness. If you can wipe their slate clean and release them from their burden, God gets immediate Glory, and you have deepened your relationship with God. Stephen did this in **Acts 7:60**. He said, *"Lord, do not charge them with this sin."* He was releasing them from their sin without their asking. I am certain that they felt justified by their actions, but I believe that Stephen's release bought them time for God to deal with them individually. I can remember times when God has dealt with me to forgive in this manner. When I forgave the person, I felt so liberated from the burden of their sin. It also allowed me to maintain a relationship with the person that brought offense. I won't say that it will always be easy, but if you allow God the opportunity, He'll renew your spirit.

It is said that God is love, but that love is demonstrated best through forgiveness. We demonstrate God's love through forgiveness. God heals relationships through forgiveness. How many friendships, marriages, families, and churches would have remained intact if forgiveness was applied? **Prov. 16:18** says, *"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall".*

It is better to lose a battle and maintain a relationship than to win at all costs and lose everything. That does not mean that we should waver with the Word of God. We should never compromise with the Word; however, we need to be mindful of those things which are eternal and those things that are not. We are ambassadors for Christ. Can we say that we love Him and withhold forgiveness? Faith without works is dead, and forgiveness is a work of our faith in God. It is a wonderful weapon that destroys the work of the enemy.

Forgiveness though, is best illustrated by Jesus Himself. He willingly bore the punishment for our sins so we could be put back into a right relationship with God the Father. God has such a deep, affectionate love for us that He could not bear being separated from His most precious creation. Our sins had to be paid for and we could not pay the debt. We were destined for eternal separation from God if He did not intervene. His love for us was greater than the power of sin and separation. His grace was epitomized at the Cross of Christ. His Glory was powerfully made manifest at the resurrection of Jesus. The act of forgiveness originates from heaven. If anyone, saved or lost, forgives, they are imitating God whether they know it or not.

Jesus told Peter, **Matt. 18:22** that we ought to forgive up to seventy times seven. How many times has God had to forgive us of our sins? To be more specific, how many times has He forgiven the same sin? Who are we to with hold forgiveness when God sent His only Son, Jesus, to pay our sin debt? Are we better than God?

WORD SEARCH

Bible Wordsearch

Parables of the Wedding and the Tower

Puzzle #163

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Luke 14:15-30

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TOWER

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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Psalm 30

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Birthdays are celebrated on 2nd Thursday of each month. Any snacks/juice/drinks brought would be appreciated.

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April Anniversaries: **4th: Joe & Arnie Smallridge** **10th: Ms. Shirley McCullough** **20th:MR. & Mrs. Hugh Hensley** **28th: Monty & Joanne Souther**			1	2 Worship service 7:00 PM	3	4
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