

**ENCOURAGEMENT BULLETIN No. 134**

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.**

**From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;  
From his dwelling-place he watches all who live on earth –  
He who forms the hearts of all,  
who considers everything they do.**

(Psalm 33:12-15, NIV)

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**Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And  
let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds.**

(Hebrews 10:23-24, NIV)

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... love is more than a feeling or an emotion. Love is the will to give of ourselves in order to nurture another's well-being. Love is the capacity to accept others as they are, with all their blemishes, deficiencies, and weaknesses. Such an ability can come only from God. Love is a gift. (Patrick Kee, Singapore)

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**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

(John 14:27, NIV)

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We are not a post-war generation, but a pre-peace generation.

(Corrie Ten Boom)

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**“... In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents.”**

(John 15:10, NIV)

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... for each of us who will come to His feet there is nothing – personal weakness, inadequacy, failure, sinfulness – from which Christ cannot cleanse or deliver us. He is willing! He simply waits for us to cease trying to save our face and seek His. (Jack Hayford, “Our Daily Walk”)

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**For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**... your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in  
your book before one of them came to be.**

(Psalm 139:13, 16, NIV)

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... if Christ cared enough to die for humanity in general that means you and me in particular, and He will not leave us without help on a daily basis.

(Derek Wood, “Lord, Find Me A Parking Place.”)

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**We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow-worker in spreading the gospel  
of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, so that no-one would be  
unsettled by these trials.**

(1 Thessalonians 3:2-3a, NIV)

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... the opposite of faith is not doubt, but fear. (Philip Yancy, “Reaching For The Invisible God”)

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**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.  
In him we our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.  
May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,  
even as we put our hope in you.**

(Psalm 33:20-22, NIV)