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Dearly Beloved,

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Greetings and Blessings from this very troubled time in North Texas. I pray for those who read this letter. I know that some are in struggles, sickness, grief, or other besetting trials. There is political chaos, military debacle, forest fire disaster, wind and flood of hurricane, Covid pandemic that refuses to go away. The missing soldiers of our ranks who are at home with the Lord, the disappointments of failures in churches, in brethren, and in ourselves. Peter said that to those of us who are saved, in His will, and in His power, can expect “manifold temptations”, which are more precious than gold to our faith-life and will bring praise, honor, and glory at his appearing but are hard to face in these present times.

Most of us have had a little of that recently and honestly—I don’t like it. My heart is to serve Him and although my hindrances are nothing in comparison to the many that are suffering around us. Sometimes it’s hard to accept “God’s no’s”, isn’t it? Can I give you an old thought that encourages my heart today?

Paul introduces; *“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”--Phil. 3:14* “Some of you may be tired, weary, and ready to go home, but God isn’t through with you—press on! Some of you are hurting and fearful of what might lie ahead, but you don’t know the future, so—press on! Some of you feel discouraged because you can no longer do what you used to do, but you can do something, so—press on, even if it is at a snail’s pace. Some of you feel your efforts are in vain and a waste of time, but it is God who gives the increase so—press on! Keep sowing and watering, and leave the results with God. Some of you feel defeated, as though you have failed, because there is yet so much to do, but—press on! You never know what yet might happen—press on! It’s always too soon to quit—Press on! The fact that you are still here is evidence that you are needed—Press on! If you can’t do anything else, be a cheer leader urging others to press on! He is no failure who can say he has faithfully finished his course. God demands no more from us. Till then, with Paul—Press On!

**Activities and Churches that we have been involved with.**

Calvary Baptist Church	Pulpit Supply	Interim David LaBelle	Wichita Falls, TX
Riverview Baptist Church	Camp Sunday	Jimmy Gilmore	Borger, TX
Camp Masterson	Youth&Family Camp	Mike Kelley	Masterson, TX
Metropolitan Bapt. Church	Pulpit Supply	Jim Turner	Fort Worth, TX
Calvary Baptist Church	Revival	Gary Brittian	Arcola, TX
Bayou Drive Bapt Church	Revival	Thomas Bolton	Alvin, TX
Twin Cities Baptist Church	Revival	Dave Sieffert	Texarkana, TX

Some of you have prayed for Susie and I recently. We have had a bump or so in the road, but we are much better now. We are thankful for Christian friends and are privileged to have you praying for us. There are so many struggling all around us who need our prayers and care so let’s all be mindful of each other as we face the fiery darts of the deceiver and remember... *“For we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.”* We love and appreciate you so much, we need the care of one another more than ever. God Bless each of you.

Your Friends and Fellow Laborers,

*Bro Wayne and Mrs Susie*

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AND OURSELVES YOUR SERVANTS FOR JESUS’ SAKE. 2CORINTHIANS 4:5**