



CROSSIN' THE GULF MINISTRIES CHURCH

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Dear Partner,

Hello Partners and Friends, grace and peace to you and Happy Father's Day to all you dads. Summer is always a time for enjoying the great outdoors (mostly) and being adventurous. We pray you dads enjoy your day and time with family this summer.

In praying about the June letter, I heard The Lord say, "tell them about THE BLESSING". Have you ever noticed that every time I write the words BLESS, BLESSED, BLESSING, I capitalize them? I learned that from a minister and prophet of God who the Lord told him to do that. The Lord told him to capitalize BLESS every time he wrote it as a reminder of how significant THE BLESSING of The Lord is.

Webster's 1828 dictionary defines BLESS as "to make happy; to make successful; to prosper in temporal concerns; as, we are blessed with peace and plenty." **To empower to prosper.** Now, how many of you thought of money when you read "prosper?" While money is a part of God's total prosperity package for His children, it is what Jesus called "the least". True prosperity is to have nothing missing, nothing broken in any area of our lives – spirit, soul (mind, will, & emotions), body, relationships, and finances.

In Genesis 1:27 & 28 The Word says ²⁷*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.* ²⁸ **Then God BLESSED them**, and God said to them, *"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* The first gift God gave man (male man and female man) after creating him was THE BLESSING. In that, He told them to be fruitful, multiply, subdue, and have dominion.

Let's pay special attention to the word "subdue" - To conquer by force or the exertion of superior power; to crush; to sink; to overpower so as to disable from further resistance (Webster 1828). The Lord wants you well, and He wants you protected. What we have to realize is we are told in Genesis 1 that we are the ones who are to subdue. Yes, The Lord has committed Himself to protecting us, AND we have a part to play in it. First, we have to believe Him to protect us. This comes through asking, thanking, and faith. Faith that He will do what He said He would do and that He will do it for you.

Second, we need to say words out of our mouths that reinforce THE BLESSING and the protection we have in it. I say that the Blood of Jesus is over my car and tell the angels to station themselves around it each day before I pull out of the garage. Every morning I thank The Lord for the covenant I have with Him. Then I tell the devil that The Blood of Jesus is over all our nation, our government, my family, our home and anything that pertains to us, and tell the devil he can't touch us. Now, our nation has been plenty touched. Realize this, we have more authority, or say) in our own backyards than we do in an area we don't live in. We have more authority in our homes than in areas

where others who don't believe in the promises of God also have a say (e.g., our nation). BUT! I can do my part to believe for the protection of my nation, as well as over my family!

We want to leave you with this, make THE BLESSING BIG in your minds. Walking and driving around saying you are BLESSED. Be bold and say, "THE BLESSING is working in me, with me, through me, for me, and around me." The more you declare it, the greater your faith for it will become, the more you will see it working.

Until next month.

Be BLESSED!

With His Love,

Pastors Jordan & Melissa Mack

Psalms 23, **Psalms 91**, Isaiah 54:17, Ephesians 3:14-21, Exodus 3:21, Numbers 6:24-26, Ephesians 1:15-21

Pass this letter on to a family member or friend and be a BLESSING to them.