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Greetings to my fellow Followers of Christ!

What a joy it is to introduce the author of this month's newsletter. Though many of you may already know this compassionate, kind, anointed teacher of God's word I only met him and began a friendship just over two years ago.

John Favalora has a wonderful testimony of faithfulness to the Lord once he was called, and of Jesus' faithfulness to him. Please take heed to these Holy-Spirit inspired words. I had no idea what his topic would be, but nearly immediately began feeling the Holy Spirit in my heart as I read.

Please look for another brief note from me after John's writing for an immediate opportunity for everyone to put into practice the truths he wrote.

Blessings,



Spencer

Where God Guides, God Provides

Have you ever heard that statement?

Much of what I experienced in my brief walk with The Lord has come directly from Him (Ps. 146:16).

When I first got saved (in Oilton, Ok.) I was given a Bible and the book "A Voice in the Wilderness." With these two books I learned the importance of the Spirit and the Word working together. No one told me (at this time) that this was the recipe for walking with God. God surely provided what I needed to know as I went along.

What you may not know about me is that I gave my life to Jesus in Oklahoma while on a weekend vacation to see my brother. Then I had to return to my home town in Bayside, Queens to walk out what God planted within me. For this period of my walk there was: no church, no fellowship, not many encouraging words; mostly questions mocking my faith in Jesus and rejection by my associates. Mom and Dad weren't even sure about me for a while, (til they got saved). My only dependable friend was The Lord Himself. I fell in love with my Bible and read from The Voice in the Wilderness, over and over. With this and much prayer God taught me the most priceless lessons.

When Lisa (who is now my wife of 35 years) entered this story, God worked through her as a tremendous encouragement to me. For more on my early years in the faith you'll want to read my



(mini) mini book which I compiled at the Lord's direction. It is called "Hope for your Future."

Have you ever heard the saying, "you are what you eat"? The inference is that what you take in becomes part of you. I'm sure the doctors in our audience would agree that if we eat lots of fatty foods we will keep some of those fats and they'll become a part of who we are. In an all too brief phone conversation with Pastor Spencer, he brought up the topic of eating the word. I had already been thinking of "you are what you eat" as a part of this article.

Can I go to a commercial for a moment?.....

Please take some time to make a call and say hello to someone. Don't limit your social life to a text or an email. People need to hear your voice. We need each other, it's called "community". This call, like many others, was refreshing; we even had the Holy Spirit get involved with confirmation on things we discussed.

Through the years I have had some wonderful conversations with God's people on the phone. Don't miss this awesome opportunity for God to use you or just be a friend. Jesus loves to get involved in our fellowship (Luke 24:15). You have my permission to call me anytime you would like to. If I'm too busy at the moment, I'll call you back.

In the Bible, there are many places where the Spirit of the Lord tells His messenger to "eat the word". A few places that I recall are: Ezekiel 3:1-4, Matt 4:4 Jesus using the word of the Lord found in Deuteronomy (Rev 10:9).

One of the words God directed me to eat was about kingdom finances. Before anyone could "get to me" to taint God's word about prosperity, God began to show Himself strong in this area. From reading after Bro. Helm's life my faith level was

such that I believed that if I needed something that I could pray about it and God would provide (Mark 11:24). When I learned about tithing, I was excited to start tithing to my local church. At the same time, I used to sabotage God's provision, which came as a result of following the word in Malachi 3, and refused to "receive" blessings from the Lord thinking it was noble to defer all blessings to heaven. I used scripture to back this way of thinking — taking it out of context, which is why we need anointed teachers.

The word says so much about finance and I encourage you to look at the whole picture. God wants to provide for His children. As a result of following this principle on how God's economy works (Mal 3 and many others) God will help you pay your bills and have more than enough and be generous toward those less fortunate (2 Cor. 9:7-8).

The following is brief story illustrating this point and is all a result of God's grace and to His praise. Recently I found a homeless man in my parking lot at work. Due to heavy storms the night before causing a sleepless night, he was asleep. After we determined that he was not dead, we shared some food with him. After a brief conversation, I learned that he needed a job. I was privileged to stop my plans and take him to a local place that helps people in his predicament. I gave the overseer some cash and offered to come back in a few days to help if needed. Little did this man know that he was about to experience the Love of God when he fell asleep in a kingdom parking lot. I kinda felt like I was walking out the "Good Samaritan" story. By the way, the "treasure" in heaven spoken of in scripture is souls of people, not cash! Use your financial provisions here to see souls saved.

So if you find yourself prospering financially and in many ways, I'd like to give you a few pointers:

*Read Mal. 3:8-12—your tithe goes to your local church. It costs money to support those who answer God's call to preach and serve His church.

Aside from all the other costs: electricity, insurance, serving the community, etc.

*Be generous, give some of it away (not only to the church) but as God directs you. Generosity is a lifestyle.

*Don't serve money, money should serve you as you serve God.

*Don't love money, it will often seek your allegiance.

*Look in the Word and talk to God about it.

*Don't make your financial decisions from fear of condemnation and lack, but obedience to God.

*Learn biblical principles on (financial) stewardship.

*Bless those who labor in the Word and watch over your family's souls

*Remember the words of Christ from Matthew 25:29, "for everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have an abundance"

Remember, Church!.... We are in a marathon, if life doesn't go as you thought it would. God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. Everywhere the sole of your foot touches, He'll give it to you. God is gonna finish that good work He started in you. The kingdom of God is within you.

A steady diet of God's Word and His Spirit will provide the energy required to follow His assignments as He provides.

The words of a song come to mind:

"Christ is my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand. When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad, that I've put my faith in Jesus; 'cause He's never let me down. He's faithful in every season and why should He fail now?.....

HE WON'T!"

John Favalora

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A Couple Notes from the Executive Director

I'm so thankful for John's writing. He was so practical in his application of the truth of God's word. Please send him an encouraging note expressing your appreciation.

As I have been including in my Executive Director notes for a few months now, Fellowship Youth Camp is coming up! In the spirit of what John wrote above, I want to extend the opportunity to everyone reading this to help cover the cost of a camper or to help with the general cost of operating the camp. Please do not forgo tithing to your local church to give to camp. But if you have a desire to practice the generosity Paul wrote and John taught about, take my word for it, these youth are a worthwhile investment! They are fields whose soil is tender and ready for seed. I am confident—not on account of our planning or programs, but because the Holy Spirit is very good at what He does—that we will see increase; some 30, some 60, and others 100 fold!

If your heart is stirred to support this effort, you can send checks to Found Ministries using the return envelope or navigate to foundministry.org/give and select Fellowship Youth Camp from the dropdown menu.

Of course, if you have or know of a young person you would like to send to camp, all the information to complete that process can be accessed at foundministry.org/fyc.

- If you would like to write John Favalora to express appreciation for his labor of love, or to get a copy of his testimony please send your notes/requests to: John Favalora 52634, W 41st S, Jennings, OK 74038, or email him at John@favcoelectric.com
- Some of you may have seen the previous email we've sent or the social media posts, but in case you missed it we wanted to make sure you know about the RFOD Newsletter Archive. Every newsletter we had (we believe we got them all) from 1963-2006 have been digitized and are available as free downloads at foundministry.org/newsletter so please enjoy!
- As a long-time friend of Israel, Found Ministry has been presented an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters after the horrific events of October 7th. Among many needs, first responders are in need of a new firetruck. Please follow the link for more information and to help. <https://my.jnf.org/israel-resilience-campaign/FIRETRUCK>