

# A LETTER FROM "BIG JOSH" - About to be drafted!

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Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ. We praise and thank God for all He is doing through you and us. He is answering your prayers. I now have a 30-day delay before induction. God is working. Pray they will grant me IV-D classification for preaching.

Here in California, recently, we've had contact with old friends and relatives and have relaxed a bit. Relaxing can be dangerous and downright deadly, on the battlefield. And where is that battlefield?--inside you and me. We're in a 24-hour-a-day war, and "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds". King David got in trouble while he was relaxing, so did Solomon, and Eve, and Noah, and Lot, and the Jerusalem Church. So did the Children of Israel at the foot of Mount Sinai waiting for Moses. Likewise do we. Jesus didn't tell us to "take it easy". He said, "Watch and pray." (Mt. 26:41) I Peter 5:8 tells us to, "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." The best way we can fight this war is by being aware of it by studying God's Word (Ps. 119:11) and abiding in Christ (Jn.15:5). If we think like the world we'll be blinded to Spiritual things. If we think like it we'll be conformed to it. Only by filling your mind with God's Word will you "have the mind of Christ" (I Cor. 2:16) and be able to "walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16). "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." You aren't what you think you are--BUT WHAT YOU THINK, YOU ARE. "For as he thinketh in His heart, so is he." (Prov.23:7) "Now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." (Rm.13:11) The events at hand "will cause a mighty widening of the eyes of those who have not discerned the signs of the times."

In the past few days we've been witnessing on Sunset Strip in Hollywood, Hollywood Blvd., and the studio of the Joe Pyno Show. In Pasadena, at the Rose parade we witnessed and encouraged many other Christians to witness (giving them tracts) from 1:00A.M to 12:00 noon where thousands of kids were sacked out in sleeping bags along the parade route. At Long Beach we heard Dave Wilkerson, Loren Cunningham, and Audrey Meier speak to a youth convention. They all mentioned that, "time is short". TRUE. We went witnessing with the kids. A sailor who hadn't written his family in 2 1/2 years accepted Jesus as his Savior. He's going to contact them. Jesus said, "Few are chosen" (Mt.20:16) and "Narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it"; so we find this to be so in every place. But thank God for those few. As with the sinner; so with the saint. Only a few are awake and obedient. "By the grace of God I am what I am" (ICor. 15:10). "So then it is not of him that willoeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy." (Rm.9:16) "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." (II Cor.4:7) "God worketh in you." (Phil2:13)

In preaching and singing at the Gospel Light Club in Huntington Beach, God was with us.

Also in a Lutheran church God used us, and we were inspired by the Word and Spirit of the youth (Spirit-filled) group. At Pisgah church we sang and testified to Jesus, and I preached some. Just before the meeting I handed a tract to a lady who was in need Spiritually. Jonathan and Faith dealt with her in the restaurant where we were, and we prayed and sang some songs of deliverance right there. Imagine! Almost as bad as singing in jail--that was Paul and Silas.

"I used to go, but I quit!" "It was boring!" "Didn't get anything out of it!" "A fashion show!" These are some of the quotes we got talking to teens on Hollywood Blvd. Thank God we can offer them life with a living Friend--Jesus! a religion that does not change because it's a changeless Person--Jesus! We wore on the radio in a FGEMFI meeting in Los Angeles, and were blessed by the testimonies of business men. In the same hotel, there was a convention of Scientists (philosophers). We witnessed to them with Divine Wisdom--the Bible, preaching the Cross of Christ, which is "to them that perish foolishness!" (ICor.1:18) Walking through Pershing Square, we stopped for a street meeting and could hardly get away (as usual) (Mk.6:31). After a FGEMFI meeting, we sang to the Holiday Inn maids and witnessed to them. In other church meetings God spoke to us and thru us. We've had a lot of soul-searching prayer meetings and Bible sessions. God's Word becomes more precious to me everyday. This was Job's secret, "Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12) It kept Jeremiah through his woes, "thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." (15:16) David praised (Psa.56:10) the Word 176 times in the 176 verses of Psalm 119.

To you who have sent the yellow slip and letters for me concerning the draft, TO YOU WHO ARE PRAYING--I and the team give thanks in the name of the Lord Jesus. "Pray for one another," said James (5:17). Thank you very much for taking time to write and pray, and \$ contributions. This land is ripe for judgment. I pray that God will help us to "do the will of Him that sent" us "and to finish His work." God help us to "work the works of Him that sent us, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 4:34 & 9:4)

May God bless you greatly and use you to the fullest in Him.

- Annie  
In the love of Jesus,  
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P.S. After singing & preaching in the First Baptist Church of Burbank, we went and sang and testified at Shakoy's, a large pizza parlor. Sunday morning we were in a Negro Church in Watts, and were inspired by the wonderful Spirit of those precious Christians. They talked of the racial hate and up-coming revolution as being Devil-Communist inspired. We took their young people passing out tracts downtown and sang and spoke at a street meeting. Please pray for us and the young people we work with.

Nete Saint, one of the five young missionaries killed by Auca Indians in Peru, said, "He is no fool who gives WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP, to gain WHAT HE CANNOT LOSE." (John 12:25)