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## SEED TIME AND HARVEST

Enjoy the fruit bearing gift of our Apostle La Fayette Scales

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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to encourage, build, and strengthen you for your walk in the Lord. My Goal is to mature you for the work of service.

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV - Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 NKJ - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 NLT - Work hard so you can present yourself approved to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

Consider my study pattern. Read every text at least in four different translations. This will tell us what the text says. We need to know what the text says before we explore what it means. We must discover the setting and context of the text or verse, the date, time, place, geography, or location. The history around the text is my next step to understanding the world that the author, writer or speaker of the word is living in. Explore the cultural context of the text. Are there any figures of speech hidden cultural practices, customs or manners which need to be given attention? Are there historical activities which may not be practiced by the modern reader or hearer? Explore the characters of the text. Explore their name meanings, lineage, relationships and inaction relative to the text. Explore their personality

types, mannerisms, gestures, postures and movements. Explore every word in the text. Use any helps you can access to explore the language of the text. Remember that original language studies can be revealing and full of hidden treasures to add to the preaching, or teaching moment. Explore the types shadows, allegorical language and metaphors in the text. Explore number, colors, animals, trees, plants and minerals. Be careful not to make up stuff! Be aware of any paradox the text may present to the rest of the scripture. There may be times when the instruction of the text of scripture seems contradictory to the whole scripture. In these times stop and pray to receive the mind of the Lord from the Holy Spirit for the audience of this preaching moment...*example* Proverbs 26:4-5 what is the reader to do? Answer the fool or not answer the fool? The Holy Spirit knows all. Finally watch and pray for relevant historical, modern and or contemporary examples to make the text real to the hearer. These illustrations can give the hearers practical examples to apply the truth of the text to their everyday lives. My Goal is to pick the hearer up from the twenty first century and set time down in the world of the text. My next goal is let the hearers experience the text in its historical setting and receive its instructions historically. My final goal is to give the hearers principles to live by daily from the text in this present world.

*Never just do the time, us the time to be a better son in God.*

*Dr. La Fayette Scales, Apostle*

## A Principle of Giving and Sowing



*"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies; but the silence of our friends. Let no man pull you low enough to hate him"*  
*Martin Luther King JR.*

One revelation is that your seed is always much smaller than the harvest. A stalk of wheat has many seeds in it, but it takes only one seed to grow one stalk, which brings us forth more seed. It is the same with corn. Out of one seed brings forth a cob of corn with many kernels. So what is necessary to determine the amount of your harvest?

A farmer that has ground must have good seed, good soil, rain and good equipment to get a good crop. His work doesn't stop when he plants the seed in the ground but it will need to be cultivated, worked and watered.

2 Cor. 9:10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for the food will also supply and increase your storage of seed, as well as enlarge the harvest of

your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion. Jesus spoke often of "the harvest" in connection with the harvesting of souls in Matthew 9:37, but the planting our seed should not be limited, we need to plant generously in every area, our tithing, our giving to the poor and into ministries to help further the gospel, as well as sowing our time and talents into the lives of others, God honors this.

May the Lord bless you exceedingly abundantly above all you could ask or think is my prayer, as you seek to know Christ and learn of Him.

*Carolyn Moss, Servant/Leader*

## Use Commitment to Water Your Spiritual Seeds this Season

In the process of our mental belief, we can commit ourselves and abandon (release) all that is not related to that commitment.

In the process of our personal belief, we can commit ourselves morally to this way with confidence, and refuse to compromise with any other way.

In particular, with our belief we can commit ourselves spiritually to Jesus Christ and determine in that place to be dominated by the Lord alone.

Proverbs 16:3 NKJV Commit your works unto the Lord and your thoughts will be established.

*Judith Smith, Minister*

## About the Prison Ministry Newsletter

God has opened the windows of Heaven to "Rhema Christian Center's Prison Ministry's" and poured a blessing such as we cannot contain. He sent Laura Ighedesa who has restored and redeemed our Prison Ministry Publication "The Redeemer". For many years our former leader James Wade faithfully published the Prison Ministry's Publication. I Carolyn Moss assumed my new leadership role, and there was just not enough hours in the day to continue this blessing to the Chaplains and inmates. God has given us a "Vision to enlarge our territory", we are now in 23 facilities. I believe this publication will be a blessing to all who read it and will inform all of our progress as we expand.

Laura Ighedesa is not only anointed to preach and teach the "Word of God", but to prophecy, and now will publish this newsletter to the many God has desired to reach. He has raised up a "Phenomenal Caliber" of young people to assist me in being servant/leader in these prisons, who desire to learn, train, and execute the will of God for such a time as this. Chaplains and inmates keep Rhema Christian Center Prison Ministry and its staff in your prayers, and we will continue to do the same for you. Contact us about this newsletter at <http://www.rhemachristiancenter.com/prishom.html>, or for more information about the ministry.

*Carolyn Moss, Prison Ministry Leader*

## Seed Time and Harvest

As this newsletter will reach many, Gen. 8:2 says, while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. We want you to know that as a Christian there is always going to be Seedtime and Harvest, in every area of your life. Seed carries potential! Yes that's right God's first seed was Adam and Eve, whose potential was endless. They got entangled in sin in the garden. Because of them, sin entered into the world and death came by sin to all men (Romans 5:12). God didn't want them or us to remain in that condition. We all had a death sentence, and nothing dead has potential. We are very important, we are the seed of God and that's why the **Salvation of the Lord** has come to free us from all infirmities (sick

behavior), and bondages, uncontrollable habits). God knows the state we are in and is concerned about our condition. The sinful condition that caused a spiritual death and separation from God, and eventually physical death too. Our God has the answer to our need. John 3:16 says **He gave His Only Begotten Son, Jesus**, thru Him we would be accepted back to the father, cleansed by the blood, signed, sealed and delivered 1<sup>st</sup> class right into the masters hands. He wants His seed back so that we can live as he intended, in His Kingdom!

*Laura Ighedesa, Minister  
Editor in Chief*

## A Mothers Heart

My Son,

I really miss you son, but I know you will be home soon. It's time we both must realize that my way of raising you, or the way your friends have influenced you have not worked. I needed to wake up to the fact that it's not too late to become the mother I should've been and not trying to be your buddy. I need to be the guiding force in your life and not just a provider of things that you will eventually work for and obtain for yourself. A mother has a **big** responsibility in preparing her children for the rest of their lives. I may have dropped the ball, but found the answer.

I found God and a book called the bible, that has all the answers to life. Things I have found out by reading my bible...It is a guide on how to live on this earth, and it shows that life isn't easy but filled with obstacles. These obstacles can be overcome by doing what is right! Women were put here to help man and not to be the sole support of them. We were never supposed to be an object for men to beat and disrespect. All women were created the same, with slight differences that are very hard to recognize yet an honor to discover.

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*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted, time to kill, a time to heal, a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; and a time to dance.*

*No one is immune to the changes of time, it affects us all. Who know what tomorrow may bring. In Matthew 6:34, the bible says "don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries".*

*Today's trouble is enough for today. However, we serve a God who encompasses time.*

*The God who stands in our past, the God who stands in our present, and the God who stands in our future. Though the times are constantly changing, our God is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

*So no matter what the season we find ourselves in let us hold on to God's unchanging hand.*

*Michael Smith, Minister*

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When a man does find that a woman has a gem on the inside, a rib especially taken from him, he helps care for it and never wants to part from it. That's why some husbands and wives celebrate 50 or 60 years of marriage, and their children are a true blessing to them. The Great men of the bible who endured prison when they were released were even better men. You too can be, just make up your mind to be a man. A useful man realizes that God has

picked him to be responsible for, care for, and replenish the earth. A passage in the bible states, "that a man shall not eat, unless he works", so take care of yourself. I encourage you to read the bible. Bars don't always make a prison, but the lack of knowledge can. I learned that we must follow Gods rules of how to live in order to receive our blessing here on earth and for eternal life.  
*Love Mom Mosley*

### Word from the Editor

This newsletter comes from several ministers who love God and the prison inmates it will come to.

We are excited about this newsletter and what better way than to come back to the beginning of time, God and his seed. God loves relationship, and in this newsletter you will find many ways to enhance your daily walk with the Lord so that you can grow! Take for instance the teaching of our Pastor Scales who

shows us how to receive a more in depth study from every passage you read. We have also ministered to you about time in ecclesiastes, and how the word tells us of the uncertainty of life, then use commitment for your growth and gain, and encouragement from our ministry leader Carolyn Moss. It is Seedtime and harvest prepare to enter in!

*Laura Ighedesa*  
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