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TONY ALAMO'S TESTIMONY

Dry Bones

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The Old Testament prophet, Ezekiel, was sent a vision from GOD. He saw a valley of dry bones, representing the spiritual deadness of Israel and the world. The vision foretold the first coming of CHRIST, HIS preaching of the Gospel, and the result, the first resurrection from death unto life eternal for all those who believe "The WORD of the LORD."¹

GOD said to Ezekiel, "Son of man, can these bones live?" (Can those spiritually dead ones live?) Ezekiel said, "LORD, THOU who hast made them dost know."²

GOD spoke again to the prophet, saying, "Prophecy concerning these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the WORD of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD GOD to these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live."³

Israel knew it was completely gone as a nation.⁴ To this day they are hopelessly divided. But GOD told Ezekiel that HE would raise up another nation greater than the first Israel which would not stop sinning. The second Israel would be a people from every nation in the world,⁵ a remnant of elect Jews and a multitude of Gentiles grafted into the True Vine (CHRIST).⁶ It would be a great, holy nation of those raised from the dead life of sin unto life eternal.⁷ They would never be divided against GOD. This was the first resurrection through the resurrection power of CHRIST.⁸

In 1964, before my first resurrection through CHRIST, I, Bernie Hoffman,

also known as Tony Alamo, was well-known for sinning and ungodliness and was totally void of any knowledge of GOD. I had no idea that GOD existed. The words of GOD were to me fables and myths, and I couldn't understand how people could believe in GOD or HIS SON. I couldn't believe the ones who said they believed in GOD because they were hypocrites. They sinned as much as, or more than, me. I know because I used to run around with them. We were all a bunch of dead, dry bones. I would become angry if anyone tried to convert me to Christianity, because to me the Bible was a waste of time. The life I lived gave me no time for games or fairy tales.

In the marketing industry, I was considered #1. I was responsible for the successful careers of many world-famous singers and actors, as well as the successful promotions of several well-known household products. My worst nightmare then was one that had

me converted and distributing Gospel leaflets about JESUS on street corners, living at some skid row mission, preaching the Gospel, and organizing food lines to feed hungry people.

In the mid-60s, the world wasn't looking so good to me. I didn't like drugs or dirty people with the morals of swine. And I hated what the hippie movement was doing to Hollywood, the Sunset Strip, and the world. As for myself, I was no saint. I didn't really care what people did as far as sinning, as long as they didn't flaunt it in front of families with children. To me the world was finished, dead, dry, obnoxious, and bleak.⁹ Nothing really had any value anymore. I believe the other people of the world knew it as well as I did, and took drugs to try to escape the reality of it. The churches were hypocritical; everyone seemed to know that as well. The whole world was dead in its sins and trespasses.¹⁰ The world was an

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¹ Ezek. 36:1, 4 ² Ezek. 37:3, orig. Heb. ³ Ezek. 37:4-5, orig. Aramaic ⁴ Ezek. 37:11 ⁵ Gen. 17:4-16, 22:18, 26:4, 46:3, 48:19, 49:10, Ex. 19:6, 32:10, Psa. 22:27, Isa. 2:2, John 11:51-52, Acts 10:34-35, Eph. 1:10, Heb. 8:8-12, 1 Pet. 2:9-10, Rev. 5:9, 14:6 and many more ⁶ John 15:1, Rom. 11:17, 19, 23, 24, Rev. 7:4 ⁷ 1 Pet. 2:9 ⁸ Rom. 15:12, 1 Cor. 15:15, 16, Col. 2:12, 3:1, 1 Thes. 4:16, Rev. 20:5-6 ⁹ Matt. 13:39, chap. 24, 1 Cor. 15:24, Heb. 9:26, 1 Pet. 4:7 ¹⁰ Eph. 2:1, 5, Col. 2:13

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enormous valley of dry bones, just like the ones Ezekiel saw.¹¹

I met JESUS in a Beverly Hills office in a very supernatural way. No one can possibly imagine how terrified and yet how happy I was when GOD proved to me that HE and HIS SON really did exist. I was thrilled to experience HIS awesome HOLY SPIRIT and hear HIS powerful voice sweep through every part of my body as though I were a filter that the words went through, both forward and backward. HIS presence was glorious and warming. HIS SPIRIT pressed heavily upon me like the mighty grip of the hand of GOD. And HIS words told me to "Stand up on your feet and tell the people in this room about the LORD JESUS CHRIST and that HE'S coming back to earth again, or thou shalt surely die." When HIS SPIRIT came into the office and pressed down upon me, I was given the awareness of HIS unspeakable, incredible intelligence.¹² HE was every

atom and molecule. HE was the air. HE knew everything from the past and everything that would happen in the future.¹³ I was embarrassed because I knew HE knew everything I had ever done. Then HE showed me that Heaven and Hell definitely exist. I knew which one I would be going to if I didn't do what HE said... and it wasn't Heaven.

Although it was terrifying to me,¹⁴ it was also wonderful to know that GOD was real and alive and everything the prophets and apostles said HE was. HE hasn't changed at all from the days that HE created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them.¹⁵ I knew immediately that I would always fear, admire, respect, love, and serve HIM. I knew I would be more than willing to live, be persecuted, and die for HIM, and do it cheerfully, with all joy.¹⁶

After GOD released me from that office, I started asking HIM, "What do YOU want me to do? I'll do anything YOU say." I got no answer, so I figured HE wanted me to go to church. I figured the biggest was the best; so I went there, and I didn't find HIM. Then I went to other churches, but HE

wasn't there either. Then I read books with pictures on the covers of guys that looked wise and Godly, with long beards and religious clothing, but I knew the books were wrong because they said that GOD was not to be feared,¹⁷ that GOD doesn't threaten people, and that you could sin without going to Hell.¹⁸ I wasn't worried about a god like that; I worried about finding the GOD that threatened me,¹⁹ the GOD that showed me Heaven and Hell, making me do something no one else could make me do, something I never wanted to do.

I never thought the truth could be found in the Bible because there were so many of them around. I felt that anything the general public went for couldn't be smart, since I believed people were all stupid. I finally started reading the Bible and found the plan of salvation in it and the instructions for eternal life which told how to grow up in CHRIST and spiritually become a major soul-winner for HIM.²⁰

When I first started reading the Bible, I felt that same power of GOD pressing down upon me that I felt in that Beverly Hills office. Then GOD showed me other visions of Heaven and Hell.²¹ I cried out to GOD, "LORD, don't send me to Hell!" Then I saw Heaven and felt the peace of Heaven.²² Although I was spiritually blind, naked, and small, I told GOD I would be willing to remain blind, naked, and insignificant if I could just feel this heavenly peace forever. I saw Hell once more and cried out again to GOD for mercy

¹¹ Ezek. 37:1 ¹² Num. 24:16, 1 Sam. 2:3, Job 21:22, Psa. 32:8, Prov. 2:6, 3:20, 9:10, Luke 1:77, Rom. 11:33, 1 Cor. 1:25, 2:16, 3:19, 2 Cor. 4:6 ¹³ Psa. 44:21, 94:11, Isa. 46:9-10, 1 Cor. 3:20, 1 John 3:20, Rev. 21:6, 22:13 ¹⁴ Gen. 35:5, Lev. 26:16, Job 31:23, Jer. 32:21, Ezek. 32:32, 2 Cor. 5:11 ¹⁵ Gen. 1:1, Mal. 3:6, Acts 4:24, 2 Cor. 5:11, Heb. 13:8 ¹⁶ Psa. 5:11, 35:19, Isa. 51:11, 61:10, John 16:33, Acts 2:28, 20:24, Rom. 12:8, 15:13, 2 Cor. 8:12

INDIA

Our dearly beloved and spiritually treasured brother and leader, Reverend Tony Alamo,

Greetings and salutations from the India brethren at the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries of India. I was joyous and grateful when I laid hands on the Holy Bibles and some other literature including *The Messiah*. Prayerfully, my Christian brothers and I are distributing the true plan of

salvation to those who know English, and are also trying to translate this unique literature into our mother tongue to those who don't know English and live in the villages. A great number of people, bus and auto drivers, high school, medical and engineering students, and workers and employers in the factories, teachers, and all who received them with great interest are being blessed by this literature that carries the true plan of salvation. Many people received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior through your literature in our city. Please uphold our ministry in your valuable prayers.

Respectfully, your servant in His vineyard.

Yours faithfully,
Pastor N.T.

Rampachodavaram Mandal
Andhra Pradesh, India



Brother T.R. distributing Pastor Alamo's dynamic, soul-winning book, *The Messiah*—Rajahmundry, India

¹⁷ Gen. 22:12, Psa. 112:1, Prov. 13:13, 14:16, 28:14, 31:30, Eccl. 7:18 ¹⁸ Prov. 8:36, Ezek. 18:2, 4, Rev. 19:20, 20:10, 14, 15, 21:8 ¹⁹ Gen. 2:17, 6:7, 9, 13, Ex. 20:5, 32:33, 34:7, Ezek. 3:18, 18:20, Matt. 8:12, 22:13, Mark 16:16, Rev. 2:5, 16, 22-23, 3:3, 20:15 ²⁰ John 4:35-36, 15:5, 8, 15-16, Rev. 14:18 ²¹ Isa. 5:14, 14:9, Luke 16:22-31, Acts 7:55-56, Rev. 4:1-11, 14:10-11, 15:1-4, 20:10, 21:2-5, 10-27, 22:1-5 ²² Rom. 5:1, Eph. 2:14, Philip. 4:7, Col. 3:15, 1 Thes. 5:23, 2 Thes. 3:16



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and pardon. Then the power of the FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT entered my mortal body.²³ By my faith in JESUS and the blood HE gave for me, and by my faith in the words of GOD which I heard and obeyed,²⁴ I felt every sin I'd ever committed lift off of my soul.²⁵ I felt clean and pure.²⁶ Something very wonderful had happened to me, and it was done to and for me by CHRIST JESUS, "the HOLY ONE of ISRAEL."²⁷ I was so happy to be free from sin and to possess this new power which kept me from sinning that I wanted to tell the whole world so they could also know HIM and have eternal life.

Even after being in the ministry for CHRIST since 1964, I feel the spiritual marrow being poured down from Heaven into these once very dry bones every time I read the

Bible. GOD'S WORD has put spiritual sinew around these once dry bones, covering them with the flesh and skin of spiritual armour. Each WORD of GOD has grafted CHRIST more into my heart. I can still feel each WORD of GOD breathing HOLY SPIRIT breath into my soul, giving me the power to stand and quench all the fiery darts Satan has fired at me through the years. I know more fully each day that "we are more than conquerors" in CHRIST JESUS,²⁸ and we "are complete in HIM."²⁹ And I also know how very important it is to follow every WORD of JESUS, who said, moments before HIS ascension into Heaven in a cloud, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."³⁰ (Preach to every dry bone, those who are spiritually dead so they

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23 Lev. 26:11-12, John 14:16, 2 Cor. 6:16, 1 Pet. 2:5, 1 John 3:24 24 Hab. 2:4, Matt. 17:20, Luke 7:50, Acts 20:21, 26:18, Rom. 1:17, 3:28, 5:2, 10:17, 11:20, Gal. 2:16, 3:11, Eph. 2:8, 3:17, Heb. 10:38 25 Mark 14:24, John 6:53, Acts 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 5:9, Eph. 1:7, 2:13, Col. 1:14, 20, Heb. 9:12, 14, 22, 1 Pet. 1:18-19, Rev. 1:5, 5:9 26 Heb. 10:19-22, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 27 Psa. 89:18, Acts 3:13-14 28 Rom. 8:37, 1 John 4:3-4 29 Col. 2:10 30 Mark 16:15, Luke 14:23

Zambia

Dear Pastor Tony Alamo,

I am very happy to write you this letter. How are you, Pastor? I hope by the grace of the Almighty God, you are fine. I read your World Newsletter, "Leaders and Fables." God allowed me to come across it miraculously. After reading it, I was very much blessed, and desired to write you. I thank you for the wonderful messages reaching out to the lost and unsaved ones so that Christ might be formed in their lives. Through your literature, many people have been reached for Christ, and have been delivered from the devil. May God bless you economically, physically and spiritually.

Pastor, I am a young lady, married five years ago. I gave my life to Jesus Christ two years ago, and the Lord has been gracious to me. I have a vision to preach the true Gospel of Jesus to others. As women in Africa, we have been kept in chains for centuries because of traditional myths, so I really desire to give myself unto the Lord. Pastor, I am requesting Bibles, books, newsletters, God's messages on tapes, and more literature to help me go and witness to the lost souls. Lastly, I would like to request materials for Bible study and songs on tapes.

Yours in Christ,

L.M.

Isoka, Zambia

California

Dear Pastor Alamo,

I write this letter with the strength of the Holy Spirit, and in full battle gear, the Armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17). Recently, through spiritual growth and fellowship with a brother in God's army, certain truths and secrets of the Bible have been revealed through the Holy Spirit. I know God is preparing His chosen ones now, and I came across a page from your publication. I must say God has brought your literature to me in a crucial time when I needed to know certain truths. I am most impressed by your ministries. You are raw truth, not sugar-coated, telling me all the tasty aspects of prophecy. Please count me in your member census and place me on your mailing list, so I may grow in the Holy Spirit, armed with God's sword of truth. I am in state prison, so no hard-bound books please. I am not able to donate funds, but my prayer is for your powerful ministry to flourish and for your complete establishment.

Sincerely yours,

B.L.

Corcoran, California

Togo

Beloved in Christ,

We are very happy to receive your letter. We are very happy for the literature you sent. God is really working through it. We have won about 15 souls that came to Christ through your booklets and we are praying that God will richly bless you all.

As for the CDs, we will need them and the Bibles for the new converts. The way things are now, we cannot afford them. Togo is a very poor country.

We will be looking forward to getting the CDs and Bibles for the Easter crusade.

Remain blessed in Jesus' name, Amen.

Rev. Henry James

Lome, Togo

Mexico

Well-appreciated Pastor Alamo,

Your literature has reached even to the place I am in, which contains very interesting messages and testimonies from different parts of the world. Without a doubt, God is using you strongly so His message of salvation can be brought to every human being. I have been in prison for seven and a half years for transportation of marijuana. During the last two years of being here, God manifested Himself to my miserable existence in a really extraordinary way. I hope to be released this year, and I would like to know if you can send me your book, *The Messiah*, and other literature that could help for the conversion of my sons.

M.A.

Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico

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may "hear the WORD of the LORD."³¹)

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."³²

If you're like me and would rather not be damned, but instead be saved, then say this prayer to GOD:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.³³ I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.³⁴ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.³⁵ I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,³⁶ and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.³⁷ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.³⁸ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.³⁹ YOU will not turn me away, LORD JESUS; YOU will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because YOUR WORD, the Bible, says

so.⁴⁰ YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.⁴¹ Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.⁴² And I thank YOU, LORD JESUS, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as YOU command and sin no more.⁴³

After salvation, JESUS said to be baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT.⁴⁴ Diligently study the KJV Bible, and do what it says.⁴⁵

CHRIST and GOD the FATHER now live in you through the HOLY SPIRIT. There is a way you can receive a fuller portion of the divine nature of GOD in you. The more the divine nature of GOD lives in you, the more you will be able to stand against the temptations that have so easily moved so many millions of Christians away from salvation. Pray for the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT.⁴⁶ For instructions on how to receive the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT and to receive more of GOD'S holy nature, ask for our literature or call. For without holiness, no man shall see GOD (Hebrews 12:14).

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If you want the world saved, as JESUS commands, then don't rob GOD of HIS tithes and offerings. GOD said, "Will a man rob GOD? Yet ye have robbed ME. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed THEE? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed ME, even this whole nation [and this whole world]. Bring ye all the tithes [a 'tithe' is 10% of your gross income] into the storehouse, that there may be meat [Spiritual food] in MINE house [souls saved], and prove ME now herewith, saith the LORD of HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of HOSTS. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of HOSTS" (Malachi 3:8-12).

³¹ 2 Kings 20:16, Isa. 1:10, Jer. 2:4, Ezek. 37:4 ³² Mark 16:16, 2 Thes. 2:12 ³³ Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 ³⁴ Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 ³⁵ Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 ³⁶ Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 15:3-7 ³⁷ Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 ³⁸ 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 ³⁹ Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 ⁴⁰ Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 ⁴¹ Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 ⁴² Heb. 11:6 ⁴³ John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14 ⁴⁴ Matt. 28:18-20, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 19:3-5 ⁴⁵ Deut. 4:29, 13:4, 26:16, Josh. 1:8, 22:5, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Rev. 3:18 ⁴⁶ Isa. 28:11-12, Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16, 11:9-13, John 1:29-34, 7:37-39, 14:15-29, 15:26, 16:7-14, Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-18, 32-39, 5:29-32, 19:1-7, Rom. 5:3-5, 15:13

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