Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the last 24 hours since I sent my appeal newsletter, White Horse Media has received an outpouring of responses, emails and donations by phone and on Google. This morning as our team met for staff worship, the phones just kept ringing and ringing, and most were calls with donations. This doesn't mean our crunch is over, but, I want you to know that we appreciate SO MUCH every donation and expression of support. THANK YOU! I really mean this. Our hearts are moved. Keep praying for us. And if you feel impressed to give, but haven't yet, we also want to thank you in advance.

I also want to correct something in yesterday's appeal. I wrote: "White Horse Media is really feeling a final pinch just now." I meant to write a financial pinch just now." Again, rest assured that we are all here, moving forward by faith. Not only that, but Jesus continues to give us clear evidences of His power and support.

Here is just one thrilling example. Some of you heard my 2-hour radio interview on Monday with Brian Wilson on The Liberty Broadcasting Network. Our topic was the Sabbath. Well, Brian told me yesterday that the CEO of a large Christian radio network heard that interview and was "HIGHLY IMPRESSED" about the Sabbath. This man talked to Brian, and told him so. Praise the Lord! Tomorrow (Thursday) from 3-5 pm PT I will be Brian's guest again discussing the role of the United States in Bible prophecy. You can tune in at www.libertybroadcastingnetwork.com.
Sometimes, when trials hit, or we are struggling to pay our bills, we are tempted to think that God has forsaken us. In other words, we associate His love and favor with "good times and lots of money." But this is far from the truth. God's biggest concern is for us to develop pure characters, and to prepare us for heaven. He is much more concerned about this than our temporal prosperity. So, in His infinite love, He often allows hardships to strike us in an effort to purify us from sin, to help us disconnect from the things of earth, and to lead us to rely more fully upon His Almighty strength.

Notice these Bible verses:

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial that is to try you." 1 Peter 4:12

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than the gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7

"Many shall be purified, made white, and tried ... the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:10

"But the God of all grace, who has called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you." 1 Peter 5:10

Abraham Lincoln once said, "God brings men into deep waters, not to drown them, but to purify them.

Another famous proverb says, "A diamond is merely a chunk of coal made good under pressure."

Yesterday, in response to my letter, one lady wrote:

Hello Steve,

XXXX passed your email on to me and I just received your update about the current financial crisis. I have sent the information on to my mother. Her husband often helps ministries and I have told her about your ministry recently, so perhaps the Lord will impress him to help you. We are praying for you.

I don't recall if I shared with you while you were here about my own answer to prayer regarding our financial struggles. This past winter ... both XXXX and I were overwhelmed .... Jobs have been scarce the past couple of years and XXXX had been down to half time work for the last two years. And we are still paying on our house, so we were over the barrel.

One night I could not sleep, so decided to get up and
the Lord (not that He *needs* to know!), but it was very comforting just the same! ... I was able to head back to bed, assured that He had heard. The *very* next day, XXXX got a job offer to build a house, and two days later he got a second job offer! Between them both, he will have full time work for at least a year. It has been tremendously encouraging to my faith, and to realize that He cares about our temporal needs.

Right now we can't help your ministry as much financially as we would like, but we will pray that God will impress others to help you! I am confident that He *will* meet your needs! Blessings, XXXX

I am sharing all of this to encourage you. If YOU are experiencing trials, guess what? we are too. We also realize that 1000s of eyes are often looking at White Horse Media. Because of this, we want you to know that we are determined to honor Jesus and trust Him no matter what. Plus we want to be good examples to others.

Again, to those who have been helping us, THANK YOU. And to those who will, WE THANK YOU TOO. To all of us, Jesus says, "Surely I come quickly." Revelation 22:20. Don't give up. Search your heart. Confess every sin. Trust His blood. Let God accomplish His holy purposes through your present struggles. As hard as things seem, trials are for our good. *Heaven will be cheap enough!*

I look forward to seeing you soon by "the tree of life." Revelation 22:2

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