



#PENTOPAPER MINISTRY OF LETTER WRITING

*You show that you are Christ's letter, delivered by us,
not written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God—
not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*
(2 Corinthians 3:3)

"No matter how busy we are, moments may come when the greatest thing we can do is to drop everything else and take time to write a letter ... It may prove the *word in season* for the weary."
(J.R. Miller)

IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED

Letters don't need to be long or beautifully written to make a difference. Just a few words written in love can change the whole trajectory of someone's day.

WRITE TO SOMEONE WHO IS:

- sick or struggling
- homebound or hospitalized
- celebrating good news
- recovering from surgery
- grieving the death of a loved one
- struggling with the loss of a job, home, or spouse
- living with the continual and sustained losses of chronic pain or chronic illness
- lonely, anxious, or depressed
- in a nursing home
- overlooked or under appreciated
- kind, generous, or has made a difference in your life
- far from home like a soldier, missionary, or college student

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*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. (John 1:1)*

Christianity is built on the *Word*. God spoke our world into being (Genesis 1), and He speaks our faith into existence (2 Corinthians 4:6).

GOD HAS WRITTEN, SO WE WRITE

*"God has spoken, so we speak. God has written, so we write -
not to eclipse God's words but to illumine them,
explain them, celebrate them, and offer them to others ...
God is speaking in his written word, and if we're listening,
then we too will have something to say and to write."*
(David Mathis)

Sometimes we feel we have nothing of value to write to another person, especially if we've been "sidelined" by pain or illness, if we've had to leave a job we loved, or if we'd had to resign from a ministry calling that made our hearts sing. Yet what if those seasons are the training grounds for our next calling? If we understand leadership, we can write to other leaders, offering encouragement and gentle mentoring. If we are teachers, our letters can carry lessons or messages of inspiration.

*"Go on, my dear friend, in your ministry of letter-writing,
and let Christ use your pen in this way for his service."*
(John T. Faris)

WHAT TO WRITE

- an encouraging quote
- a favorite Bible verse
- a short prayer
- a favorite hymn or worship song
- a thoughtful question
- a favorite joke or something that made you laugh
- where you noticed God in His creation this week
- a few words of heartfelt gratitude for a friend being there, listening, and trying to understand



It takes just a few words to brighten a dear one's day or to let them know they are thought of, cared about, and prayed for.

Who will you share your words with today?

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