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Dear Friend:

"Against All Fears" is my life story, which was published in April of this year. Among those who praised my book is Dr. Bob Jones III, who said that I am like "an Old Testament prophet." Dr. Bill Monroe, twice president of the BBFI, said, "Hymers is a modern day Daniel." And Dr. Herbert Rawlings, son of BBF patriarch Dr. John Rawlings, and head of the Rawlings Foundation, called me, "An American original! A visionary! His life shows a passion to make a difference...for the cause of Christ." Evangelist Don Boys said, "'Against All Fears' should be read by everyone, not only preachers. Hymers is an example for everyone…His story encapsulates the need of this hour – courage, commitment, and character."

When I hear these famous Christians talk about me that way, I sometimes wonder how it happened. I often wonder, "How did I become such a person?" Early in my ministry, even before I was called to preach, God gave me my life verse,

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

For nearly 61 years I have found that promise to be true. In my whole life I have faced many challenges and setbacks. But I have won every battle because I was always completely dependent on Jesus Christ. Because of Christ I overcame incredible obstacles and became an inspiration to millions of people around the world. I have won every battle because I was completely dependent on Jesus Christ.

These are just examples of the "big" battles. There was the fight for the inerrancy of the Bible, in which I had to stand against the false teachings in my seminary which degraded the Scriptures. I won that battle because I depended completely on Christ. Then there was the battle against the horribly blasphemous movie, "The Last Temptation of Christ," a movie which showed Jesus having sex with Mary Magdalene. I won that battle because I depended completely on Christ. The "fake" news on television and the newspapers condemned me as an anti-Semite. I won that battle, and was completely exonerated of that charge, because I depended on Jesus Christ, and Him alone. Then there was the battle against abortion. Rev. John Samuel Cagan, my assistant, said, "Dr. Hymers led his church in an all-out fight to close down two abortion clinics. He did not stop until both clinics were closed forever." I stood with Jesus, and we won that battle because we depended on Christ. Then there was the battle to save our church building. A wicked and sinful man took out 320 of our members and we almost lost our church building. We were able to win this battle too, because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." When I am in battles like this, I figure out what is the right side and what is the wrong side. Then I take the right side, and I always win because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

In this time, when many preachers try to build up their churches by stealing members from other churches, I have never had to do that because I was able to win lost people from the world. Why? Because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." That's why! That's why we won the battle to take the Gospel to the entire world. Today 1.5 million people read my sermons on our website in over 221 countries of the world, in 40 languages – because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Rev. John Cagan said, "Dr. Hymers knows by long experience that the only sure foundation on which to build one's life is the Solid Rock – the man Christ Jesus."

My son Robert said, "Only a few people have understood my father, because he doesn't think like the average man. He walks with God." I have triumphed in every battle I have fought for one single reason – "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." That is why we have this church. That is why, when I asked those who were saved under my preaching to stand, nearly everyone stood up. Only two people were saved somewhere else.

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My faithful partner and friend, Dr. Christopher L. Cagan, said, "Dr. Hymers is a man who stumbled, bruised and broken, to pick himself up and overcome enormous obstacles to show people that Jesus Christ can help them too."

Dr. Edi Purwanto said, "When God is with a man, he cannot be defeated."

Dr. Robert L. Sumner said, "I appreciate and admire a man who is willing to stand for the truth, even when all the odds are against him. Robert Leslie Hymers, Jr. is that kind of a Christian."

Dr. Kent Philpott said, "Dr. Hymers was the best preacher any one of us had ever heard, a genuine 'old time guy.' His focus has always been [on] the message of Christ."

Dr. Neal Weaver said, "Dr. Hymers is one courageous man, who has strong convictions, and is [willing] to fight for those convictions against all odds."

Dr. Phil Goble said, "...follow this great champion preacher out into the gladiatorial modern world to fight, like him, the good fight of faith."

Dr. Christopher L. Cagan said, "Dr. R. L. Hymers, Jr. is a man who has achieved the impossible – against all fears! I know, because I have worked closely with him for over forty years."

You can get a copy of my autobiography, "Against All Fears," for only $10.00. Write to Dr. C. L. Cagan at P.O. Box 15308, Los Angeles, California 90015. BE SURE TO WRITE THE WORDS "CHRISTMAS LETTER" ON YOUR CHECK AND YOU WILL GET A $10.00 DISCOUNT. Send $10.00 and get my life story!

I will pray for God to bless you at Christmas time. And may He bless you in the New Year as well! Let Jesus Christ be praised!

Dr. Hymers with his wife Ileana, his son Robert, Robert's wife Jin, and Robert's two baby girls, Hannah and Sarah.

Yours in Jesus' Name,

R. L. Hymers, Jr.,
D.Min., Th.D., Litt.D.
Philippians 4:13

The Hymers family with Mrs. Hymers' uncle Francisco Castro, Carolina, Briana, visiting from Guatemala, Erwin Cuellar and Antione.

Dr. and Mrs. Hymers with Dr. Elmer L. Towns, who taught in our Labor Day weekend Bible conference.

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