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Messenger Notes

Lionel De Leon performed *Early in the Morning* (Lk 24:1) with Huntington Beach's **Community Bible Church** worship team on April 16th. The next tentatively scheduled song is *Witnesses of the Fact* (Acts 2:22) on May 28th.

Lionel and **Joie De Leon** are recording demo songs for the next **Messenger Project** CD. Included in the mix are songs in Spanish, French and Hebrew. Lionel will transcribe songs from our latest CD into sheet-music sometime next month and hopes to have all the lead-sheets online by summer.

Numbers in the Bible

ONE appears 2485 times and represents *beginnings, primacy, uniqueness, singleness, unity, Jesus and God*. (The Lord our God is **one**; there is **one** mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ; there is **one** way to heaven, through the atoning blood of Jesus)

TWO appears 622 times and represents *witness, support, division, separation, strength, union, agreement, help, and truth*. (The **2** shall become one flesh; Jesus sent out his disciples in groups of **2**; the Ten Commandments were written on **2** stone tablets, when **2** or more are gathered in his name, Jesus is there; there are **2** witnesses in Revelation 11)

THREE appears 349 times and represents *the Trinity, approval and completeness*. (There are **3** manifestations of God- Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the human race traces its ancestry to Noah's **3** sons; Jesus' ministry lasted **3** years; Jesus was buried for **3** days; Noah was in a fish's belly for **3** days; there are **3** Jewish feasts to the Lord; there are **3** monotheistic religions in Jerusalem- Judaism, Christianity and Islam; there are **3** holy days in Jerusalem- Islamic Friday, Judaic Saturday and Christian Sunday; **3** angels visited Abraham;

3 magi visited the baby Jesus; **3** were thrown into the fire in the book of Daniel)

FOUR appears 225 times and represents *the world, earth and creation*. (There are **4** winds; **4** corners of the earth; **4** seasons; **4** gospels; **4** horsemen of the Tribulation; **4** living creatures around the throne of God)

FIVE appears 209 times and represents *division, man, life, atonement and grace*. (Jesus fed 5,000 with **5** loaves; Jesus' parable had **5** wise and **5** foolish virgins invited to the marriage feast)

SIX appears 126 times and represents *man, judgment, evil, failure, labor and Satan*. (Man was created on day **6**; Creation lasted **6** days; Israel was given **6** cities of refuge; **666** is the number of the beast- the antichrist; Israel captured Jerusalem in a **6**-day war; man was given **6** days of labor; the earth was given **6** years for cultivating)

SEVEN appears 391 times and represents *divine perfection, God, and completeness*. (Revelation mentions **7** churches, stars, lamp-stands, seals, trumpets, etc.; God appointed a **7** day week- six for labor and one for rest; there are **7** spirits of God- loving kindness, righteousness, justice, wisdom, peace, liberty and truth; there are **7** deadly sins- pride, greed, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony and sloth; there are **7** holy virtues- chastity, liberality, self-control, diligence, patience, kindness and humility)

EIGHT appears 38 times and represents *resurrection and new beginnings*. (**8** people were saved from the flood; circumcision is to be performed on the **8th** day; David was the **8th** son of Jesse; there were **8** New Testament writers- Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James and Jude)

NINE appears 17 times and represents *fullness of blessings, completeness, judgment and finality*. (There are **9** gifts of the Spirit- wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, discernment, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues; there are **9** fruits of the Spirit- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control).

TEN appears 199 times and represents *perfection, human government* (There are **10** Commandments; tithes are **10%**; the revived Roman Empire will consist of **10** nations; there are **10** horns on the beast in Revelation; we have **10** toes and fingers; our counting system is based on **10s**.)

TWELVE appears 146 times and represents *divine government* (there were **12** tribes of Israel and **12** apostles; the Tree of Life will bear **12** crops of fruit; there will be **12** gates made of pearl at the New Jerusalem with **12** angels at the gates; New Jerusalem will be **12,000** stadia in length- 1,400 miles; there will be **12** precious stones decorating New Jerusalem's **12** foundations- jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth and amethyst.

THIRTEEN appears 13 times and represents *rebellion, backsliding and apostasy*. (The Levites were allotted **13** towns from the tribes of Judah, Simeon and Benjamin; King Solomon took **13** years to complete his palace; Jews had a bar mitzvah, a rite of passage from childhood to adult, at **13**; Jews are not allowed to read from the Torah until they are **13**)

THIRTY appears 95 times and represents *sorrow, mourning, consecration and maturity*. (Israel mourned for Moses for **30** days; Jesus began his ministry at **30**).

FORTY appears 95 times and represents *trial and testing*. (Jews wandered **40** years in the wilderness; the Great Flood lasted **40** days/nights; Jesus fasted for **40** days/nights; Jesus appeared after his resurrection for **40** days/nights; Lent lasts for **40** days)

God numbered the hairs on our heads and the days of our lives. We can appreciate but never fully understand God's purpose for numbers. The study of numbers can be fun, but we can't take it too seriously. Only God fully understands the deeper meanings behind numbers.

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"The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know what he ought to know. But the man who loves God is loved by God." (1 Co 8:2)