

God is our refuge and strength, a very presentb help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah (Psalm 46:1-7)

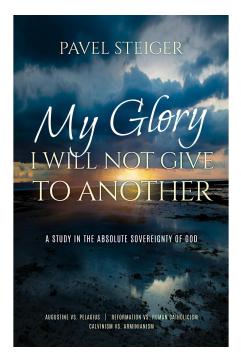
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## One of the Most Joyful Updates of this Spring

Our April e-newsletter brought one of the most joyful announcements in recent memory: Calvary Press will now publish Pavel's book, originally written and published in Czech, in the United States. The publishing contract was signed on April 2, 2025. Just three weeks later, on April 28, the president of Calvary Press wrote:

I think this cover is very attractive and have asked the designer to 'pop' the sun on it a bit... makes for a very attractive appearance.

Although it took almost a year of dedicated work to translate and adapt Pavel's book from Czech to English, we were deeply impressed by the



speed, care, and professionalism of the publisher throughout the entire process.

A similar development is taking place with the Polish publisher, which has also reached the final stage of production. The book is currently being typeset and the cover design is underway.

We never imagined such a thing possible - and yet your words of encouragement and faithful prayers have been richly answered.

As soon as we have more details, we will share all the relevant links with you. The whole journey - from idea to realization - will be described in more detail in one of our next newsletters.

# **Grief, Celebration and Joy**

Among the events that marked the month of April was a memorial family gathering and farewell to Pavel's brother, Ivan. His ashes now rest next to those of his beloved wife.

The very next day brought a different kind of remembrance - a joyful one: the 60th anniversary of our marriage. A moment of deep gratitude, reflection, and thanksgiving for the years we have had together. Just a few days later, our home was filled with laughter and conversation as we welcomed our son and his wife for a long-awaited visit, followed by dear friends from California, our "home away from home" for many years. These moments reminded us that grief and joy often go hand in hand.

## 80 Years Since the End of the WWII in Europe, May, 8 1945

This anniversary reminds us of the deadliest conflicts in modern history. Those who remembered the horrors of World War I faced a new and even darker reality. In 1933, Adolf Hitler seized power. On March 12, 1938, he annexed Austria. On October 1, 1938, the Sudetenland (part of Czechoslovakia) was occupied. The fledgling Czechoslovak democracy was crushed. On March 15, 1939, the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia was established. The Western Allies naively trusted that Hitler would be satisfied with this - believing that it would guarantee peace in Europe. Then Hitler signed a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union on August 23, 1939, and invaded Poland on September 1, 1939. Just 17 days later, on September 17, 1939, the Soviet Union joined Germany in its invasion, dividing Poland area vise 48/52 in favor of the USSR. Poland ceased to exist. Then Hitler invaded: Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, France, Yugoslavia, Greece and Albania, which was already under Italian occupation. The Battle of Britain took place from July 10 to October 31, 1940. Hitler then betrayed his Soviet "partner" and launched a blitzkrieg on Moscow on June 22, 1941. World War II had now begun in earnest. The U.S. entered the war after Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

### **View from European Side**

The assurances that have given us in Europe a sense of security for decades - military alliances, economic growth, and a united Europe - now resemble the statue in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the future, as described in the second chapter of the Book of Daniel: And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. (Daniel 2:41)

He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. (Daniel 2:21)

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

#### **Praises and Prayer Request**

- Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry and for your prayers.
- Praise for the opening of publishing houses in the United States and Poland.
- May your heart rejoice in the Lord each day anew.
- As for Pavel's mobility, his hip pain remains.
  At home he has no problem, he can drive, but walking is limited.
- We live in peace in the midst of wars, we have freedom and believers are not persecuted.
- We look forward to more visitors and events.

### Thank you for your prayers, support and participation in our life and Czech and Slovak ministries.

In His sovereign grace, Pavel and Klara Steiger

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