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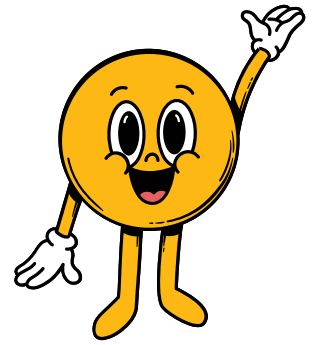
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## BY MARK PAGE

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This month's edition we have the cover story is about addictions, addictions of any kind. Addictions are taking over our communities affecting everyone, but through Christ we do have the victory. It is a cover story with a difference as I would like to bring attention to those who are working with this epidemic on the ground and bring attention to them.

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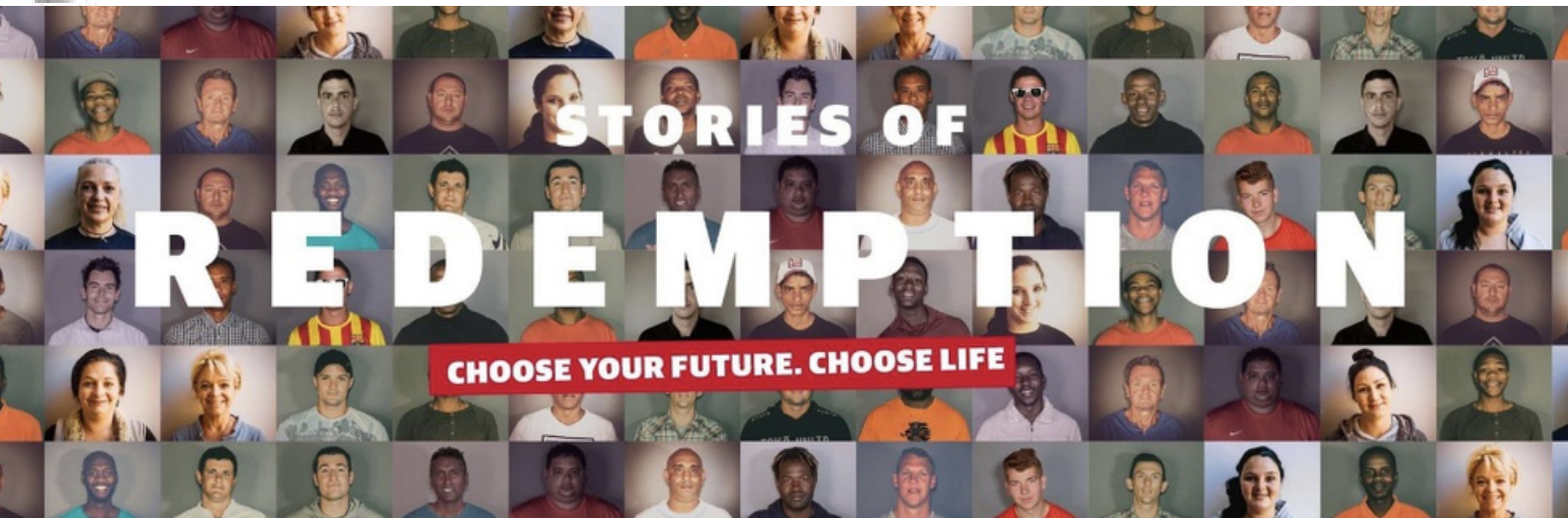
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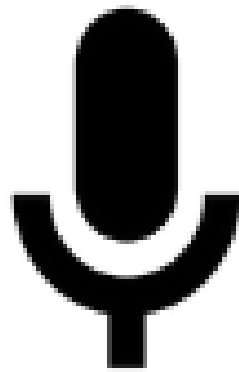
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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS  
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## THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

### **Romans 3:23 ESV**

**"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"**

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thin king about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

### **2 Thessalonians 1:9**

**"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"**

**NASB**

This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

**= Everlasting Punishment**

**= Destruction**

**= Shut Out**

**= No Godly Presence**

**= And no Glory at all**

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

**John 14:6**

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

**NASB**

What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, Go gas made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

**John 1:12-13**

**"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."**

**NASB**



Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

### **Romans 10 vs 9-10**

**"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."**

**NASB**

Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.



Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.



And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.





# ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

## PRAYER FOR SALVATION

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Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

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Linda lives in California with her husband, where she ministers to drug-addicted women on the streets. Although she knew God had called her to this ministry, Linda's faith was tested when her husband became disabled and lost his job—reducing their income to practically nothing.

Early one morning in her home in Fresno, she turned on the TV and began watching Inspiration Campmeeting. One of the speakers explained the principle of seedtime and harvest, and Linda was intrigued. She had been involved in many ministries, but none had taught about sowing into God's Kingdom and reaping a harvest. She sensed God prompting her to sow a financial seed, but when she reached for her wallet, she realized there was only one \$5 bill remaining.

"Hello, I'm calling to sow a seed," she told the representative on the phone. "But I only have \$5 in my wallet. Will you accept this?" The representative gladly agreed, encouraged by Linda's obedience to God's leading.

So, in complete faith, Linda sent her \$5 in the mail.

Shortly after taking that first step, she got a call from her husband. Overjoyed,

he exclaimed, “Linda, our ship came in! We just received an unexpected \$5,000 in the mail!”

At that moment, Linda knew without a doubt that her harvest had come—a 1,000-fold return!

But this was only the beginning of an incredible downpour of financial favor for Linda and her husband. Not long after her first step of faith in sowing her \$5 seed, something incredible happened one Sunday morning at church. Noticing a woman crying in the pews, Linda comforted her in prayer. This didn’t seem like any big event at the time, but it resulted in a remarkable breakthrough for Linda and her husband.

The woman Linda prayed for became a great friend. She and her family also became extreme financial benefactors for Linda and her husband, providing God-sent resources that met their every financial need.

“I knew God was teaching me to surrender everything I had to, starting with that first \$5 bill,” Linda recalls. “So I continued to sow a new seed into Inspiration Ministries each time I received income. The more I sowed, the more our harvest multiplied!”

Linda faithfully continued her women’s ministry, eventually writing an encouraging book and selling it for income. Then one day she heard a knock on her front door. “The same God-sent family handed me a check—this time for \$20,000!” she marvels.

“I just started crying,” Linda says. “Every time I receive money from this great family, I know in my heart it’s because I’ve first given what I have to God through Inspiration Ministries.”

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# **DAILY DEVOTIONAL**

## **BY BISHOP MATTHEW DANIELS**

### **TITLE: UNCOVERING THE DEEP MYSTERIES IN THE EPISTLE OF ROMANS**

Apostle Paul must have been a Christian minister for at least 20 years when he wrote the Epistle of Romans. On his way to Jerusalem, he stayed three months in Corinth without any pressing duties. He perhaps thought this was a good time to write ahead to the Christians in Rome, a church he planned to visit after his trip to Jerusalem. As Paul endeavored to go to Rome, the Holy Spirit warned him about the peril awaiting him in Jerusalem (Acts 21:10-14). What if he was not able to make it to Rome? Then he was led by the Holy Spirit to write them a comprehensive letter that made the Christians in Rome to hear the Gospel Paul preached (the Gospel of God), even if Paul not able to visit them, the letter was strong enough for them.

Romans 1:1 tells us:

"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the **GOSPEL OF GOD**".

The Letter to the Romans focuses more on God and His great plan of redemption.

"The gospel of God". God is the most important word in this epistle. Romans is a book about God. No topic is treated with anything like the frequency of God. Everything Paul touches in this letter he relates to God. In our concern to understand what the apostle is saying about righteousness, justification, and the like we should place our principal focus on God, this concentration on God is the foundation and the source of everything thing that is in this Epistle.

The word "God" occurs about 153 times in Romans; an average of once every 46 words. Romans deals with many different themes but as much as a book can be, it is a book about God our creator.

There are many important words in the vocabulary of Romans we must

understand. First we must mark diligently the manner of utterances of the apostle, and above all things know what Paul is saying – the Law, Sin, Grace, Faith, Righteousness, Justification, Flesh, Spirit, and such like – or else, our studies will profit us nothing.

Let's read Romans 1:2-6 carefully: "Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:"

Let's have a brief retrospect of Romans 1:2-6:

1. "He promised before through His prophets": This Gospel to the Romans, is not new, and it is not a clever invention of man. Paul's world was much like ours, with people who liked "new" teachings and doctrines. Nevertheless, Paul didn't bring something new, but something very old in the plan of God but it was hidden.
2. "Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord": This is the heart of this Gospel, the "SON" that everything else orbits around. The center of Christianity is not a teaching or a moral system, it is a Person: JESUS CHRIST.
3. This Jesus has both a human origin (born of the seed of David according to the flesh), and an eternal existence (declared to be the Son of God). The evidence of Jesus' humanity is His human birth; the evidence of His deity is His resurrection from the dead.
4. The resurrection of Jesus shows His divine power because He rose by His own power: Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again (John 2:19).
5. "Jesus Christ our Lord": The word 'Lord' is not just our honor form of address like our master. But it could also be used of the deity one worships. The really significant background, though, is its use in the Greek translation of the Old Testament to render the Divine Name, Yahweh.
6. "Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith": This Gospel impacts individual lives. It is not an interesting theory or philosophy, it is life-changing good news which of course is the greatest news. The Gospel of God gave Paul and the church "Grace and Apostleship", and one reason those two gifts were given to produce 'obedience to the faith'. Without the GRACE (favour and peculiar help of God), he could not have been an Apostle.



**Brethren, the Gospel is big enough and great enough for the whole world; we must take it out to impact all nations.**

## **TITLE: UNCOVERING THE DEEP MYSTERIES IN THE EPISTLE OF ROMANS**

God's Word is filled with valuable wisdom and insight on what it means to live rightly. One of the best examples of this kind of wisdom is Paul's epistle to the Romans. The Book of Romans was called by theologian and reformer Martin Luther the "very purest Gospel" articulation in all of scripture.

With its clearly explained theology and doctrine and its call to faithful living, Romans is a foundational text in the life of a Christian. It is a revelation that it is purely by the grace of God that we are saved; let us share this remarkable good news with the world!

Apostle Paul wrote Romans from the city of Corinth as he wintered there on his third missionary journey as described in Acts 20:2-3. This is based on Romans 16:1 and 16:23 along with 1 Corinthians 1:14. A variety of commentators pick the date of writing anywhere from 53 to 58 A.D.

History revealed that the Letter to the Romans was prized by the Christians in Rome even after the death of Paul; Clement of Rome's letter in 96 A.D. shows great familiarity with Paul's letter. It may be that he memorized it and that the reading of it became a part of virtually every meeting of the Roman church. As well, many scholars believed that an edited version of Romans was distributed widely among early churches as a summary of apostolic doctrine. Let's explore this important book together, diving into Paul's central themes (redemption, justification, faith, righteousness etc) and purposes, and reflecting upon how we can best apply the revelation and the wisdom of Romans within our own lives so that we can fully function as salt and light.

Let's read Romans 1:1 from the Amplified Bible, it will help us with greater insight into what the Holy Spirit is saying:

"FROM PAUL, a bond servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) called to be an apostle, (a special messenger) set apart to [preach] the Gospel (good news) of and from God,"

A bondservant... an apostle: Paul's self-identification is important. He is first a bond servant of Jesus Christ and secondly he is called to be an apostle.

There were several ancient Greek words used to designate a slave, but the idea behind the word for servant (doulos) is complete and utter devotion, not the abjectness which was the normal condition of the slave. A bond servant of Jesus Christ, is a higher title than monarch of the world.

By redemption, we are sons and daughters of God. We are expected to submit our lives to God in service as bond servants.

Separated to the Gospel of God: The idea of being an apostle is that you are a special ambassador or messenger. Paul's message is the Gospel (good news) of God. It is the Gospel of God in the sense that it belongs to God our creator. This is not a gospel Paul made up; he simply is a messenger of God's gospel. Before his conversion, Apostle Paul was committed to the service of the pharisee sect; now he is separated unto the Gospel of God.

The life and ministry of the Apostle Paul (also known as Saul of Tarsus) is well documented in Acts chapters 8 through 28, as well as Galatians 1 and 2, and 2 Corinthians 11 and 12.

#### **TITLE: UNCOVERING THE DEEP MYSTERIES IN THE EPISTLE OF ROMANS**

The principal theme running through Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the revelation of God's Righteousness in His Eternal Plan for Salvation, what the Bible calls the Gospel. Romans 1:17-18 tells us:

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek, For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just and upright shall live and shall live by faith". (AMP)

In its Chapters, the Epistle showed how human beings lack God's righteousness because of our sin (Chapters 1-3), receive God's righteousness when God justifies us by faith (Chapters 4-5), demonstrate God's righteousness by being transformed from rebels to followers (Chapters 6-8), confirm His righteousness when God saves the Jews (Chapters 9-11), and apply His righteousness in practical ways throughout our lives (Chapters 12-16).

The structure of Romans provides us with a practical clue into the importance of the book in our everyday lives. Beginning with eleven chapters of doctrine, the book then transitions into five chapters of practical instruction. This union between doctrine and life illustrates for Christians the absolute importance of both what we believe and how we live out those beliefs as salt and light.



Please ask yourself: does my day-to-day life mirror the beliefs of Christ that I am holding unto? or do you find yourself in a constant battle with hypocrisy? Appreciate the doctrine you find within the pages of Romans, but don't forget to put it into practice as well.

This Epistle is beyond question the most dynamic of all New Testament letters even as it was written at the climax of Paul's Apostolic career. I see it as the cathedral of our most holy faith.

Let's briefly consider few testimonies regarding the Epistle of Romans of some great Christians that impacted this world as salt and light.

1. John Calvin said of the Book of Romans, "When anyone understands this Epistle, he has a passage opened to him to the understanding of the whole Scripture."

2. Martin Luther praised Romans, he said: "It is the chief part of the New Testament and the perfect gospel... the absolute epitome of the gospel."

3. Luther's successor Philip Melancthon called Romans, "The compendium of Christian doctrine."

We should also remember Apostle Peter's words about Paul's letters.

Apostle Peter in 2Peter 3:15-16 had this to say:

"... even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the spiritual insight given him, Speaking of this as he does in all of his letters. There are some things in those [epistles of Paul] that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist and misconstrue to their own utter destruction, just as [they distort and misinterpret] the rest of the Scriptures"(AMP)

The Epistle of Romans carries deep life changing truth but it must be approached with a hungry heart and effort and determination to understand what the Holy Spirit said through the Paul the chief Apostle.

In August of 1513, a monk named Martin Luther, lectured on the Book of Psalms to seminary students, but his inner life was nothing but turmoil. In his studies he came across Psalm 31:1: In Thy righteousness deliver me. The passage confused Luther; how could God's righteousness do anything but condemn him to hell as a righteous punishment for his sins? Luther kept thinking about Romans 1:17, which says, the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "He who through faith is righteous shall live."

Luther the monk went on to say: "Night and day I pondered until... I grasped the truth that the righteousness of God is that righteousness whereby, through grace and sheer mercy, he justifies us by faith. Therefore I felt

**myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise... This passage of Paul became to me a gateway into heaven.” Martin Luther was born again, and the Reformation began in his heart. Hallelujah**

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# SOUL TRANSFORMATION

## BY PASTOR MIKE GOBEL

### **Keynote Scripture: Romans 5: 12-14 (NKJV)**

**“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the [a]oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a baby. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are [b]of full age, that is, those who by reason of [c]use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”**

As a Christian, I believe that God is alive and active in our lives and can use us to bring reconciliation and transformation into a broken and lost world. However, it requires of us as His children to be willing to be used by Him. Nothing will happen if we are not willing to step out in faith to be that voice of Christ to a world that is constantly seeking answers and searching for meaning and purpose in life. When we look at the world today, let alone the body of Christ (the Church)—holistically speaking, are we witnessing the true image of Christ within the church to a broken world? Throughout history, we have seen evidence of God’s power at work, from the Old Testament

accounts of God’s miraculous interventions in the lives of His people to the powerful revivals that once swept across the world, drawing millions of people to faith in Christ. The Bible tells us: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: The old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” (2

Corinthians 5:17-20) The question is where are we today as a 'body of Christ' in terms of reflecting the image of Christ unto the world? How "significant" is the church in the ministry of reconciliation and transformation? How "effective" are we as ordinary children of God when it comes to being the 'light' and the 'salt' of this world?

These and many other such questions are hard pills to swallow when it comes to reflecting on where we are as the universal body of Christ. So where has it all gone wrong? And why are (we) as a Christian faith not being as relevant and effective today as we were back in the days of the old crusades and the revivals? Before I touch on these issues and begin to analyze the problem in trying to find a solution, allow me to highlight some of these extraordinary revivals that played such a significant role in the establishment of the Christian faith throughout the world and more importantly, in allowing for the Good News of Christ to reach the lost. Revivals that impacted the Christian faith: The First Great Awakening (1730s - 1740s) was a period of intense religious revival in the American colonies, characterized by a wave of emotional preaching and fervent, enthusiastic worship. The movement was led by notable

preachers such as Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield, and it resulted in thousands of new converts and a renewed sense of faith in God.

The Second Great Awakening (1800s) was a period of spiritual revival in the United States that occurred in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It was marked by a renewed interest in religion, an explosion of church growth, and a series of revival meetings that drew thousands of people.

The Welsh Revival (1904 - 1905) was a Christian revival that swept across Wales in 1904-1905. It was led by the Welsh preacher Evan Roberts and resulted in a wave of spiritual renewal that affected tens of thousands of people.

The Azusa Street Revival (1906 - 1914) was a historic revival that took place in Los Angeles, California. It was led by the African American preacher William J. Seymour and is considered one of the most significant events in the history of modern Pentecostalism.

The East Africa Revival (1930s - 1960s) was a powerful spiritual movement that swept across East Africa. It was characterized by a focus on personal holiness, prayer, and repentance, and it resulted



in a renewed sense of faith and a new wave of evangelism and missions.

The Jesus Movement (1960s – 1970s) was a cultural and spiritual phenomenon that emerged in the United States. It was marked by a wave of youth culture embracing Christianity, with a focus on personal experience, radical discipleship, and cultural change.

The Brownsville Revival (1995 – 2000) was a revival that took place at the Brownsville Assembly of God church in Pensacola, Florida. It was led by evangelist Steve Hill and was marked by a focus on repentance, prayer, and worship, with a call to personal and corporate revival.

It is my hope and prayer that this article will inspire you to seek God with all your heart and to pray for revival in your own life and in the life of the universal Church and in our local communities today. I believe that God is still in the business of transforming lives and that He longs to pour out His Spirit on all who seek Him with a sincere heart. So, let us dive into the truth of God's Word and discover the amazing ways that God is willing and able to transform us into the image of Christ—not only to experience His glory but be able to bring reconciliation and transformation to the world.

Firstly, the body of Christ has become almost isolated in our Christian “bubbles” and as a result, you could say we are preaching to the converted. We are not being effective enough when it comes to taking the Word of God into the nations of this world and into our communities. Of course, I am well aware that there are local and city-wide churches and evangelical institutions in and across South Africa that are doing amazing work in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ but at the same time, the church is being silent when it comes to important and relevant issues that relate to the very foundation of our Christian faith in our schools, universities, government and across many other platforms within this country. We have allowed the “fear of man” and the current political climate or dispensation to dictate what we should do and in which direction the church must move and have its way.

The Bible tells us that Christians are to be followers of Christ—not followers of this world. We are to be touching the lives of people around us with the love of Christ, one person at a time. One of the greatest Christian authors, C.S. Lewis wrote, “The church exists for nothing else but to draw men to Christ.” The result of being a “disciple”—a follower of Christ

is that we influence others through our “ordinary lives.” The problem today in the church is that we see that word “disciple” as applying only to the elect and not to the “ordinary” Christian believer. This is a serious problem in the body of Christ and one that must be dealt with in terms of offering the believer proper teaching—not only on historical events in the Bible but on doctrine and on how to apply the Word in our daily lives so that they may be equipped to fulfil the work of the Lord as a mature body of Christ. The ordinary Christian or believer today will not and cannot effectively become the “voice of Christ” if they are merely being fed milk every Sunday to get them through the week. The body of Christ needs to be equipped with solid meat of God’s Word to be able to become messengers and disciples of Christ. We have in many ways complicated the Word through false interpretations and false teachings instead of simplifying it through the revelation of the Holy Spirit. We don’t need to interpret the Truth of God’s Word by coming up with all kinds of false doctrine and gimmicks to draw the world to the house of God, we simply need to preach the “simplified” yet profound Message of the Good News of Christ to the world. When we do that, we effectively equip the body of Christ to apply God’s Word to their

daily lives and in return we remove the element of fear and doubt from the ordinary believers—who I might add do not see themselves as being adequately trained and equipped to preach, teach and share the Good News of Christ to people outside of the holy-huddle of the Church. Jesus said, “I have come that you might have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)—life as God intended can be full only when Christ Himself embodies us. When we “follow Christ” we grant Him permission to rule us, change us and equip us to be disciples of Christ. When He rules us, changes us and equips us we experience a ‘soul transformation’ that empowers us to become, not only messengers of His Word but true followers of Christ.

We cannot acquire that passion or desire to share or lead someone to Christ if we are not filled with two vital elements: 1). The Word of God and 2). The Holy Spirit. These are the two elements or components, one being in the Person of the Holy Spirit and the other being in the Word of God that will enable us to rinse up as a body of Christ, irrespective of our circumstances or the conditions we find ourselves in and see the future through God’s eyes. It does not happen quickly or easily or automatically—it requires intentionality and is anything but passive.



The problem in the church today is that far too many Christians “don’t act” like they “believe.” We have become so absorbed by the various forms of man-made gospels, i.e., the “social gospel,” the “consumer gospel,” the “entertainment gospel,” the “prosperity gospel,” and the “grace gospel,” that we have taken our eyes off the true “Gospel of Christ.” We need to as believers get to a point where we begin to understand that “believing in God” alone is not enough, there must be a process of “discipleship” where we take what we receive from God’s Word and apply it in our everyday lives.

We need to reflect the true image of Christ unto the world. We cannot sit Sunday after Sunday in church putting on our religious masks and the minute, we leave the house of God we go back to conforming (imitating) to the laws, principles and virtues of a secular (earthly) world. Jesus said, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God...that is why I was sent” (Luke 4:43). The Kingdom of God is a locality where God rules, where His will is done. That locality can be anywhere, including the human heart, the home, the workplace, the marketplace, any place where Christ is able to manifest His love and grace unto the world.

Jesus also said, “His Kingdom was not

of this world.” He instructed His disciples to “seek it first” and everything else that is important will fall into place (Matthew 6:33). The full force of the Kingdom of God’s gospel is that followers of Jesus are transformed in their spirits...they are reborn people set on their way by a new life, a new nature and character... they are driven by the Spirit of God to make the world right. Those same people take on the image of Christ unto the world—feeding the hungry, helping our broken educational system by teaching our children proper Godly values and moral principles, assisting the poor, caring for the needy, and doing it in the Name and the power of the living Christ. So, you might want to say, but I do give to the poor when they come knocking on my car window; or I do try to feed someone that is hungry when they come to my home; and I’m sure you do. But let me ask you this, “Have you ever stopped that person and asked them if they know Christ?” Have you ever tried to first pray for them or lead them to Christ before just handing them a loaf of bread or putting R10 into their hand?” This is what I mean by “reflecting the image of Christ.” It’s easy to simply try to put a band-aid over a sore but its hard to try and find the cure to a disease or illness if you do not have the knowledge or experience required to heal that

person. I believe as Christians we have the cure (solution) in Jesus Christ, and we have the knowledge in the Word of God. We have all the answers for a broken world, but we are not offering them the right path to that solution and as a result the world will continue to reject our offer. In simple terms, we should not be turning the solution or cure into a religious order or dispensation, but rather we should be showing the world through our actions that the real answer lies in having a relationship with Christ. This is where we have missed the boat as the holistic body of Christ. If the world were to see the manifestation of Christ through the fruit of the Spirit in God's people, they will want to know the Source of that fruit but because they are not seeing the "fruit," they have no interest in what we have to offer. I say this with boldness and conviction—until we as Christians believe that God's Word has the answers to life and daily living and that it is not merely a historical reference book to a time gone by, we will never have the desire, passion or conviction to share the Word with those that desperately need its answers to life.

Paul writes, "We are to have the same attitude that Jesus had" (Phil 2:5)—that attitude was one of "humility." Humility characterizes the person who understands that all gifts, talents, possessions, opportunities, and accomplishments are from the hand of God. Humility attracts God's grace—pride distances one from it. Without humility, conformity to Christ is impossible, because it only happens by grace (James 4:6). When we lose our pride, lay aside our desire to control, decide to obey and live for others, humility becomes our habit. Humility makes its way into our character through the regular practice of prayer, the assimilation of God's Word, and living for the sole purpose of expressing the love of God unto the world around us. The more we love God and His Word the more we will be equipped to share it. John Stott in his book "The Radical Disciple," asks the question: "What is God's purpose for His people?" The scriptural dictum denotes that, "We are to love God and love others." And the idea that "God wants us to be like Christ." It is statements such as this that Stott found the most satisfactory in his walk with God and it is also the same principles that we as believers should be holding on too in terms of who and what we reflect unto this world. The biblical basis for the call to maturity and Christlikeness is found in three profound texts—Romans 8:29—God has "predestined His people to be conformed to the image of His Son." 2 Corinthians 3:18—As Christians, "we are all [in the process of] being transformed into the image of Christ."

1 John 3:2—John writes, "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet appeared what we shall be; for when He (Christ) appears, we shall be like Him." John Poulton in his book "A Today Sort of Evangelism" writes: "The most



The most effective preaching comes from those who embody the things they are saying. They are their message...they need to look like what they are talking about. It is people who communicate primarily, not words...what communicates [best] is personal authenticity."

A Hindu professor once commented to one of his Christian students: "If you Christians lived like Jesus Christ, India would be at your feet tomorrow." It should be remembered that Mahatma Ghandi, the twentieth century Hindu holy man (guru) of India, was known to have loved the teachings of Jesus more than any other ancient writings; those were the moral teachings he tried most to emulate. Another example is that of Reverend Iskandar Jadeed, a former Arab Muslim, who said: "If all Christians were Christians [in the biblical sense] there would be no more Islam today." These are some of the most profound statements to those of us who profess to be followers of Christ. The big question for us in this—Is it possible for us as Christians to live Christlike lives? Obviously, in our own strength it is not, but God has given us His Holy Spirit to enable us to fulfil His purpose and His will. God's purpose is to make us like Christ, and God's way is to fill us with His Holy Spirit. To be mature is to have a mature relationship with Christ in which we worship, trust, love, and obey Him. If we want to develop true Christian maturity, we need above all a fresh and true vision of Jesus Christ. We cannot continue to show ignorance of Scripture, we must mature in the Word which will enable us to become mature in our speech, actions and behaviour. As Christians, we should pray for revival in our own lives, in our churches, and in our communities. We should seek God with all our hearts, confess our sins, and ask for His mercy and forgiveness. And we should be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, willing to obey God's voice and follow wherever He may lead us. May God grant us a spirit of revival and renewal, so that we may be faithful witnesses of His love and grace in the world. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to do His will, so that the world may know the joy and freedom that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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## BY BISHOP O T WHITTAKER

For the next series we will be focusing on a cause that will help transform our society by bringing healing to our family structure. This is a series so dear to my heart and I have been preaching a sermon on it entitled “Possessed Man; Bleeding Woman And Dying Generation. The foundational text that we will be using is found in Mark 5. In this chapter we see a picture of a man; woman and young girl and although they are different individuals with different situations; it nevertheless gives us a picture of the man; the woman and a child.

### **The Possessed Man:**

#### **1. We Label Them Without Finding The Cause.**

The author starts by describing the man in Mark 5:2 as being possessed with an evil spirit. We don't have information as to what had happened in his life that had brought him to that stage. He was defined and labeled according to his condition. Now I have noticed that many times when it comes to women or children we would always want to know the cause so that we could provide adequate help, However we are too quick to judge the man as an alcoholic; abuser;

addict etc. We define men according to their condition that we see. I am not making light of some of the damages caused by men but I also think that we are too quick to label them.

#### **2. The Life of The Man.**

This man was once a little boy born in a family with hopes and aspirations. I am also sure that his parents must have had plans for him. The text does not suggest that but when we look into our families and societies we can conclude that. No mother gave birth to a possessed son; something



drastically could have happened in his life. He could have suffered abuse as a child or been exposed to something that had changed his life e.g. physical; emotional; sexual abuse or even substance etc. He could have suffered disappointments as a man e.g. fired at work; unemployment; divorce; loss of a loved one etc. These tragic events could have been triggering moments in his life that made him hit rock bottom and thus making **him vulnerable to the attacks of the enemy. This is what we see daily in our society.**

### **3. This Man Was Possessed.**

The definition of possession is “the state of being controlled by something or someone” and in this case it is said that he was controlled by an evil spirit to the extent that he was off his mind (Mark 5:2). Now not all men are being controlled by an evil spirit and are off their minds but you will notice that there is a certain form of possession that controls them and causes them not to have time with their families. Some are possessed with their work; friends and entertainment; alcohol and drugs; pornography etc., and just because it doesn't look like the man in Mark 5 we can justify it. But in reality if we allow these things to control us it will later cause a chasm

between us and our families. Some of these possessions are innocent but if not carefully checked out it can create an imbalance in our lives. My dad was passionate about ministry and the work of the kingdom to the extent that it took priority over his time with the family; this was an innocent obsession and to him it was justifiable. It was only when I turned 21 that he realized how much time he had missed out. He bought me a gift which was a book “How to be an adolescent”. I had to remind him that day that I had passed that stage. Make no mistake he was not a bad father or an absent father but because of that possession he didn't balance time with ministry and family time.

### **Conclusion:**

During this season we shouldn't judge men based on what we see but we need to reach out to them and show them we care. We also need to take time to understand their situation so as to provide adequate help. Help them identify with what they are possessed with and what is controlling them so that they could be helped and like we say that possession in this context is not necessarily demonic possession but anything that is controlling you and depriving you with time from your family.

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Congratulations, your life shall be transformed.



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I am here on earth as a pacesetter, a pathfinder, redeemed by the Lord to reign as king and priest. Where the word of the king is, there is power. Therefore, I reign over sickness, diseases, affliction, hunger, and poverty. No negative vices of this world shall have power over me. Everything that comes against me shall bow to the authority of the Lord I carry in Jesus' name. Amen. Hallelujah!

Congratulations, you shall reign.





# TEEN WITNESS

## BY NICOLENE DEKKER

### *FOR OUR TEENAGERS*

**What do we keep ourselves busy with? Are the youth groups still active or have they also reverted to only presenting God through smoke machines and hyped-up nothingness? And no, I am not judging, I am observing and assessing and praying that the Lord will wake up the churches and parents because many young people are searching or lost because no one is teaching or showing them the way. Jesus Christ is “The way of life... The ONLY true way”.**

#### Walk with Me...

I was recently asked by a young man for a religious booklet to guide him and his friends on their journey of faith. This beautiful young man is a friend of my son, and I am pleased to still see young people who is hungry for God and who is searching for truth. He asked for guidance on their journey as a person who was going to give them a booklet to guide them, didn't attend church to present them with something. As much as it delighted me that he asked me, I was filled both with righteous anger and immense sadness. How could these basic foundations not have been

laid out by his church or adult figures in his life, I asked myself? What do we keep ourselves busy with? Are the youth groups still active or have they also reverted to only presenting God through smoke machines and hyped-up nothingness? And no, I am not judging, I am observing and assessing and praying that the Lord will wake up the churches and parents because many young people are searching or lost because no one is teaching or showing them the way. Jesus Christ is “The way of life... The ONLY true way”. So, Luyanda this is for you!

I do not believe in a complicated gospel. It's simple. It starts with the



WORD of GOD.

READ IT... ACT ON IT... BELIEVE IT... RECEIVE IT...

1) Who is God? Can we know God? Yes, we can. The bible says in John 1:1 "In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God and the WORD was God." To answer your question... The first thing you should do is read your bible... Your bible is the word(s) of God and it is inspired by the very breath of God.

2) The second thing you should do is act on what the Bible instructs you to do. The word of God says in 1 Samuel 15:22 "... Behold to Obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams." If God said it in His word, you simply must obey His word and do what it says. He is His word. He is not the doctrines of some churches or the opinions of people. He (in other words... His word... the Bible) is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus says in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

3) There is only one voice... HIS VOICE... you will hear Him clearly when He speaks to you through the word of God. In other words, how do you measure truth? (Example: Words spoken by any person representing the Kingdom of God) Is by confirmation of His word. You seek for it in the Bible. If it's not there, is it truth? The Spirit of Almighty God will always lead you into ALL truth.

4) PRAY... Prayer is not something you only do just before you go to bed or before you eat. Prayer is a lifestyle and a continues conversation you have with God 24/7 a day. God is omnipresent... He is everywhere... He



is with you and if you are filled with His Spirit, He is even IN you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 "Rejoice always, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, give thanks in all circumstances...")

5) Get water baptized. When you get baptized you also receive the gift of His Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. AND YOU WILL RECEIVE the gift of the Holy Spirit." What a beautiful promise. The Bible says that we should worship God in Spirit and in truth and that those who do so is the sons of God. You can't serve God apart from His spirit. His Holy Spirit and only that is what gives us life. God is 3 in one. Father, Son and Holy Spirit... they function in unity together... you can't have one without the other. God says in His word that His Spirit will reveal ALL things to us... We need His Holy Spirit to guide us on our way.

The biggest key to unlock doors of wisdom, truth and knowledge is through PRAYER. The bible says we have not, because we ask not.

When you ask, believe that He will answer. Wait for Him... He is faithful and will never let those down who seek Him with their whole hearts.

If you want to GROW in the Lord, you should pass on the knowledge that you obtained. The word of God says in Luke 6:38 "Give, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE. YOUR gift will return to you in full – pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. THE AMOUNT YOU GIVE WILL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT YOU GET BACK."





Lastly, I want to leave you with the following... As you will grow in knowledge and power and revelation of exactly who you are in Christ and what you can do in and through HIM, let all that you do be done in LOVE. Let love ALWAYS be your measure stick. Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and He will give you the desires of your heart.

I hope this answered some of your questions! My prayer is that you will grow and grow and that you will fulfill your calling and work set out by God. Be blessed.



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## BY NINA KEEGAN

**God goes before us in all things... He fights the battles for us in every area of our lives, he has preceded us into the trials that we face. God knows the enemies that he needs to rid from our lives, we declare right now in the name of Jesus that we place a target on those enemies for God to drive out and to defeat and to destroy... What are your enemies, What are your mountains? Are your enemies fear, financial situations and struggles, a rocky marriage, family issues, sin and temptation, greed, addiction, intimidation, depression, anger..?**

### **GOD HAS GREAT VICTORY AHEAD FOR US ALL... Exodus 23:27-30**

27 "I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. 28 I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. 29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate (over run by weeds-and the wild animals too numerous for you). 30 Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take

possession of the land.

God is our defender! We give him praise and glory... He always sends victory ahead of us even though we cannot always see it immediately. Not all of God's solutions come instantaneously, nor does any delay in his actions or justification mean he's not actively working on it. In the Scriptures above, God's plan, his cause, would require the constant cooperation, perseverance, persistence and dedicated efforts by the Israelites. God is saying that success would come but it would come little by little...It would come step-by-step...

God has a very deliberate and organized plan of action because He sees things ahead that we do not... If this land would have been completely rid of every enemy at once; the land would be desolate, overgrown with weeds and wild animals would take it over and then it would be very hard to get it back... God was giving them a chance to get in there, get the lay of the land, to get their crops going... he was giving them a chance to stretch their faith and to trust him to help them to make this land their own... This would take strength, perseverance, reliance and faith in the Lord that he would do what he promised he would do... The promised land... It was always God's plan... God goes before us in all things... He fights the battles for us in every area of our lives, he has preceded us into the trials that we face. God knows the enemies that he needs to rid from our lives, we declare right now in the name of Jesus that we place a target on those enemies for God to drive out and to defeat and to destroy...

What are your enemies, What are your mountains?

Are your enemies fear, financial situations and struggles, a rocky marriage, family issues, sin and temptation, greed, addiction,

intimidation, depression, anger..? God goes before us when we fully rely on him. When we acknowledge that apart from him we can do nothing... God will send terror and throw confusion into the enemies camp... When we speak the word of God and his promises over our lives... The enemy gets confused and has to run... he must flee! God is asking us to get in the battle by using the word of God to fight the good fight of faith and to trust God that his promises are true.

What has God said in your life that has not come to pass yet? Even though you may still be in the waiting period.. God's word stands! God is doing something even when you cannot see it... Even if it's little by little, even if it is step-by-step, God has a plan and a reason for not allowing everything to come at once... But in the waiting....Let your faith be stretched as you fully rely on him knowing that he sees everything and he knows exactly where you are and exactly what you need. The Bible says God will supply all that we need pertaining to life and godliness... He says that no weapon formed against us will ever prosper... Victory is coming!! There is always a promise of the Lord's presence he will never leave you or forsake you!

Exodus 23:20



"See, I am sending an angel before you to protect you on your journey and lead you safely to the place I have prepared for you. Pay close attention to him and obey his instructions do not rebel against him, for he is my representative and he will not forgive your rebellion. But if you are careful to obey him, following all my instructions, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and I will oppose those who oppose you. For my angel will go before you and bring you into the land...God will go before us He will send help! God will send angels, representatives, and all that we need.. we just need to pay close attention and trust God in his promptings and leading's... Follow peace and let the Holy Spirit be our guide! We never have to go it alone... No matter how quiet God seems no matter how difficult your journey is at the moment... Just know that God sees you he has sent help to go before you ..he is working on your plan... Even if it's little by little because God knows exactly what he's doing! It all has to work out for the good and the glory of God... Make no mistake about it ,God is always good and has plans for us are always abundantly good... Trust him!

God bless you all and may guidance and wisdom from the Lord order every step you take!

### **Deuteronomy 31:8"**

**The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."**

### **Isaiah 45:2**

**"I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.**

### **Exodus 14:19**

**The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.**

### **Deuteronomy 1:33**

**who goes before you on your way, to seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go.**

### **Deuteronomy 1:30**

**'The LORD your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,**

### **2 Samuel 5:24**

**"It shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall act promptly, for then the LORD will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."**

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## The Bitterness of your greed

When you are right you will know and when you are wrong it will always replay in your mind. Curses cannot hurt you unless you deserve them. When you are full you will refuse honey but when when you are hungry even bitter food tastes sweet. Deceived by yourself the curiosity of your own actions leads you to question yourself. The bitterness of your greed has you starving for all that is wrong and not pure, where does your heart lay this morning, where has your mind gotten lost, what lies has your eyes shown to you and what foul have you spoken unto others. Curses cannot hurt you unless you deserve them, so often we create our own pit to fall into, so often we drill holes into our own bosts, so often we create a time and date for our own downfall. And when life does not go according to plan we sit with anger and frustration. Don't pity demons, don't pity fake people, rather pity yourself because God is fair and just the life you live is the life you deserve, the effort you give is the reward you are to receive. Curses cannot hurt you unless you deserve them. The time and moment that you are in now, what is it that you deserve, for what have done and actions you have taken, what reaction do you deserve. You receive a curse when you give a curse, what you give is what you get. Rewind your memory and ask for forgiveness for those you cursed so that your blessings may find you

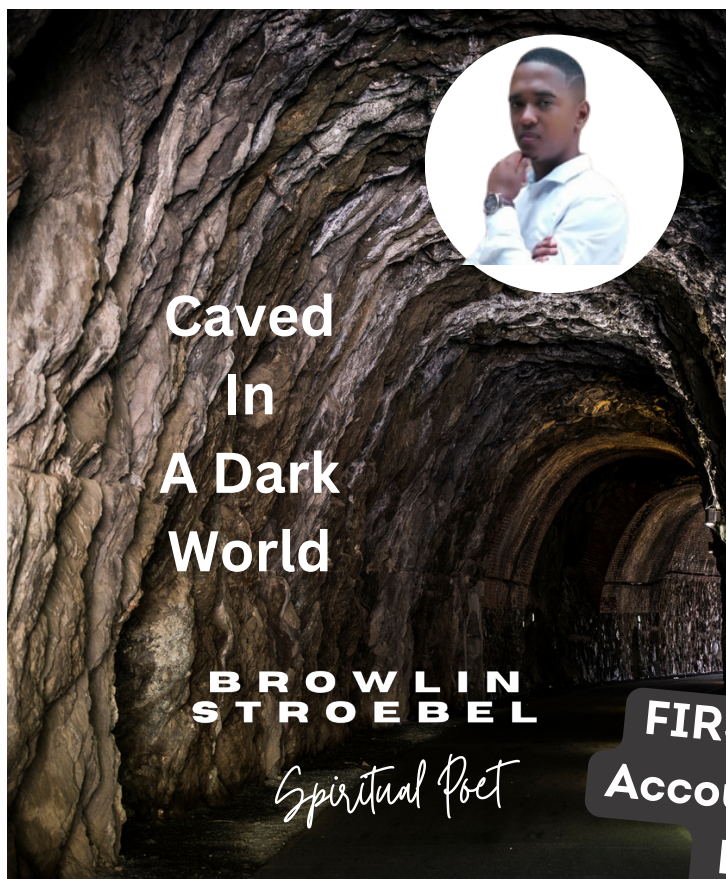
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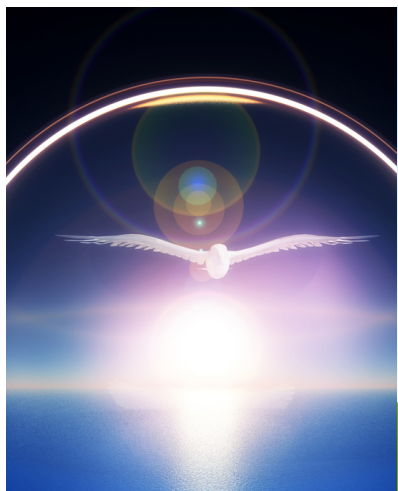
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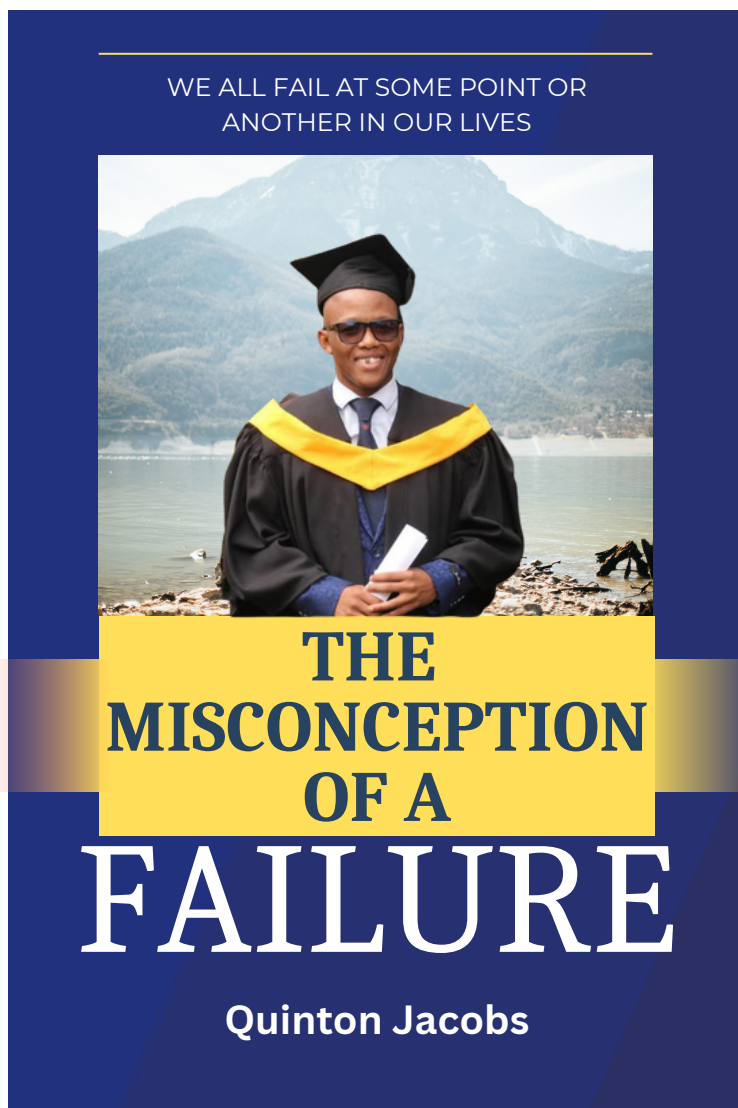
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**We sadly see many Christians today neglecting the full council of the Kingdom and the lives we ought to live - in and for our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus to make kingdom come and pushing the mandate and assignment of God as his children. This neglect comes from a deep rooted desire to make a living for ourselves and accumulating riches, at this expense the kingdom mandate and assignment happens to suffer under such Christianity.**

The call of God in its most simplest form is for all believers, disciples and children of God, no excuse, it's the Fathers will for us.

The kind of commitment that strips you from your personal will is that which comes with A NON NEGOTIABLE price and sacrifice attached to it. This is the ultimate commitment to serving our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ wholeheartedly. Serving the Lord comes with a great expense that will cost us our dreams, goals and friendships we value so much. Many Christians seems afraid or unwilling to pay that price when God calls us to follow him. This has been proven by many Christians

who are unwilling to lay down their lives in exchange for the Godly life and all the responsibilities that comes with it.

In the Matthew 4:18 - 22, Jesus walks along the shore of the lake of Galilee and sees fisher men busy catching fish, as they could have probably done fishing for a living to provide for their families, he calls Simon Peter and his brother Andrew with the intention and purpose of redirecting their lives saying unto a mandate he has for them, come with me and I will teach you to catch people, they left what they were busy, deserted their fishing career and followed Jesus.



Along the way Jesus met James and John, the sons of Zebedee as they got ready to fish, Jesus called them and at once they left the boat with their father and followed Jesus. I can just imagine the sacrifice it took these guys to leave their fishing career and followed Jesus.

As they followed Jesus, he taught them about the kingdom, performing signs, wonders and miracles along the way. Jesus starts teaching them about riches they should be concerned about. In Matthew 4: 18 - 21, he tells them to not store up riches themselves on earth where moths and rust can destroy it and robbers can break in and steal them. But that they would store up riches for themselves in heaven. He ends with saying, for your heart will always be where your riches are. Was Jesus against riches, I doubt, he highlight the fact that we be considered with things concerning the kingdom above accumulating riches for ourselves which will distract and keep us from putting our matters in things concerning his kingdom and our lives committed to him and his will for us. Jesus further teaches us about how impossible it is for us to serve two masters which is God and possessions linking it to money and accumulation of possessions.

In Matthew 6: 24, Jesus highlights by saying, no one can be a slave of two masters, he will hate one and love the other, he will be loyal to one despise the other, you cannot serve both God and money. To love someone or something is to give your life to that person or thing in obedience of surrendering yourself for obtaining and receive that thing or person. In John 14:23 Jesus says, whoever loves me will obey my teaching.

We sadly see many Christians today neglecting the full council of the Kingdom and the lives we ought to live - in and for our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus to make kingdom come and pushing the mandate and assignment of God as his children. This neglect comes from a deep rooted desire to make a living for ourselves and accumulating riches, at this expense the kingdom mandate and assignment happens to suffer under such Christianity. Christianity has become less effective simply because Christians adopted the love for making riches above serving the purposes of God and willing to lose their lives for him. Questions we ask ourselves when confronted with this issue, when and will I be able to provide for me and my family if I have to go down this path, this brings in the thought of doubting God's provision for you and your family. In the same

chapter of Matthew 6: 25, 31 to 34, Jesus says this is why I tell you do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about the clothes for your body, after all isn't life worth more than food and isn't the body worth more than clothes. So don't not start worrying, where will my food come from, drink or clothes. Your father in heaven (God) knows that you need all these things. Instead be concerned above everything else with the kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things.

God is instructing us to ask and we will receive, seek and we will find, knock and the door will be opened to us, for anyone who asks will receive and anyone who seeks will find and anyone who knocks the door shall be opened to those. But in this he wants us to first seek his kingdom with all its righteous and all these other things in life stressed about will be add to our lives. He say promises us that he will give good things to those who asks from him while serving his purposes. Many times as a young man serving God, I too was faced with the desire to make a life for myself, serving money and accumulating riches for myself above, I was concerned about the worldly and materialistic things, the

beauty and pleasure that comes with it until I came to a point where God saved me and delivered me from my ignorance and selfishness. He made known to me his perfect will and things pertaining his kingdom, the life we ought to live as his followers in Christ Jesus. Than only I understood his ordinances and the purpose of being a believer, follower and child of God.

In Matthew 10: 37 – 39, Jesus says, those who loves their parents and children more than him are not fit and worthy to be his disciples, meaning his followers and those who are not willing to take up their crosses and follow in his footsteps are not fit and worthy to be his disciples. Those who try to gain their own lives will lose it, but those we are willing to lose their lives for his sake will gain it (paraphrasing). We ought we deny ourselves and place him and his kingdom first above our desires, goals, visions and ambitions to become great and accumulating riches and success for ourselves. Jesus has provision for us concerning these things in life. In John 10:10, the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy but I have come to give life and life more abundantly. Christians today take Gods promises concerning the materialistic blessing as a scheme as



if God is a scheme. It is unfortunate that this every issue has made Christianity less effective and presented to the world as deception to civilization, to oppress and enslave humanity by those teaching the kingdom come and a life devoted to the purposes of God simply because many Christians especially our current generation has neglected the assignment and mandate of God's kingdom. We have failed to deny self and follow Jesus with a full devoted life to see his kingdom come and his faithfulness manifested concerning his promises to bless us in all the essential needs in life to keep us going.

Let me touch on two scriptures which most Christians will use to discredit my compelling them to focus on the purposes of Kingdom come and self-denial. In the 1 Timothy 5: 8, the apostle Paul writing to the church says, but if anyone does not take care of his relatives, especially the members of his own family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. My question, does serving God deprives financially and keep you from being a responsible father or mother, in whatever the case might be, that's not so. God provides and blesses

those whom diligently seeks him, his kingdom and all its righteous, with that comes the responsibility to provide for your family and share your Godly blessing with your family and those in need as per the context of this Chapter of 1 Timothy 5 talking about our religious duties taking care of widows who places their hope in God and praying to him for help.

The second scripture is found in 2 Thessalonians 3: 10 saying, while we were with you, we use to say to you, whoever refuses to work is not allowed to eat. Paul the apostle hands down the obligation for believers to work, why is this, simply because there were believers who were living lazy lives interfering with other people's business instead of working and toiling for the gospel and so to make a living to provide. There were believers whom refused to work but when it was time for the believers to gather, share and eat together, the ones whom refused to work benefitted from the hard worked and earn blessing of the others. The hardworking believers complained about this kind of behaviour and the Apostle Paul had to say refuse the ones who is lazy and not working from eating, this was to enforce unity and working attitude amongst the believers. The warned these people and instructed them to live and lead orderly lives to earn their

living. Once and for all we need bring an end to the misconception believers have about this scriptures to justify them not being committed to serving the purposes of the kingdom to pursuing a life of riches in the name of, I must go and work to provide for my family, I don't have time to do Gods work etc.

I am also not confirm some Christians biases who are lazy and don't want to work, using working for the gospel and serving the purposes of Kingdom as an excuse to be irresponsible men who can't and don't see to their families. God is a God of order and there is a balance in his full council. Yes we ought to find a job and work, in doing so we to still ought to live for God and serve his purposes. It is Gods will for us to prosper and enjoy the blessing and favour that comes from serving him and the purposes of his kingdom, for him to be glorified. Paul was a tent maker, Luke was a physician, Peter and the squad was fishermen, in the old testament we had farmers from Adam command to work the ground, Abraham, Jacob and Isaac who had cattle and all kinds of livestock, they paid for the occupation of land as they travel and settled etc. this gives everyman a reason to work while living under the covenant and command of God.

The great commission is an assignment given to all believers to evangelize For the kingdom, we are in the soul winning business entrusted with the privilege to go out and make disciples of all nations, teaching them things pertaining the kingdom of God and his righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5: 20 says, therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. to implore people to be reconciled to God (paraphrased).

Luke 14:23 says, and the master said to the slave, go out into the highways and along the hedges.

Compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.

So beloved, we have a mandate and assignment to all serve the purposes of God kingdom through our discipleship and preaching the gospel to all nations.

God have mercy on us.



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Memory Verse



**PROVERBS 8:17**  
**"I LOVE THOSE WHO**  
**LOVE ME; THOSE WHO**  
**SEEK ME WILL FIND**  
**ME."**



A high-angle, close-up photograph of three young children lying in a large pit filled with colorful plastic balls. The balls are in shades of red, yellow, green, and blue. The children are looking up at the camera with smiles. Their hands are raised towards the camera, with fingers spread. The child in the foreground is a young girl with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a red and white striped shirt. The child on the left is a young girl with light skin and blonde hair, wearing a white shirt. The child on the right is a young girl with light skin and blonde hair, wearing a white shirt. The text "How many different colour balls can you count?" is overlaid in a dark green box at the top of the image.

How many different colour balls can you count?



At some point in our life, each of us will live through a life-changing event. An event that, foreseen or unforeseen, will seriously impact our emotional and mental well-being. Which influences every aspect of our lives. Our relationships, our careers, and our finances.

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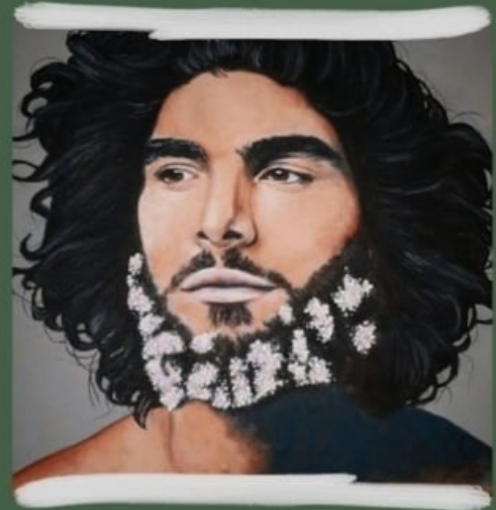
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I have been diagnosed with and survived cancer. I have a unique viewpoint on cancer and all trauma-related matters. I have both the theoretical knowledge of a PhD and have lived through the effects of trauma. This allows me a level of empathy that all counsellors strive to achieve. I have a passion for counselling. As part of my trauma counselling services, I supply counselling for all dreaded disease diagnoses and related mental challenges and emotional healing. I have a special affinity for cancer diagnosis trauma counselling and assisting the patient with all cancer-related services such as dietary assistance and wigs.



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