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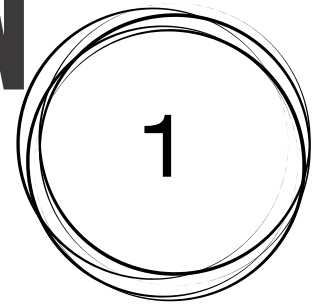
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OUR NEW *LOOK*



It is with such great gratitude and humbleness that I introduce all our readers and others to our new look magazine this month. God laid on my heart to make a very difficult decision to not publish a magazine edition in November 2023 so that we could concentrate of revamping our magazine.

I had so many enquiries throughout the month as to when is the new magazine coming out, people are really so excited and supporting in terms of Testify Magazine, which makes me even more in awe of the God we serve!

THE REALITY OF HIS GOODNESS

When we not only see but experience the goodness of God we come to realize that it is a reality. not merely hearsay and we at

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Before



After



I am Marthinus de Wet, a 44 year old recovering drug addict and living proof of God's mercy. In school I was an avid sportsman and part of the school's marching band. I wanted to do my LLB after school, but Life had other plans. I worked as a restaurant manager where the hours are long and gruelling. I was introduced to CAT in 2006, when one of the waiters used in the bathrooms, and I wanted to try and feel the "energy boost" that it apparently provides. I started using CAT recreationally, "just on weekends," but before I knew it, I was using daily.

I changed jobs and I was a "functional" addict, being able to work long hours - until my "hobby" was discovered by my employer. Within the space of two months, I lost my job, my flat, and my car. I had to move in with my parents in a retirement village, but I just couldn't stop using.

In 2013 received the opportunity to go to rehab. I ended up going, because my parents expected me to. Rehab felt more like a paid holiday and the day after I left, I used again, but learned how to hide it well. In Jan 2016 my mother passed away and while I wanted to quit using, I was so deep in addiction, that I moved from CAT to crystal meth.

With addiction comes wrong friends, places and things and in Dec 2016 I was part of an armed robbery with the person, who introduced me to crystal meth.

We made the mistake of robbing a lady seeking a lift.

Driving around the next morning, we were pulled off by police, and arrested, as a case of armed robbery was opened by the lady, as she remembered the car's number plate.

I was granted bail, but with my family taking the Tough Love approach didn't pay my bail. During the time that I was in prison, my dad became ill, and in Feb 2017, he bailed me out of prison. I got to spend time at home with him, after which he was admitted to hospital and never came home.

I was now on the streets, as I was not allowed to stay in the retirement village, nor with my sister. I spoke to a friend of mine that is a Warrant-officer in the SAPS, who offered me ONE opportunity to fix my life. Freedom Recovery Centre offered me a "free bed" that same day, 22 April 2017. That day God showed me that HE has never left me, and my new life started when I accepted Him as my Saviour.

I was serious about my recovery and in my 2nd month of the program, I requested to extend and completed a 6 month program. I became a volunteer at FRC, on 1 Oct 2017.

My court case for the armed robbery still lies ahead and FRC supported me during the case, making sure I attended court. On 6 Nov 2018 I received the biggest shock of my life - I was found GUILTY. I cried and shouted in anger, because I have changed my life, and in the blink of a moment, everything was swept away from me. I was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment, of which 7 years were suspended.

A lot of thoughts went through my head, suicide being one of them. At a church service in prison, one of the Ministry Team ladies prayed for me. She also read Jeremiah 29:11 to me. After that I was back to being furious with God, 'cause I changed my life, I accepted HIM in my life, but still I was sent to prison, why did HE turn HIS back on me? Not knowing He had a plan with me there.

It was tough staying sober in prison, as drugs are available, but with God, and the support of family and FRC in my life, I made it through. I was a part of a church group in prison, and was able to offer help to those who wanted to become sober.

On 24 June 2022 I was released on parole, and came back home to FRC, which is my parole caregiver, given a second chance in life to prove that with God in your life, RECOVERY is possible.

I am proud to say that I celebrated 6 years and 7 months clean time November 2023.

A special thanks to Pastor Derick Matthews (CEO & Founder), Precious Mlilo (My social worker) and Pieter Stols (Counsellor & HR Manager) for the opportunity you have given me for a second chance in life.



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- Recreation such as pool, swimming pool facilities etc
- Skills development training.

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We have strong focus on Prevention, Rehabilitation and Skills Development!

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SPORTS AND MY SOUL

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BY KATLEGO SEMPE

RUNNING THE *RACE!*

In conversation with Katlego Sempe

1. Tell us a little about your upbringing?

I was born in Soweto at a local clinic, and my parents moved to Polokwane which was formerly known as Pietersburg. I grew up with my mother and father in a loving home and a loving sister who is 7 years older. I was blessed with the parents I had. My father was a teacher and my mom is still teaching. My father is the funny and 'happy go lucky' and my mother is the 'black and white' person, its right or its wrong, so that combination was an interesting balance. I would get beaten by my mom as she calls it the '5-fold ministry' speaking about her hand, and my father would lead me with his words and guide me. My sister played a big

role in my life as well, as a caregiver but would also teach me how to treat women and to respect them, even when I got scared as a young boy I always ran to my sisters room. We grew up in a suburb called Peninapark and my love for sports came from there, we would often play soccer, cricket and whatever it may be in the yard, my sister was also into sports so it made it fun that we would compete, I used to use her old bats for cricket practice at school.



I attended my primary school at Mitchell House Preparatory and Capricorn High School where I matriculated in 2011. I then left to attend tertiary in Pretoria at an institution called Midrand Graduated Institute (M.G.I) and studied Psychology which I completed to. I then got a bursary to attend the University of Pretoria cricket academy where I continued to study sports science. I then got another bursary at Exercise Teachers Academy (E.T.A) where I got another bursary for two years where I continued with sports science which was called exercise science at the institution. I continued to play cricket in Pretoria and represented the Titans Academy and Colts for four years. I graduated with a BA in Exercise science.

2. What are your fondest memories about your childhood?

I will never forget the times where I would be at school and attending sports events and my mom & dad would come and watch and they would cheer and encourage me. My sister would be participating at the same events and my job was to laugh when she lost. As a family one thing we did together was that we laughed in the house no matter what was on the plate, we cherished

every moment and my father said something to me that I will not forget, he said “ A big house is small when there’s no love because you will be confined to certain rooms, and a small house is big because you can freely walk.

3. Tell us about your teenage years and what stands out for you?

My teenage years were very funny, I enjoy laughing and pranks were the order of those years, we did not do anything degrading but we would enjoy getting a laugh from somebody having water spilled on them or making them go to the wrong class after break. I was still a sports lover, and these were the years that built a solid foundation on what I wanted to do in the future. I played provincial soccer and cricket. I ended up choosing cricket and I know my dad had a role in that he encouraged me and I always wanted to make sure that he is proud of me, even though I knew that he would support me in anything cricket was the sport that was more entertaining and I had fun over a long period of time.

4. What was the most important things that stood out for you about your school years?

The personal development that

occurred going from Mitchell House where I was protected socially and Capricorn where the environment was accepting people from different backgrounds who had different views about life. I learnt that by knowing where somebody comes from you will be able to know why they act and react in certain ways, I even learnt about what triggers people, I needed to know that because of the pranks we would play. I learnt how to respect and love people and first know them before making judgements and assumptions. I made a lot of friends and we are still very close to each other.

5. Tell us about church life and what that means to you?

My church life started off like most children, it is a boring place and it became about meeting your friends there, to be honest I didn't go to hear the Bible being preached. My mother grew up Lutheran and my father was part of the Assemblies of God in Bloemfontein. My parents attended different churches locally but as a child without a choice wherever mom went I also followed. When I was 10 years old I went to church with my father and the pastor who is still around Polokwane said to me, I'm giving you this Bible and one day you will

preach the word of God, and at that time I wasn't even a believer in Christ I knew enough about him for me to like Jesus but not enough to surrender my life. Those words stuck with me and attending church became a regular thing that I enjoyed. I attended a local church, with my parents and we later moved to another church where we as a family worshipped together and that was the first time we all sat together in a church.

6. Tell us about when you gave your life to Christ?

I got converted to Christ in my 20s when Jesus became my Lord and not just somebody, I knew about but didn't really want to follow. I was with my other sister who is much older in Bloemfontein and she said we are going to church, I was happy because it was new years and I wanted to hear what their church preaches and believes, I remember praying in my heart and saying to God that if you don't speak to me today I am done with Christianity, I can look back now and say that I was foolish, I made it seem that I was giving God a chance when he was giving me a chance. We went to church and the pastor was praying for people and I went up to get some prayers for the year and he said to me your friends in Pretoria

are trying to pull you way from God you were not raised like that, I burst into tears because I knew that that was a word from God, I cried for hours because that was the moment that I realised that God was really real and I knew without saying any prayer that that was me being converted and not that Jesus was my saviour but for the first time he was my lord., and I am currently leading a youth group locally and weekly we are breaking down the word of God. I can truly day that from the age of 10 the pastor's words were true.

7. What role does your Faith play in your Daily Life?

Faith keeps me grounded, even though it is difficult not to be moved by emotions, but it is the scriptures that hold me fast. We often try and figure out what tomorrow brings and what will happen, will things work out my way and when you have faith in Jesus, you know that God is always ahead and is never playing catch up, he is always in front of the pack. That brings me confidence that if I am aligned and use the word of God as a lamp to my feet like what David said in Psalm 119:105, that I will be ok and whatever comes my way I know that God uses all things for good Romans 8:28.

8. Tell us about your employment and what it is that you do?

I am employed by Limpopo Impala Cricket, and I work as a Youth & School's Coordinator. I oversee while promoting and coordinating cricket within the province, mainly focusing on Grade 4 to Grade 12.

9. Tell us the name of your academy and how parents can get their children involved?

The academy is SRE Cricket Academy, and we are based at Genl Piet Joubert, people can send me an email on Sempe@sresports.co.za or send us a message on Instagram:@sre_sports, we can also be found on Facebook:@Sre_sports

10. Who are the people you admire most and why?

I admire my dad and my mother. They have not only worked for everything they have but the stuck together when things were difficult. I also admire my father-in-law he has achieved great things in life but one thing he did is that he has impacted many lives and is still being spoken about

11. Advice for young people and those seeking a relationship with God

I remember one thing during my early days of salvation I had a question which was, it is either Jesus is the biggest liar ever known to man or he is the truth like he says he is.

The Bible is a collection of books which have historical events included in them, go in the Bible and do some research, don't just believe what you have heard. You need to join a local church, get a spiritual leader that is aligned with the word of God, surround yourself with people who believe what you believe.



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I WILL LIFT MY EYES TO THE *HILLS*

Keynote Scripture: Psalm 21

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved, He who keeps you will not slumber...The LORD shall preserve you from all evil, He shall preserve your soul... forevermore."

In this article I wish to discuss with you a book I recently had the privilege of reading by David Jeremiah called ***"When your World Falls Apart."*** David Jeremiah wrote this book to chronicle "his experience" with near terminal cancer. He begins the book with a poem that was very meaningful to him on his journey—"A Bend in the Road"—It reads:



Sometimes we come to a life's
crossroads
and we view what we think is the
end;
But God has a much wider vision
and He knows that it's only a bend
—
The road will go on and get
smoother
and after we've stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond
us
is often the path that is best.
So rest and relax and grow
stronger,
let go and let God share your load,
And have faith in a brighter
tomorrow—
you've just come to a "bend in the
road."

My fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, as David writes in his book "Sometimes along your own path, you've likely encountered a bend in the road too." Maybe you have been in similar situations where you suddenly find yourself faced with unfortunate circumstances that you never expected or wished to encounter, and you then read or hear encouraging words from fellow strugglers or from people that have faced similar trials and tribulations and have overcome these obstacles or "bends in the road." Maybe you wonder why these

images or messages cross your path but let me remind you that we as 'children of God' can be used as God's agents to bring a blessing under others.

The Bible verse that defines Christians as God's agents is Ephesians 2:10, which says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Another verse that refers to Christians as agents of change is Colossians 1:1, which says, "It's all about Jesus: "Agent of Change." Romans 13:4 also refers to authorities as God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong.

Fellow-struggler, Gordon MacDonald writes, "None of us enjoy suffering, but pain does have a way of accomplishing the 'greatest good' in our lives by drawing us closer to God. God uses 'disruptive moments' to help us keep things in perspective." The apostle Paul writes, "***A thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me***" (2 Cor 12:7). God told Paul He would not remove the thorn, but would do something else—in the midst of the ordeal, He would give Paul all the grace he needed to

to continue his work—***“My grace is sufficient for you—because My strength is made perfect in weakness.”***

When we are weak, then we are strong—the weaker we are, the stronger His grace is revealed (2 Cor 12:9-10). It is when we are weak that we really learn to ***“rely on Christ,”*** and that is when we experience “His power” in us and accomplish what He desires.

How quickly we are prone to “strike out against God” when we come to a bend in the road. Our short-sightedness causes us to become discouraged by the event, lose heart, and want to give up or quit. But no matter how disruptive or painful the event may be, we need to remember that everything that happens to us is for the eternal purpose of God—He is training us through the process, with the ultimate goal in mind of “conforming us to the image of Christ.”

British journalist **Malcolm Muggeridge** wisely explained this to William F. Buckley—“the only thing that has taught me anything is suffering; not success, not happiness, not anything like that... the joy of coming in contact with what life really signifies is

suffering and affliction.” The only road that leads to the destination God desires for us has a number of sharp bends—all shortcuts only lead us into the wilderness.

Charles Spurgeon said,
“I bear willing witness that I owed more to the fire, and the hammer, and the file, than to anything else in my Lord's workshop. I sometimes question whether I have ever learned anything except through the rod. When my schoolroom is darkened, I see most.”

Whoever might be reading this article today, I wish to say this: Your “crisis” is important to God—Whatever your struggle or setback, it is intended by God to empower and purify you. Never forget that! Five principles we as believers need to remember—

1. Disruptive moments are simply Divine appointments—Every trial we face, difficult as it may be, comes from the hand of God, who loves us and wants us to grow. Seeing disruptive moments as divine appointments will keep you from giving in to discouragement and hopelessness. The moment we accept the fact that our ordeal has been permitted, even intended by

God, our perspective will change. You will find yourself saying, ***"God, You have allowed this in my life. I don't understand it, but I know that it could not have happened to me unless it was filtered through Your loving hands."*** Once we can see things in that light then we are living in unity with God. The minute we try to fight these obstacles, challenges or trials and tribulations that his when we separate ourselves from placing full trust and faith in God.

2. Progress without pain is usually not possible—We live in a skin-deep world—all the things the world values are cosmetic. Character and substance and shaped in the crucible of adversity. Pain makes us sensitive to God—without pain we simply end up spinning our spiritual wheels, and we go nowhere. David Jeremiah writes: "Show me someone who lives a carefree life with no problems or trials or dark nights of the soul, and I will show you a shallow person." Author **Gordon MacDonald** said: "The spiritual masters have taught us that the one who would get in touch with 'his soul' must do so with diligence and determination... because one must overcome

feelings, fatigue, distractions, errant appetites, pain, suffering."

3. The promise of God is the provision of grace—God told the apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you; My strength is made perfect in weakness"—therefore, it is when you are weak, and not relying on your own strength, that you are strong. God must do some pruning in order for us to thrive and bear fruit, but our Gardener is loving and devoted to our wellbeing. Someone has profoundly said, "The Father is never closer to the vine than when He is pruning it." David Jeremiah writes: "Never in all my life have I sensed the closeness and provision of God as I did when I came to the bend in the road; and never before have I been more fruitful than I have been since I came through the bend in the road."

4. Disruptive moments produce dynamic growth—You can struggle against the disruptive moment, shake your fist at the heavens, and find yourself exhausted, defeated and in despair...or you can accept the moment and let it train and strengthen you in your inner man. God allows no pain without purpose. His power will rest upon you only when you have

abandoned the idea that you are big enough to go it alone. Every plant must weather a storm every now and then.

Listen to the words of **Charles Spurgeon**—

Those who navigate little streams and shallow creeks, know but little of the God of tempests; but those who "do business in great [deep] waters," these see His wonders in the deep. Among the huge Atlantic waves of bereavement, poverty, temptation, and reproach, we learn the power of Jehovah, because we feel the littleness of man.

5. What we receive from disruptive moments depends upon how we respond—"Why this, Lord?" you might ask. "Why now?" Why not later?" Why not someone else?" We all ask the WHY questions. They are a natural part of being human. But we can ask better questions—we can ask WHAT questions: "What Lord?" What would You have me do?" What are You trying to teach me?" Reflect upon the words of **Psalms 71**—(1-27)

In You, O LORD, I put my trust...
Incline Your ear to me, and save me.

Do not cast me off in the time of

old age;

Do not forsake me when my strength fails.

O my God, make haste the help me...

You, who have shown me great and severe troubles,
Bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

And I shall speak of Your righteousness all the day long.

Psalms 71 is an incredible jewel in the Scriptures—Most scholars

believe it was written by David when he was going through some heart-wrenching times as a result of his sons. Absalom had turned on his father and attempted to seize the throne. Adonijah tried to usurp the throne as well, but David had already promised it to Solomon. The cost to David was horrendously heavy; his aging heart was burdened with a deep grief few of us will ever experience. What we need to understand is that God's children have no immunity whatsoever to pain or suffering. Trials can come through friends, or enemies or aging and bad health, but they can also come from God Himself. Peter wrote, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trials you are going through, as though some strange thing is happening to you" (1 Pet 4:12). Some things cannot be learned

through lectures or the written word; they must come at the cost of bruised hands and bloody knees.

Trials are for our “benefit,” as unwelcome as they are at the time. They make us better men and women. When you have walked through the fire, people begin to listen to you. When you have the wisdom borne of suffering, you begin to have the tools to accomplish something in the world. As God’s children, ***“We must learn to live with the insecurities and the ambiguities of life,*** knowing that we are secure in Christ; for He is our God.” The psalmist in Psalm 119 said, “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word... it is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes” (Ps 119:67,71).

Testing makes you walk the straight path, while the untested go astray. Charles Spurgeon suffered with prolonged bouts of depression and anxiety, and his psychological and physical ailments were so crippling that he frequently was confined to bed for weeks. But Spurgeon came to see these problems as part of God’s work in his life. His suffering enabled him to comfort and

encourage the many hurting people who were touched by his ministry. And he found a pattern to his life—His periods of depression invariably preceded seasons of God’s special blessings on his ministry. He knew he did not suffer without reason. Here are his own words: “This depression comes over me whenever the Lord is preparing a larger blessing for my ministry; the cloud is black before it breaks.” This psychologically frail man, published more than 3,500 sermons, authored some 135 books, and is still regarded today as the “Prince of Preachers” in the modern era. So be encouraged to know that God is up to something when He sends difficulty our way. For every pilgrim in this journey of life, the road will “bend” in a different direction. When we meet the bend in the road we must look to God for the “grace” the meet that defining moment. May God bless you and keep you my dear friend, may God make His face to shine upon you and bring you peace. **Amen.**



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THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS
CHRIST?

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"

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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."

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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."

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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

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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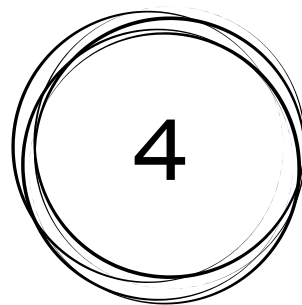
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GOD'S *FAITHFULNESS*

My friend's mom, a young woman at the time, had been trying to get pregnant for a while. Her older child had become a "big girl", and she was eager to have another little one. She prayed and asked God to bless her with a second child. She did get pregnant, and she was elated! She felt certain God spoke to her concerning this particular pregnancy; so she was confident her new baby was growing, and excited about what the future would bring.

You can imagine her shock when the doctor couldn't find a heartbeat at her 12 week appointment. The doctor did all the necessary tests available to them at the time, and he gave her the sad news – she needed to have a D & C done ASAP, as the baby was dead.

She was devastated and confused,

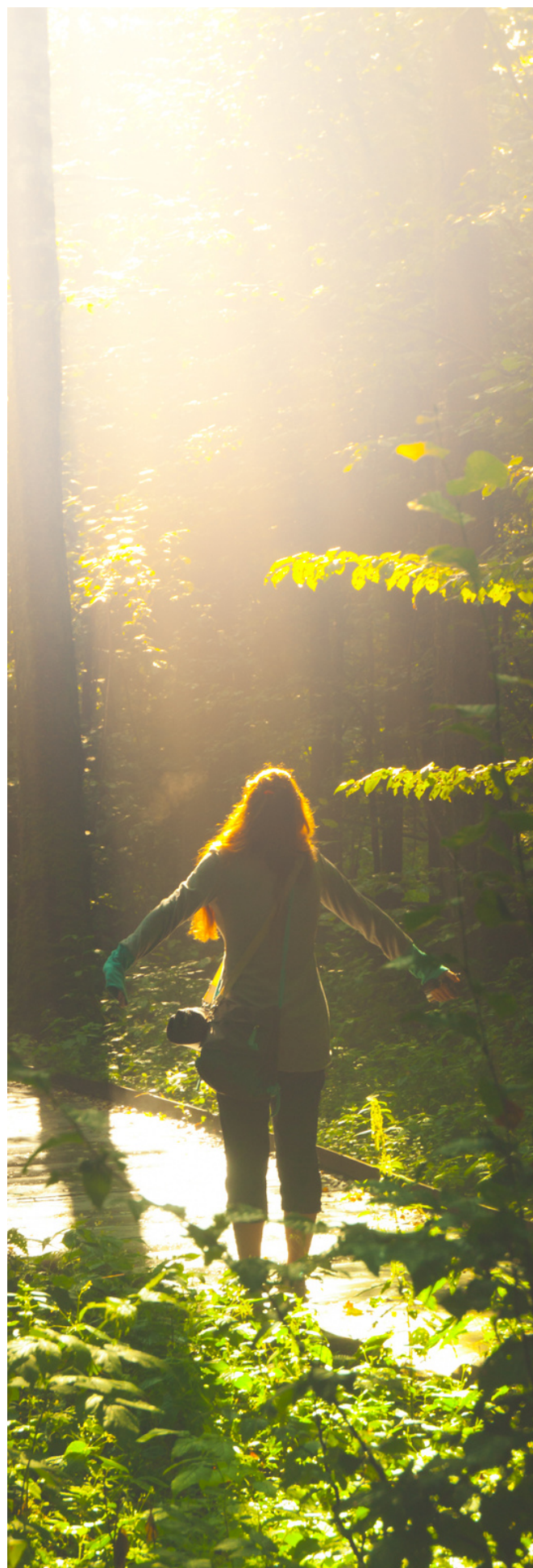
but kept telling her husband – God told me about this particular child! He couldn't have changed his mind! She went to a different doctor, and received the same terrible news. Over the next few months, she went to doctor after doctor to try to register for prenatal care, but everyone said the same thing – You are no longer pregnant. Get a D & C before you endanger yourself!

She couldn't bring herself to do the D & C however. She kept saying she was certain God had spoken to her about this particular baby. All in all, this young lady saw a total of 7 different doctors; and the report was always the same. At home, even as the months went by, her tummy didn't get any bigger, she felt no baby movement, no kicks, nothing.

In her seventh month, her tummy started getting a teeny tiny bit bigger. Her neighbors noticed her teeny tiny bump and assumed she had just become pregnant. She knew she was supposed to be 7 months pregnant, but she still didn't feel any kicks or movement. She went ahead and started getting herself and her home ready for a new baby. She even bought new baby clothes. Her ninth month of pregnancy soon rolled around, and one day, she went in to her church to help set up for a Thanksgiving service. She was very active, moving around, helping with decorating and other tasks.

While she was at church, she began to experience what felt like labor pains, and she was rushed to the nearest hospital. Guess what? She gave birth to a healthy 10 pound baby girl and named her Faith! Her husband took Baby Faith to see all the 7 doctors they had previously seen, and they were all speechless. Nobody could explain it. Everyone showered the family with love, gifts & best wishes. Faith is my very good friend today – we live a couple of miles apart .

Thank you Lord, for your faithfulness!





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GOD REVEALS HIS THOUGHTS TO HIS FRIENDS

God reveals His thoughts and His plans to those who have intimacy with Him. Amos 3:7 tells us: "Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets."

God may bring revelation/knowledge in charismatic ways like strong impressions, dreams, or even a small still voice, but His primary way of revealing Himself is through the insights from His Word of God.

Those who are friends of God constantly receive revelation from the Holy Spirit through God's Word. Isaiah 66:2 says, "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word." God esteems and

favours those who reverence His Word. Job declared that he treasured God's Word more than his daily bread (Job 23:12). David was a man after God's own heart, and he wrote the longest



discourse in the Bible about the Word of God in Psalm 119. In it he heaps praises on the Word of God. "Oh how I love your law, it is my meditation all the day long" (119:97). David had a friendship relationship with God.

Those who are God's friends meditate on God's Word and receive revelation from it. It is while in the Word that they receive a strong sense of God's displeasure for a sinful act, a person, or a nation. It is while in the Word that they sense God's great love, concern, and compassion. It is while they are in the Word they get to know God's will for their lives etc. God does not only reveal His will in response to time in the Word, He also reveals it in response to prayer. Consider Paul's prayer in Colossians 1:9: "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding." Paul continually prayed for the Colossians to be filled with the knowledge of God's will. We must do the same. We must intercede to be filled with the knowledge of God's will and for

and for God to reveal it to others. In response to prayer, God makes Himself and His will known.

A great example of this is Paul's call to missions. Consider Acts 13:1-3: "In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off."

After prayer and fasting, the Holy Spirit revealed God's plans to send Barnabas and Saul on missionary journeys. In response to prayer, God revealed His will.

Are you willing to pray to know God's will? Are you willing to abide in God's Word to gain brighter understanding of His Person, His Power, and His Purpose?



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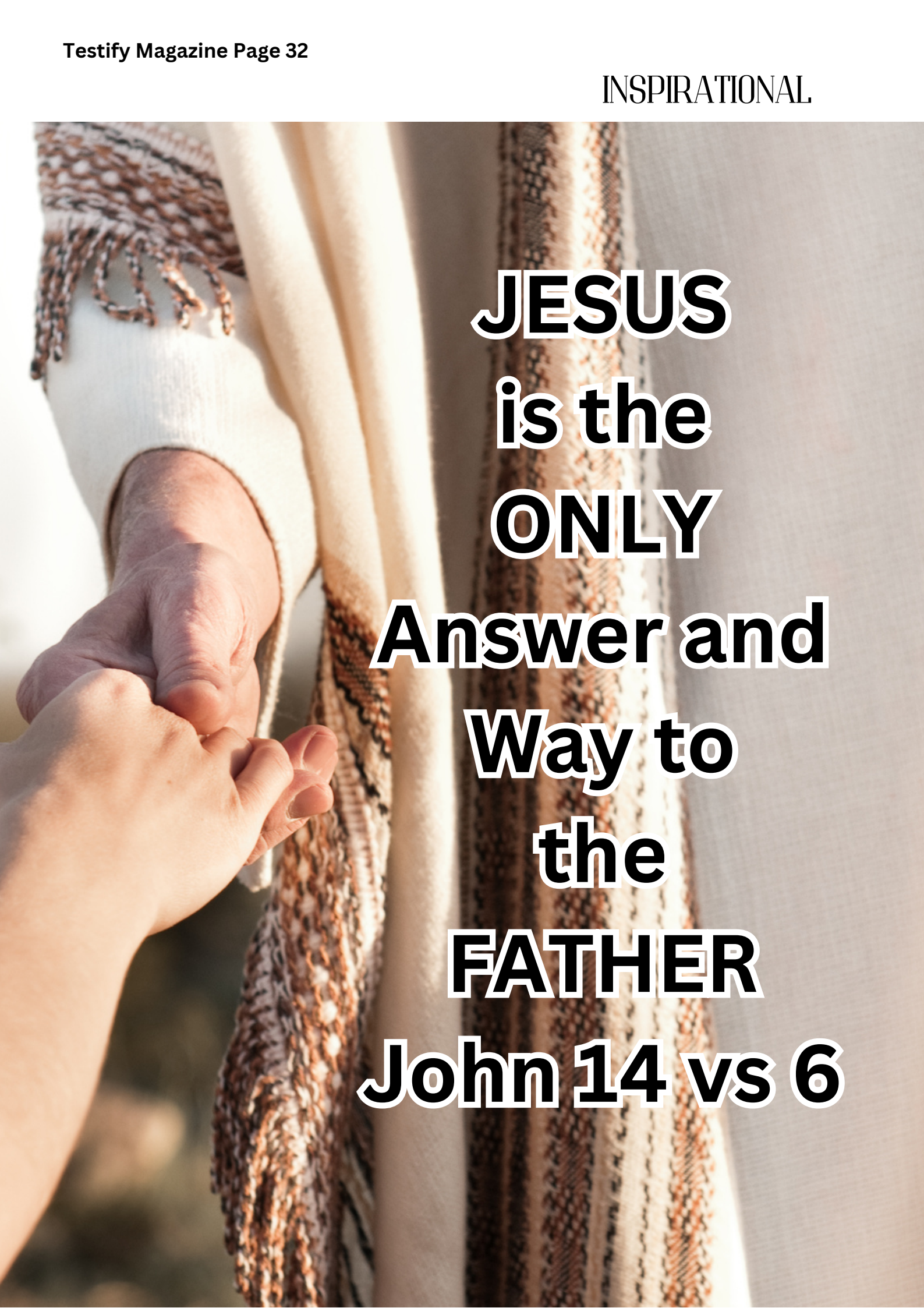
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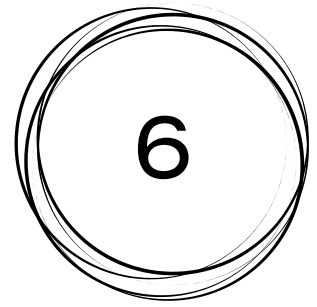
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IMPACT YOUTH

BY KRYSTLE WHITTAKER



THE PASTOR'S *KID*

Allow me to share my life as a Pastors kid (PK), young women now in ministry and the contradictions our young people are exposed to all around. I am Apostle Krystle Whittaker. My parents were Pastors and I married a Pastor. I have served in my parents ministry for a very young age in Praise and Worship, Spiritual dance, Youth ministry as well as eventually leading in these ministries .Now co -pastoring with my husband.

One contradiction I have experienced and seen in my involvement in Youth ministry is how you people want to grow up so fast and be big enough to do things way above their age or maturity level in the world. Yet in the house of God associate spirituality and the deeper things of God for the older church folk hence delaying growing up within the church and remaining at children's church level spiritually

buy grown ups in the worldly sence. Hence the saying, "Big before your time!"



First and foremost let me commend every PK who finds themselves still serving God, loving God and doing ministry in whatever form or fashion. I celebrate you for standing firm amidst criticism, betrayal, loneliness and all the things that you experience just because you are the Pastors Kid.

In my experience, you grow up in a fish bowl with everyone's eyes constantly on you. Whether it is your peers, their parents, church members, even your so called unbeliever friends or classmates. You become very aware of these eyes on you as you mature. These eyes are either in admiration, envy or disappointment when you are not the image people expect you to be. If you are genuinely sold out for God and serving with your gift in your parents church, you are often met with, "this is just a family church" or "dis net die pastoor se kinders wat die geleenthede het." "Hoekom moet hulle altyd die beste wees?". Then comes the underlying tension and competition created between you and your church friends that now filters into your youth ministry experience. You just never feel like a normal teenager.

Aside from these external battles

you are also doing your best to be good Christian and live up to the basic standards your parents teach you like the 10 commandments and the Fruit of the spirit. You are also a product of strict parenting that is biblically based and I quote "Those who spare the rod hate their children, but those who love them are diligent to discipline them" (Proverbs 13:24).

So just imagine if your parents are the ones preaching this then automatically you become the standard. No sleepovers, no parties, absolutely no opportunities to deviate in any form. Don't get me wrong, I loved my up bringing. My mom and dad were the best and I treasure the discipline and boundaries they set. However, the challenge comes in when you are then challenged and questioned on this point that you only serve God because of your parents and had they not been your parents your life would be different.

The challenge also comes from those who admire you but still feel you have no real credibility as a genuine radical young person on fire for God because you don't have a testimony!

And the challenge here being how

both the church and the world have defined and celebrated certain testimonies. I have also heard people say out right that you must go into the world and experience life. I been criticized for never have been in a night club, never having tasted alcohol. The biggest shocker was not being believed when I often share my pride of getting married a virgin. This is the biggest contradiction that the enemy uses to deceive young people.

In saying all that I have said, I come to this. What then is a testimony exactly? It is a public declaration of what God has done for me. I once was lost but now I'm found! Was blind but now I see! Don't get me wrong, PK's are not born perfect or sinless, no. I want to emphasize that you do not have to go into the world like the prodigal son and go through all of the just for credibility in the church to say you have a testimony. Or go and experience life, try drugs and God forbid you end up and addict. Or taste alcohol or do whatever people seem to think you missing out on. No you might not be a PK but as a young person I am sure you can relate.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with you for not desiring any of

these things. You are not an alien for loving God, loving the house of God, Loving God's people. I rebuke that lie and inferiority that the enemy through people has imposed on you that you do not have a testimony.

Your testimony is that God kept you pure! You resisted the devil! Your testimony is that it is possible to remain pure. God kept you! It is possible to not conform to the pattern and standards of this world! Your testimony is to be celebrated because that is what God has done for you.

1 Peter 2:22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

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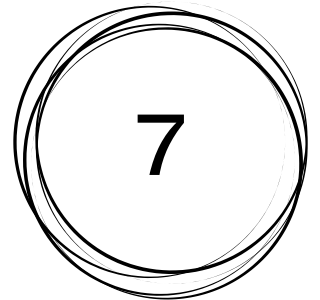
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**"Mercy unto you,
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be multiplied."**

GIRLS ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

BY HYBRE KIVEDO



A JOURNEY WITH *SCARS*

Scripture: Joel 2: 25

"I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you."

At times, God sends locusts into our lives, trials, troubles, and tests. Allow God's light to shine on you, as you let his grace and mercy in. He promises to repay you, your family, and your loved ones for the years that locusts may have stolen. God uses these trials to stretch and strengthen our faith. As you think about your fights, think about God's ability to restore. Believe that what lies ahead is better than what has been, and trust in his great plan.

We have all come across someone that we love or ourselves who has

had to face the battle with cancer. I have had many loved ones that I endured the journey with and have lost a few over the years. My journey with CANSA has been going



on for years now. With most of their events, I have always supported them, I had a team once doing the CANSA Relay, and what an amazing experience I had, for the reader that does not know what this entails, it is a night walk until the next morning in support of survivors or those who has lost their lives to this illness. There are many ways to support those affected by this illness. My father, Joel Kivedo, was diagnosed in September 2022 with colon cancer, this was such a tremendous shock to us, but we had faith that the Lord was with us during this time. My dad's journey was such a great lesson to all of us, our faith grew stronger, and we entrusted all in God's hands. It is never an easy journey, not only for the patient but for the spouse and family. My father complained of being tired all the time and we thought that this was due to his diabetic condition. My dad could hardly walk with me in the shopping mall and would mention to me that he was tired, I then realized that this was something more than being diabetic. He eventually made an appointment with his general practitioner, who did some blood tests. Upon receiving the results of the tests, the doctor mentioned to my dad that he needed to see a specialist, who confirmed after

more tests and scans that there was a tumor the size of a golf ball, the news came as a shock at the time for us as a family and being a daddy's girl, I immediately asked the Lord to heal my dad, I could not see my life without my father.

I know that at some point in my life, I must face the fact that my dad would not always be around physically, but to me, it just felt like I needed my daddy and the Lord needed to give me more time with him. I am sure many of you have felt this way when you love a loved one and you do not want to let go.

In all this, my mother was such an amazing pillar to us all and especially supportive towards my father, although at times frustration on both sides kicked in and would have words between each other. My dad had such amazing support from the family. The doctor admitted my dad into the hospital to remove the tumor, we visited my dad the day before the scheduled date of the operation and my younger brother Gevane stood by my dad's bedside and placed his hand on the place where the tumor was discovered and prayed. His words to my father after the prayer, "Daddy the Lord says they will not find any other cancer cells in your colon or any other organ." The following day my dad's operation was scheduled and not aware of anything my dad's

brother, Basil Kivedo asked his twin daughter Imelda to book him a ticket, and he told her that he needed to be there for his brother.

My uncle arrived in Port Elizabeth the same day my dad had his operation when we arrived at the hospital in the evening, my uncle accompanied us, and what a wonderful surprise this was for my father. We always mention that the Lord gives us confirmation on the word spoken by Him through His children and the Lord once again through my uncle confirmed what my brother said the previous night. The doctor then confirmed that same night that there were no other signs of cancer in any other organs, and I just burst out crying and could not thank God enough for His mercy and grace over my father's life.

The doctor, however, arranged for my dad to visit an oncologist and he was truly sent from God, a child of God, and I could feel in my spirit from the minute we met him that He truly loves the Lord.

The time my father spent in the hospital, we could share an amazing time with my uncle Basil, and when I look back now was all part of God's plan for my dad to be diagnosed with this illness, for us to spend the last precious weeks with my uncle.

He was truly my inspiration in so many ways, even me having this opportunity to write for the magazine, would tell me my girl, God has great plans for your future. He knew the love I had for writing and sharing my experiences with others, and he would in the time he spent with us encourage me to continue.

My father spent a few days with his brother at home before he returned to Worcester. The few nights they spent time with each other, they would sit in front of the television, and I would hear them talking and laughing, and this brought so much joy to my heart.

My uncle had to return home and three days after his arrival, I received a call from my cousin that my uncle had passed away. I went numb at the time, as my parents were unaware at the time. So how do you share this news with your parents, I prayed and asked God to give me wisdom and strength as I knew I had to be strong for the sake of my parents and know that the Lord would strengthen my dad at that moment. I then shared the news with my mother and brother and at this time my father's second eldest brother Brian, called him and shared the sad news.

My parents have always entrusted everything to the Lord, and I am blessed that I was raised by two remarkable people who showed me that we cannot live without the grace and mercy of the Lord. My father had begun his chemo treatment during the time of his brother's passing, and I accompanied my parents to the oncology clinic, my father's first visit. I had my moment with the Lord in the car before I entered and I made a request to God, asking, "Lord, please allow me to have all the side effects that the chemo has on a patient." This was such an emotional moment for me seeing what my dad had to endure, but what a strong man he is.

Two days after he received his first chemo treatment, I became sick and thought that I had a bad cold, but then, I heard a voice say to me "Hybre, remember your prayer to me!". My dad had no side effects of the chemo, and I could not thank the Lord enough. My dad once spoke to me and said that he knew why he had to go through this right now, as his spiritual life was not where it was supposed to be, and this had to happen so that he could see how God wanted him to trust and spend more time with Him. God says in **Isaiah 41:10** "**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be**

dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

This took a toll on us as a family, but mostly on my mother as she accompanied my dad to all his chemo sessions and she had to endure many mood swings from my father, as the doctor warned us previously. In support of my dad's journey, I shaved all my hair. This was the second time I have done this, and it brings me such great joy to know that I can share my love and support with those facing this disease. I am so grateful to the Lord for healing my father from the disease and can say he is clear of cancer—all the Glory and Praises to God our Heavenly Father.

As the scripture says in Joel 2:25, the Lord promises that he will restore the years the locusts have stolen, and in asking the question, what was the reason for the visit of my uncle? With his passing on, what is the message that is coming across to the family? Father in Heaven, what is Your message to the family? What I heard was, that "faithfulness is not about us, it's about Me your Heavenly Father, in trusting Me, to do what has been spoken and allow what I, your Heavenly Father, need to do in the family".

My uncle was sent by God to come and share the message of the miracle, that my dad would be completely healed. In this process, my dad's relationship with the Lord grew stronger, and knowing that all this was following God's plan for his life, was by being held in prayer.

Isaiah 40:31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

My message is: Take time each day to devote yourself to the Lord and the plans He has for your life. If you are giving each area of your life to God, then He will bless it and be able to work through it abundantly.

Applying faith to our everyday life, is to take time out, and allow us as His creation, created In His Image to humble ourselves and to be humbled and thankful. "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1). Let it be known that God's plan might not look one hundred percent like ours, because His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither is His ways our ways (Isaiah 55:8), but His plan is the ultimate plan for our lives.

Be blessed and be strengthened in the Lord in everything done in our lives this day moving forward.



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THE SEVEN-SEALED BOOK

Revelation 5:1-7

1And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." 6And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

John saw a book sealed with seven seals in the hands of God. This is a very important sealed document that contains, the revealed will, mysteries, and the works of God; the hidden things concerning this earth. It is a title deed, giving Christ the authority to take earthly kingdoms. It is also a jubilee will, a scroll giving the Lamb redemption / judgment powers.

In the book of Jeremiah chapter 32 we read how Jeremiah's cousin sold him a field. Jeremiah took the title deed, sealed it and then hid it away. The deed was hidden by his secretary with instructions to unearth it one day. After captivity, the scroll could be opened, proving that Jeremiah's descendants owned the land.



Who is worthy to open the scroll?

God has made a Will leaving everything to His Son, Jesus, “whom He appointed heir of all things. In the Old Testament we are given a clear picture and understanding of the Father’s will. We get to read how this will is written, while discussing it with His Son. In the book of Revelation no one is worthy to open this scroll. The seals need to be opened, not only to reveal what is written, but also to enable it to be carried out.

Roman Wills were sealed by seven witnesses and their contents were often summarized on the back. A Will is to be opened only when the testator has died, not just to find out to whom he left his estate, but also to enable his wishes to be carried out. Until the testator dies, the Will remains private; after his death, only the Executor is entitled to have it and to carry out what it says.

One of the first questions a lawyer will ask when taking instructions to prepare a Will is, "Who is to be the Executor?" In John's vision the problem with the scroll is that there is apparently no one qualified to unseal it. In other words, who is the Executor of the Father's Will? John is so distressed that he weeps. It is quite a relief, then, when we see Jesus revealed as the One with the credentials to be the Executor of the Will – the One entitled to take the scroll, open the seals and implement its contents. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Royal line of David.

So, is He the Executor? Normally if you make a Will leaving everything to one person, you will also appoint that person as the Executor. As we have already noted, Jesus is the sole beneficiary of the Father's Will. But even if Jesus is the sole beneficiary, and therefore logically the Executor, He has no authority to possess the Will, or to execute it, until the testator has died. The first question a solicitor should ask when taking instructions to apply for Probate is, "Please may I see the Death Certificate?"

In John's vision we see Jesus being announced as a Lion, but He appears as a Lamb, this proves that He has been slain. He died for our sin. God came to this world in Human form – Jesus. Jesus is by very nature God and said, "I and the Father are one" and "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father (John 14:9-10, John 10:30). The fact that He is God is confirmed by the seven horns and seven eyes. The number 7 represents perfection or completeness, so the seven horns represent complete power or strength (only God is omnipotent) and we are told that the seven eyes represent "the seven spirits of God" (Is.11:2), that would rest upon the descendant of David.

Jesus must present a will or testament of His worthiness to become the King of Kings. This occurs at the opening of the seven sealed book. He is worthy to open it, because He is the Lamb, but He will become the Lion after the book is opened!



THE SEVEN SEALS

Seven witnesses are required to break the 7 seals, matching the seal with the insignia ring. Therefore, there must be seven witnesses present when opening the scroll. In chapter 2 and 3 of Revelation, 7 churches are mentioned. There are 7 churches and 7 seals. These would be the pastors and the members of the 7 churches.

THE LAW OF THE JUBILEE - LEVITICUS 25

This seven sealed book is a Jubilee Will. Israel counted 7 years of 7 Sabbath cycles (49 years) and on the 49th year blew the silver trumpets. The jubilee fell on the Day of Atonement and the Day of Atonement is believed to be the day Adam sinned. On a Jubilee, a family needed proof of possession (a Will) to redeem back their land.

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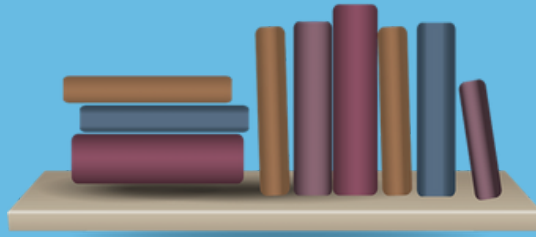
**THE WORD JEWELS IS" A PECULIAR TREASURE" AND NOT JUST JEWELRY.
WE HAVE THIS "TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS" (2 COR.4:7)**

WE ARE A PECULIAR PEOPLE AND CHOSEN GENERATION (1PET.2:9)

THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS IS ALSO CALLED THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

THESE TRUMPETS ARE A MEMORIAL OF BLOWING OF TRUMPETS(LEV.23:24)

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE SAID TO BE OPENED ON THIS DAY



Other Books In The Heavenly Temple

Book of the Living – Ps. 69:28

“Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.”

Book of Life – Rev.3:5

“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

Book of Tears – Ps 56:8

**“You number my wanderings;
Put my tears into Your bottle;
Are they not in Your book?”**

Book of Works and Deeds – Rev. 20:12-15

“And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Book of Remembrance – Mal. 3:16-18

**16Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another,
And the Lord listened and heard them;
So a book of remembrance was written before Him
For those who fear the Lord
And who meditate on His name.
17“They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts,
“On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them**

As a man spares his own son who serves him.”

**18Then you shall again discern
Between the righteous and the wicked,
Between one who serves God
And one who does not serve Him.**

SUMMARY

God has a perfect plan for man. Satan came to steal the land and its inhabitants when Adam and Eve sinned. God made a covenant with His people and through them and their blood line a Saviour would be born. This Saviour the Son of God, Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem and died on a cross for all humanity's sin. He is the only one worthy enough to open the scroll / will of God. Those who humble themselves before Him, repent and make Him their Lord and Saviour will have part in this inheritance, but their names must be written in the Book of Life and also in the Book of Remembrance.

Those written in the Book of Remembrance will be taken with the Rapture. If you are not a born-again believer in Christ, please consider turning from your sinful lifestyle and pray this prayer.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and in need of a Saviour. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead. I ask for your forgiveness. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. Guide my life through your Holy Spirit and help me to do your will. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen!





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has denied the truth.
**DON'T LET TRUTH BE
YOUR ENEMY!**

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JESUS

We concluded in last month's chapter that there is a tremendous attack on men to create dysfunctional families and when the families are dysfunctional it will affect the community and the church. The enemy is fully aware that if he can remove the father from the family they will be affected. Despite what the enemy is doing we need to understand that there is a God that can change situations.

The Power Of Vision.

Mark 5:6 says "When he saw Jesus from a distance....." We must pray for the scales to be removed from the men's eyes or that their blind eyes would be open for them to see their solution. Scripture says in 2Cor 4:4 that the god of this age has blinded the eyes of men but we see the Apostle Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:18 that the eyes the understanding be enlightened

because where there is vision there is a direction (Prov 29:18). The enemy thrives on their blind state because it not only affects them but every one that is connected to them.

Pursuing Your Answer.

Mark 5:6 continues to say & ".....he ran to Him." We see in Genesis 3:8 that Adam and Eve ran away from the presence of God and hid. It is the tendency of men



that when they are found in a compromising situation they tend to run away from God and the help they will receive. There are various reasons why they would run away; it could be because of the fear of rejection; condemnation or people judging them. Praise God in this case the man ran to Jesus for help. May all men run to God and the godly help they will receive. Scriptures says in Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a Strong Tower the righteous run into and they are safe."

Jesus Is The Answer.

In the current world we are living in with so many reasoning and various options we tend to overlook Jesus as the answer. Some have a total disregard for the things of God and when we refer to Jesus as the answer you are ignored and looked down upon. Then some accept Jesus as the answer but still hold onto things of the world that are in direct opposition to Him. You also get those who trust in Jesus and in trusting Him you realize that He can use various methods as well e.g. doctors; psychologists; church leaders etc. All these examples are not opposed to Jesus as the answer. The scripture says that when the man saw Jesus he ran to

Him. May all men see Jesus and run to Him for help. In Jesus, there is deliverance and restoration.

Conclusion:

The Apostle Paul says in Romans 1:16 that he is not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus for it is power unto salvation. I have full confidence that when men have a genuine encounter with Jesus their lives will never be the same. There were many attempts made to help the man until he had an encounter with Jesus. Lk 4:18-20 tells you about the power that Jesus has and how he can deliver mankind.

We need to pray and trust that men seek Jesus Christ and run to Him for help.

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WISDOM SEED

BY PASTOR OLUWATOMI OYEBANJI

KNOWLEDGE *SEED*

Dearly beloved, your generation shall celebrate the blessings of God in your life and family in Jesus name. Amen. Hallelujah!

Dearly Beloved, may you beginning from today enjoy the multiplying grace of God to fulfil your glorious destiny in your generation.

Dearly beloved, your life from today shall testify of the blessings of God that make you rich & add no sorrow in Jesus name. Amen

Dear Beloved, may you from today appear and be positioned on earth as the vessel of mercies in Jesus' name. Amen.

Beloved, I have good news for you today. God has brought you & your household to the season of celebrating His blessings by mercy.

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THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

YOUR ALLOWED TO LAUGH

THE GOODNESS OF *LAUGHTER*

Persistence

A group of seminary students gathered in the chapel one day as the dean challenged them to NOT pray for a large church because of the stress, problems and worries that go with it. The next year one of the students who graduated returned to give his testimony. He said, "I did ask God for a big church; however, I also asked God for a pretty wife. My prayer was ALMOST answered. Instead of getting a big church and a pretty wife, I got a pretty church and a big wife!"

Bugs

"Mom, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk

about such things at the dinner table, son," his mother replied. After dinner the mother inquired, "Now, baby, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."



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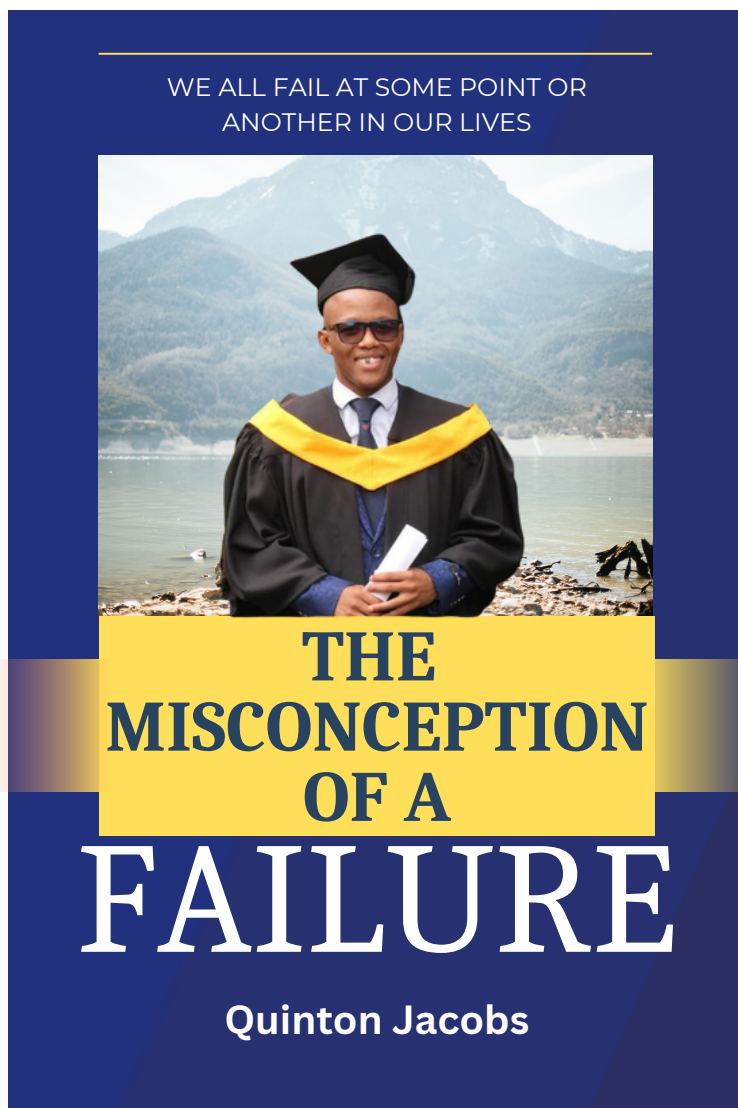
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I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

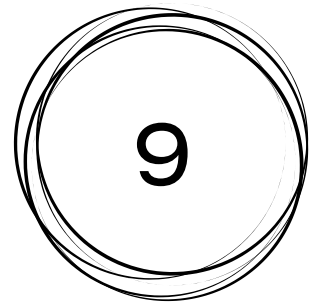
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THE HEART OF JESUS

BY PASTOR NOMSA

Calling All Saints
Calling All Sinners!



ROYAL *DONKEYS*

Beloved in Christ,

When I started this month's column, I wanted to share what "really" happened to Enoch (not the fairy-tale everyone believes!) or maybe talk about the "four corners" of this round earth! Or maybe just discuss something about your "Birth-right"; or talk about the four winds that minister to us; or tell you that the book of Jonah has nothing to do with a Sea-monster (it's all about Jesus!) Some would probably enjoy knowing where the location of the "Garden of God in Eden" was on the earth? and yes, I truly know, for God reveals His little Kingdom Treasures to us. Sometimes moa just want to share amazing experiences I had with God. Or might want to give some insight about why Elijah prayed that it should not rain for 3 and a half years? Or share some secrets about

the "land of milk and honey". Did you know Jesus said "no" to drugs? and Rahab knew "the Way of Christ" ... and really, what is the "Inescapable question" of God? Some would say – let's talk about "Love, Lust, Passion and Intimacy",



because maybe you need some help in that area; but what about the “Bitterness of the Cross” of our Savior; and the “Screaming Blood” in the Old Testament that shouted to God? If you want, I could have blessed you with the “Metanoia” of Moses in the “cleft of the rock” and share what the “mansions in Heaven” really is – but I thought, why don’t we have some fun today and talk about ... “Royal Donkeys” ...?

Teaching 421: “Royal Donkeys”!
(Date: 8 th April 2012)

Prayer:

Wonderful Father of mercy and grace, we thank you for the Holy Spirit, who is our constant companion. May You be glorified through the Teachings of Your word, which were deposited into us, during years of studying Your Word.

Help me Holy Ghost, to explain the scriptures as Jesus would have done in His time, through His wisdom and knowledge of Your Kingdom. Thank You Lord, for choosing a Donkey!

May the true Sons of God receive deep revelation knowledge and be manifested on this earth, in Jesus Name, by the power of His resurrection. We praise Your mighty Name.
Hallelujah! Amen.

**“CHAMORO SHEL MASHIACH” or
‘Messiah’s Donkey’**

**WHY DID JESUS RIDE ON A
DONKEY WHEN HE ENTERED THE
CITY GATES BEFORE HE WAS
CRUCIFIED? Why not a horse?**

Why did Mary ride a donkey when she was expecting Jesus? Why not a horse? And why did Joseph and Mary flee to Egypt (on a donkey) with baby Jesus? Again, why not a horse? Did you know Samson slayed the Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey in Judg15:14-20.

Why a donkey’s Jawbone, and not a horse? Why did Saul go to Damascus and fell off his high horse when Jesus spoke to him? – why did he not use a donkey? Why did Shechem rape Dinah the daughter of Jacob? And what does that have to do with donkeys? Before we get into the teaching today, let me just share something with you, regarding Donkeys, for interesting sake: Small donkeys are called “burro” (Spanish for donkey) in the western USA; and a male donkey is called “jack”. The female is called a “jenny”. Baby donkey’s younger than one year is known as a foal; and baby donkey’s older than a year is called a “colt” (male); and a “filly” (female). If mating occurs between a male horse and a female

donkey “jenny” it produces a “hinny”; which is more successful mating than a male donkey “jack” and female horse offspring which would be called a “mule”. Now let’s get to our scripture for today.

Scripture Reading: **Judg15:14-20**

Judg15:14 And when he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon [Samson], and the ropes on his arms became as flax that had caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands. **Judg15:15** And he found a still moist jawbone of a donkey and reached out and took it and slew 1,000 men with it. **Judg15:16** And Samson said, With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey I have slain 1,000 men! **Judg15:17** And when he stopped speaking, he cast the jawbone from his hand; and that place was called Ramath-lehi [the hill of the jawbone]. **Judg15:18** Samson was very thirsty, and he prayed to the Lord and said, You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant, and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised? **Judg15:19** And God split open the hollow place that was at Lehi, and water came out of it. And when he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived.

Therefore, the name of it was called En-hakkore [the spring of him who prayed], which is at Lehi to this day. **Jdg15:20** And [Samson] judged (defended) Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years. **[Jdg17:6]**



Samson slaying 1000 Philistines!

The name “Lehi” [Lechi] literally means “Jawbone” in Hebrew. Don’t you find it interesting that the name of the place is the same as the “object” [a jawbone] Samson used to kill 1000 philistines with. It’s almost as if the Philistines were too dim-witty to realize they were walking to their death when they went to a place called “Jawbone”. Notice that when the Philistines came shouting to meet Samson, the Spirit of the Lord (Holy Spirit) came mightily upon him. I personally believe that Samson was a small person, and not so full of bouldering muscles as pictures predict in Bible Books. Because if he was big and full of muscles, people

would have given him credit for what he did. But because he was small, the Spirit of the Lord had to come mightily upon him, to save him from the Philistines. The ropes on his arms became like flax; caught fire, and his bonds melted of his hands. We must realize here that it is only God that could have done something like this. All the honor and glory belong to God. Samson obviously realized that without God he would have died that day – 1000 philistines against one man! But we see that if God is on your side, you can kill 1000 philistines like Samson did! I am sure David understood this revelation when he said: **Psa18:29** For by You I can run through a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

We see that Samson found a “still, moist” jawbone of a donkey and this was the weapon he used to kill 1000 philistines with. Ok, first, the jawbone was “still” and “moist” ... let’s think about this. How can a jawbone be “still” ... aah! Let’s look at the “still small voice” who spoke to Elijah - **1Kin19:11** ... behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; **1Kin19:12** And after the

earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire [a sound of gentle stillness and] a still, small voice... So, when we find a “stillness” in anything in the Word of God, it refers to the presence of God (most of the times) spiritually speaking.

So, what does the still, moist jawbone represent in this story (spiritually)? A jawbone serves as anchors for teeth, which are critical for chewing and speaking! The Jaw related to speech, and Jesus is called the “Word of God”; and the “Living Word”, the written Word (Gospel)! The Jawbone is where the mouth is – where God speaks from! Jesus came to set His people free by talking, sharing His gospel, and proclaiming the good News (“from His jaw”, so to speak) Giving us truths from His mouth that would set us free! This story of the jawbone and Samson was to show the people that Jesus would come with the truth to deliver us as Samson used the donkey’s jawbone to set his people free from the Philistines. Therefore, Samson can be seen as a for-runner of Jesus, with regards to delivering His people. A further significance attaching to that jawbone is that it was still “moist”, for that is the literal meaning of the word “new.” In other words, it was that of an ass that had just died and hadn’t yet begun to decay. The

jawbone is a picture of Jesus, the true Word of God. Our protection, and the one who fights on our behalf! As it was in this situation with Samson. This is why the jawbone is important – Samson himself had no power against the Philistines, but when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and God provided Him with the jawbone, God won a great victory through Samson's body. Spiritually speaking this is a teaching for our benefit today – for when “philistines” in our lives come against us, and we do not know how to defeat them, we must use the “spiritual jawbone”. This is a mighty “weapon” in the hands of a true Son of God. Use your spiritual jawbone to defeat your “Philistines” and give God the glory! Our “philistines” are all those things that break us down, dominate us, give us fear and doubt, sicknesses, calamities, shame, negativeness, and things that shake us in our faith, and make us depressed.

Afterwards Samson was thirsty and spoke to God asking if he should now die? But God provided for him water from a hollow place, and he drank, and immediately “his spirit returned”, and he was revived. So, where was Samson's own spirit during the fight? And who was really fighting the Philistines? – God Himself, in the body of Samson!

This is why Samson called that place “En-hakkore”, or “Ramath-Lehi” as it is known till today, meaning “the hill of the Jawbone”. This was where God's Spirit fought in the body of Samson moving his arm to slay 1000 Philistines! There is no man on earth that could have done that without God's Power! Samson needed water afterwards (Jesus – Living water), for his physical body was exhausted. How would you feel when God possesses your body and fight 1000 men? Would you be able to stand afterwards?

Now, let us look at another scenario with regards to Donkeys in God's Word, which would help you understand why Jesus chose to ride on a donkey and not a horse?



Jesus' riding into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Donkey male) in Mar11:1.

Donkeys meant having wealth and being Royalty; and only descendants of the House of David rode donkeys (they were seen as Royalty). Matt 1, Jesus was a descendent of the house of David.

Ownership of donkeys was a sign of God's Blessings on someone's life (in today's life they, would be the people riding luxury vehicles).

If Jesus rode a horse, they would say that He did not have God's blessings on His life, and they would not have believed He was the son of God. They would also have thought He is a "war" Hero and not a King servant.

Though Jesus had travelled to Jerusalem numerous times to observe the feasts, his final entry into Jerusalem had a unique significance.

He was triumphantly arriving as a humble, meek, and loving King of peace. Historically, entering a city on a donkey signified entry in peace, rather than a conquering king arriving on a horse. In those days other people walked by foot where they needed to go.

Read the full story in Matt21:1-11 and thank the Lord for riding a donkey on the way to give His loving and ultimate sacrifice!

These scriptures give us a revelation of the Christ. And it's all about Jesus, not so? Mat 21:2 Saying to them, go into the village that is opposite you, and at once you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie [them] and bring [them] to Me. Mat21:3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall reply, The Lord needs them, and he will let them go without delay. The story in Matt21:1-11 refers to the prophecy 500 years before in **Zech9:9** ... Behold, your King comes to you; He is [uncompromisingly] just and having salvation [triumphant and victorious], patient, meek, lowly, and riding on a donkey, upon a colt, the foal of a donkey. [**Mat21:5** (a beast of "burdens"); see **Joh12:14-15**] **Zec 9:10** And I will cut off and exterminate the war chariot from Ephraim and the [war] horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off; and He shall speak the word and peace shall come to the nations, and His dominion shall be from the [Mediterranean] Sea to [any other] sea, and from the River [Euphrates] {big revelation there!} to the ends of the earth!

In the bible Donkeys were portrayed as symbols of "service, suffering, humility, justice, and peace" – this is exactly what Jesus was all about, when our blessed Savior entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the

way to the Cross. Jesus came to say: I come for “Peace”, and not for “war”. He asked for a donkey because it would show the Kingship of Jesus was not from man, but from God. And he did not just ride any donkey, no, it was a colt no-one had ever ridden before. It was an honor for the owner of the donkey to give it to Jesus [Matt21:3] to be the first to ride the colt – coming for peace, suffering, in service of His Father, obedient unto death - He basically showed us that He came for “Peace on earth”; His humbleness, meekness, and His humility”. It showed He was living a “simple” life (avoiding luxuries). Multitudes were praising Him, spreading their garments in honor, it was their way of acknowledging that He was their King. The donkey entrance teaches us that the King of Glory humbled Himself and became a servant King so that we might live forever with Him. The people thought He was going to fight a “war”, but He was focusing on the cross; to die for them, so they could give their hearts to Him, and live in peace forever into eternity. What an amazing sacrifice He gave!

Jesus’ triumphant entrance teaches us that after all the sacrifices offered for sin, we can enter the “rest of faith” after His final sacrifice (Hebr10:12). Six days before Passover puts Jesus in Bethany on Nisan 9

(Nisan 15 minus 6 days). “The next day” would have been Nisan 10—the same “date” the Israelites were to bring “lambs without blemish” into their homes. Almost 1,500 years after the first Passover in Egypt, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, on Nisan 10; to bring the ultimate sacrifice. Now, listen how interesting this is: According to Jewish law, the donkey was an unclean animal (Exo13:13). Through Moses, God said that if an owner wanted to keep and use his firstborn donkey, he would need to redeem it. He would need to sacrifice a lamb rather than kill his donkey. If he refused to redeem his donkey, he must kill it.

How amazing is this revelation? Jesus also chose a Donkey which He redeemed through His sacrifice on the cross as a sign to us that the “lamb of God was slain”, in our place. No longer was it necessary to kill a donkey or any other animal since the final sacrifice was done!

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His crucifixion) to fall across the back of the donkey. Powell wrote: Ever since, the Jerusalem donkey has carried a sign of the love of God for all to see. The legend says: the little donkey so loved his Master that he followed Him to Calvary. Grief-stricken at the sight, he turned away but remained at his station at the foot of the cross. The shadow of the Cross fell upon him and from that day all purebred donkeys wear the Master's Cross on their back. In those years there was a believe that hair which was cut from the donkey's "cross" which is hung around a child's neck in a bag, would prevent sicknesses (especially fits and convulsions); and they believed the tail of a donkey overcame scorpion bites and whooping coughs! Since a mule is crossbred between a mare and a male donkey, and since crossbreeding was prohibited in Israel ([Lev19:19](#)), mules were likely imported, and were thus more valued. They (along with horses, silver, and gold, etc.) symbolized the wealth that other kings brought to Solomon annually ([1Ki10:25](#)). Solomon also bought horses (but not donkeys!) from Egypt for his own pleasure – what does that tell you about Solomon!

Jesus Himself walked everywhere He wanted to go with His disciples. Maybe He was practicing and teaching His Disciples something

according to [Josh1:3](#) Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses. Only in later years people started using horses for transport, but Francis of Assisi also preferred riding donkeys like Jesus (His Savior) because they believed it showed humbleness, simple lifestyle and avoiding riches and luxury. We understand now why Jesus did not walk into the city; neither use his firstborn donkey, he would need to redeem it. He would need to sacrifice a lamb rather than kill his donkey. If he refused to redeem his donkey, he must kill it.

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teaching His Disciples something according to Josh1:3 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses. Only in later years people started using horses for transport, but Francis of Assisi also preferred riding donkeys like Jesus (His Savior) because they believed it showed humbleness, simple lifestyle and avoiding riches and luxury. We understand now why Jesus did not walk into the city; neither used a horse (since they were only used for war in those times). Even though he walked far and wide with His Disciples, and they could have "carried" Him in on a chariot, or He could even have ridden on a camel – He chose to use the donkey! Even when His mother Mary and Father Joseph went down to Jerusalem they chose to ride on a donkey. If they had used a horse, they would have declared that Jesus came into the world for War, and not for Peace. But Paul on the other hand rode on a Horse to Damascus, because he was busy with a "war" against the new children of God (Christians) who was called in that time "The Way". Paul was so self-righteous that he probably felt he was too good to ride on a mule or donkey, and preferred riding on a Horse, like a wealthy King. In those years all the Horses was used for war-chariots, and war horses with riders. Donkeys was not used for War.

Let's go to another story in the Word of God ([Gen34](#)) where Jacob's sons killed the King of Shechem ("Shegem") because he raped their sister Dinah. I want to draw your attention to the name of this man. Shechem means "strong pack-animal, donkey or mule", and matched his father's name "Chamor". The English word for this name is "Chamor" ("Hamor") in Hebrew, also meaning "reddish-brown donkey". People who had red hair in the bible was always seen as "fighters" and spiritually speaking "wolves out to prey". King David, who was a mighty warrior, had red curly hair according to research. But let us look at the negative side of what a donkey represents, for every animal in the Bible has a positive and/or negative meaning. The negative side of donkeys was a symbol of "sexual promiscuity" for the Hivites according to [Ezek23:20](#) ... whose lust was sensuous and vulgar like that of asses or stallions. See also [Jer2:24](#) Or [you have the untamed and reckless nature of] a wild donkey used to the desert, in her heat sniffing the wind [for the scent of a male]. In her mating season who can restrain her?

Let me apologize beforehand, for the blunt writing of the next paragraph: Shechem's character (according to his name) was that of a wolf (destroyer) with the lust of a

donkey. The name of Dinah means "judgement" and she was only thirteen years old when she was raped "Hivite Donkey style". Dinah's brothers were 15,16,17 years old at the time. (An interesting fact to note here: Princess Diana was named after Dinah in the Bible). Dinah was judged by others, humiliated, and cursed by people because of what happened to her. She was wounded (mentally, physically, and spiritually); bleeding, bruised, and was "defiled" according to her brothers. In shock she lost her virginity to a rough immoral Hivite boy who carried the character and the spirit of a lustful donkey. The donkeys were an important animal for the Hivite Royalty, and for Shechem it was an honor to be called by his name, and his father's name "Chamor" (Donkey). This is the reason why he raped her. Not because she was alone in the field; not because he was a young man; not because of any other reason, but that he had a spirit of lust and could not control himself when he saw her. But this story could have had a happy ending, despite Shechem's behavior. For the Bible says his actions made him realize what he did was wrong, and because his soul longed for and clung to Dinah; (the daughter of Jacob), he said to his father Chamor, "get me this girl to be my wife". He loved the

girl and spoke comfortingly to her young heart's wishes ([Gen34:3-4](#)). Unfortunately, her brothers hated him and wanted revenge, and we see how two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's [full] brothers, took their swords, boldly entered the city [without danger], and slew all the males. This was done on the 3rd day after they were circumcised – [Gen34:25](#).

The moral of this story is this: a Name carries weight with regards to your character. Because of his name, Shechem had the character of a lustful wild donkey, and as a result he disgraced and defiled Dinah. Did you know in Greece, the term “donkey” denotes bad manners or extreme rudeness in a person. Donkey” in Arabic refers to someone with very limited intelligence; the same in USA slang referring to someone as a “dumbass” meaning they are unintelligent. The saying “jackass” actually means “male donkey”, and the English use the term “ass” commonly to refer to a person who is foolish, obnoxious, rude, stubborn, disagreeable, thoughtless, or even stupid. Even some Americans consider this term to be vulgar. In the Islam (Muslim) faith, Muhammad said if a donkey passed in front of Muslim men in prayer, their prayer will be nullified. He also mentioned (Quote) “when you hear the braying of donkeys, seek refuge with Allah from

Satan for the braying of donkeys indicated that they have seen devils”. What the Muslims are saying is that they are afraid of Satan (they believe that he exists). A “donkey” indicates that they have seen devils. Donkeys have a natural wariness towards coyotes and wolves (also dogs) and will bray (as warning) to sheep against predators, therefore donkeys are used as guards in some parts of the word – maybe Muslims do not know this. In the book of Num2:22-41 a donkey speaks to Balaam since God opened the mouth of the donkey (V28) – man, if I had time to do that Teaching, it's an amazing Word! Nevertheless, let me finish by sharing an interesting worldly fact: the donkey (animal) is seen as symbol of ignorance, see Shakespeare's “A Midsummer night's Dream”; Aesop's Fables, “The Golden Ass”.



Testimony:

When I visited London many years ago (before I got saved) – there was a Local pub called “the Jack and Jenny”. I never understood the name until years later, when I received this revelation from the word of God and understood what that Pub was all about... they were calling their clients “male & female donkeys” because they did not do much else, than sit and drink the whole day; like “Drinking Donkey’s” ... that was what the owner of the Pub was really saying, because the English expression “donkey work” refers to heavy repetitive routine (non-creative) work where someone doesn’t have to think, implying that the person is not so intelligent and can only sit around doing “nothing” (a “work donkey”). One night I slept in a park during the cold winter and when I woke up, I noticed that during the night somebody had put an old, rugged sweater over me. A picture of a “donkey with a hat on” was on the front of the sweater. I was all alone sitting on that bench with a dirty red sweater and a terrible smell hanging with it, but I did not notice because I sat there crying, realizing that someone that didn’t know me, felt to give me their own sweater which they probably needed in the cold winter nights for themselves. I cried because a stranger made me warm... I

I cried because I was alone... I cried because I felt lost... I cried because I was still alive and could have been killed that night! ... I cried because I knew that my money was running out. I cried because I still felt happiness inside of me knowing that although I was alone, I had seen and experienced things in my life that many people didn’t, at my age (24). I cried because I realized, there is a God in heaven, who loved me so much that He saved my life and sent someone to cover me in the winter cold of London down-town even when I was lost and far from having a relationship with Him. His Grace kept me warm during those cold winter nights, in the form of a sweater with a “donkey” on.
How amazing is this God that we serve!

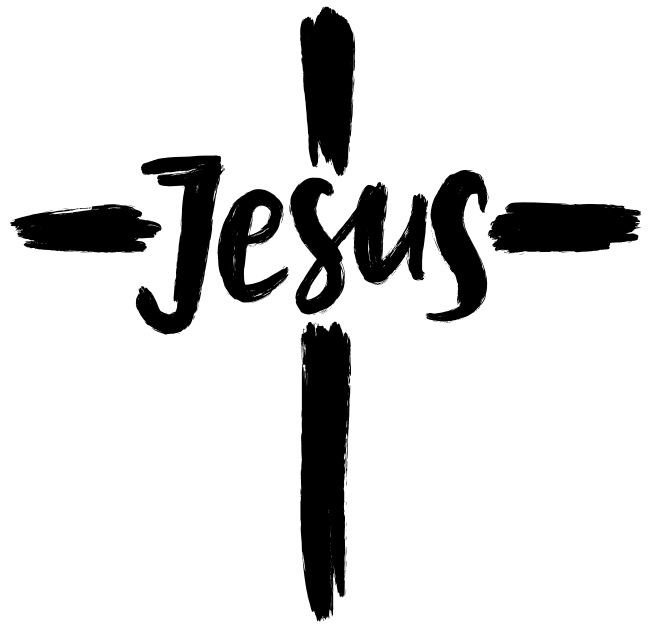
I hope that everyone understands why Jesus rode on a donkey and not a horse; why Saul rode a horse and not a donkey. And why Mary was riding a donkey down to Jerusalem before our Savior was to be born. We also understand why Samson used a donkey’s jawbone, and not a horse’s; and why Shechem raped Dinah, and what that had to do with a donkey. I hope that this Teaching was interesting, and will find you by grace, next month in “The Heart of Jesus”. If you enjoyed this Teaching, please support our Ministry with a

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