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From Darkness to Light: Delivered by the Power of Jesus

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A survivor of childhood abuse and cult bondage shares her journey of adoption, deliverance, and healing through the redeeming love of Christ.

As I look back on my life, now a grown woman standing firm in my faith, I see God's hand woven through every shadow and every ray of light. My story began not with triumph, but with surrender. At just two years old, my biological mother, Ruby, made the heart-wrenching decision to place me for adoption. Her eyes shimmered with a quiet sorrow as she handed me over to the Department of Children and Families worker, her final act of love in a world that had already broken her.

Clutching my rag doll tight, its worn fabric soft against my cheek, my heart thudded like a tiny drum while the car rumbled toward the foster home. Each bump in the road jolted my small body, the world outside the window blurring into streaks of green and gray, carrying me to a place I did not yet understand.

As the car slowed to a stop, gravel crunching under the tires, I pressed my rag doll tighter against my chest. Its frayed stitches offered a small comfort as my heart thumped like a frightened sparrow. Peering through the window, I saw the foster home—a white clapboard house with a wide porch.

The DCF lady's hand, firm but not unkind, nudged me out of the car, my small shoes scuffing the dusty path. Each step toward the open front door felt heavy, my eyes darting from the front porch to the face of the woman who held my hand, a strange mix of hope and fear

curling in my belly. As I crossed the threshold, the cool shadow of the house swallowed me, and a faint whisper stirred deep within, as if God Himself watched, promising to guide me through the unknown.

From the outside, this family appeared perfect, a beacon of stability in my chaotic young life. They called themselves German Baptists, or Dunkards, as some knew them, dressing in plain clothes reminiscent of the Amish or Mennonites. The men wore long beards without mustaches, while the women covered their heads with bonnets and donned long, modest dresses. They draped themselves in kindness like a Sunday shawl—donned for show, then folded away, hidden for the rest of the week. Children played in the yard, their laughter echoing like a promise of normalcy, and the aroma of homemade bread baking in the kitchen wrapped around me like a warm embrace. I thought I had found safety at last. But beneath that polished facade, a darkness festered, one that scarred my body, mind, and spirit in ways no child should endure.

It started subtly, but soon the torment unveiled itself. Each night, my heart thumped like a trapped bird as my foster father's hands found me in the dark. The pain did not confine itself to those shadowy hours—it seeped into every moment of my days. A slap stung my cheek for the smallest mistake, like spilling a drop of milk, their voices slicing through me: "You're nothing." "God hates you." Their words coiled around me like a noose.

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The Dark Origins of Halloween

Why Christians Should Not Celebrate It

By He's Alive Staff Writers | www.hesalivenews.org

Every year, millions decorate their homes with ghosts, skeletons, and jack-o'-lanterns. Children dress up in costumes, chanting "trick or treat," while adults host parties filled with horror themes. Yet few stop to ask — where did Halloween come from, and what does it truly represent? For believers in Jesus Christ, the answer is sobering.

Pagan Roots And Ancient Rituals

Halloween traces its origin to the ancient Celtic festival of **Samhain** (pronounced sow-in), celebrated more than 2,000 years ago in Ireland, Scotland, and parts of northern Europe. The Celts believed that on October 31, the veil between the living and the dead grew thin, allowing spirits to return and visit — or harm — the living.

To protect themselves, they lit **bonfires**—originally "bone fires," where animal bones were burned as sacrifices to their gods—and wore costumes made of animal skins to disguise themselves from evil spirits. These rituals were steeped in **pagan worship, sorcery, and communication with the dead**—things God strictly forbids.

"When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. **Deut 18:9-11**

From Samhain to "All Saints Day"
As Christianity spread, church leaders attempted to "Christianize" the pagan festival. In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III moved **All Saints' Day to November 1**, naming the previous evening **All Hallows' Eve**—later shortened to **Halloween**.

The intention was to honor saints and martyrs, but the timing aligned so closely with Samhain that many pagan customs persisted. Across Europe, people believed the dead could return to visit their homes, so they left food offerings to appease them—a tradition that evolved into "**trick or treating**." **The Meaning Behind Com-**

HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTIANITY



mon Traditions

- **Bonfires:** Originated from burning bones and sacrifices to pagan gods to ward off evil spirits.

- **Costumes:** Worn to confuse or frighten away wandering spirits believed to roam on Samhain night.

- **Bobbing for Apples:** A Roman fertility ritual honoring Pomona, goddess of fruit and trees, merged later with Samhain celebrations.

- **Trick or Treat:** Stemmed from ancient offerings of food and drink to appease the dead and prevent harm.

These customs may seem harmless today, but their roots are steeped in fear, death, and superstition — not faith in the living God.

What Does the Bible Say?

God's Word clearly warns His people to separate from the works of darkness:

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these... idolatry, witchcraft, hatred... they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." — **Galatians 5:19-21 (KJV)**

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?... Wherefore **come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.**" — **2 Corinthians 6:14-17 (KJV)**

Followers of Christ are called to walk in the light, not to mix light with darkness.

A Modern "Devil's Holiday"

Though disguised as entertainment, Halloween continues to glorify fear, witchcraft, and death — the very things Jesus came to overcome. **Even today, occult groups and satanic covens...**

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The Spirit Of Truth:
Living in the
Supernatural

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By Rev. Madeline Montez Duffany

Living in the Supernatural, Joshua 1:9, a command to be strong and courageous.

I am a Visionary, which means that I see things in the Spirit. To have pre-ceptive, creative visions is discernment.

It's such a joy to see how something can be improved to bring glory to God. In my personal life and that of my family, the Word of God is the direction and the recipe for my life, as it should be for yours.

Before Knowing Jesus Christ as my personal savior, I was constantly befuddled. The merry-go-round of this world has no mercy: it keeps you spinning so fast that it takes great faith and courage to leap off!

When a kind doctor diagnosed me with an illness, my reply to him was, "I'm not getting on that merry-go-round of sickness like other people!"

I never take "No" for an answer, unless God says to take it. "No, you're adopted children will never recover from fetal alcohol syndrome, schizophrenia, or other diseases placed on them prior to their adoption" – these words spoken by well-

meaning people who do not lean on the Word of God will try to instruct you in how to deal with these problems. It usually involves a psychiatrist and bottles of pills.

Some years ago, in different churches which my husband and I attended, I was in the position of staging plays with adults and children. We lived on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It was a wonderful, creative time of choosing beautiful music and creating Biblical apparel for the actors. I never missed opportunities to sing in choirs, large or small, or to sing specials and solos.

We went to business-ess-door to door-asking for donations in our town to give to the needy when we received an inspiration to have an outreach for Christ. On many occasions, it was just my husband and myself.

I have worked in public schools with severely disabled young adults and have taught English as a second language in an elementary school to Hispanic children.

My husband and I were appointed Guardian-ad-litem here in Manatee County. This involved

long hours in court and visitations to foster homes. Counties and states need to be more effective in helping needy and disabled children. At times, social workers are overworked or burned out, causing unnoticed situations which could have tragic outcomes.

We visited neo-natal intensive care units where ill newborns were withdrawing from drugs ingested by mothers when they were pregnant. Poor little babies. We have attended so many classes and have learned all the language of every kind of ailment afflicting babies and children. We were schooled in all the illegal drugs, and now, there are many new ones.

Recently. I have recounted some past experiences in my life to encourage myself and others.

I so miss Dr. Gerald Derrine, who believed in us and gave us opportunities to serve. I love serving Christ. I don't always have to be on a platform, singing. Cleaning, serving food, outreaches, taking food baskets to the needy, distributing "He's Alive" newspapers across the USA – this gives our lives purpose.

Now that we're older, the enemy – the devil – at times says it's all over. Yet, in my spirit, I always say that there's something more, something "unfinished". That's the Holy Spirit. Psalm 92:14. "They will still yield fruit in old age. They shall be full of sap, and be very, very green, to declare that the Lord is upright; that He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him." Wow! That is SO encouraging!

Do you understand this? It's not over till God calls us home to be with Him! Maybe no one recognizes your abilities, and they don't know all the things you have done for the Lord. But...God knows, and He wants us to keep ministering to the hopeless and sick and lost who do not know the things you have experienced.

We are being renewed mentally, physically, and spiritually, and I know it's God, because I asked Him to do it. There is a new surge of power, a new enlightenment. Isaiah 40:31: my Mom's favorite verse and mine, also! "But they that wait upon the Lord shall re-... Continued on Page:6

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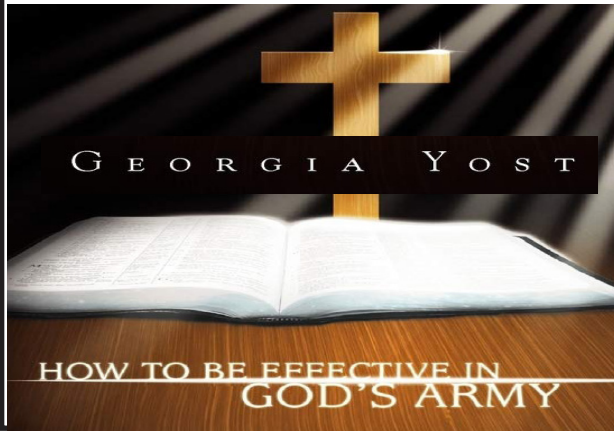
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Blessings, Saints of God. When I need answers in life, I go to the Holy Spirit first and foremost, as He has all the wisdom and answers from the Father in Jesus name that I need. As it is God's will that I need anyway! He directs me, guides me, and speaks to me, according to the will of the Father in Jesus' name! I do NOT go to artificial intelligence for the answers that I need to be getting from God!!! Artificial intelligence is not my God! This is a new day, a new week, a new month, and a new season; all things have passed away, and all things have been made new! This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen? It's time for the nation to turn back to God! It's time to get serious church. As individuals, a family, a church, a community, a nation can be healed, as a remnant gets on their knees and prays and fasts. No better time than now. No better person to start this than you. Jesus Himself prayed and fasted, and then went forth, and signs, wonders, healings, and miracles followed Him. Jesus said there's a kind that goes out not but by prayer and fasting. What I'm learning after all these years..."God don't look at the credentials of man, nor the position he can elevate himself to, nor what he calls himself, but God looks to the motives and intents of the heart." The anointing are Credentials! If we don't have that, we can wall-

paper our walls with the credentials and have titles as long as a bridge, and it doesn't mean a thing! Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart! The word says to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. But how do you do that when we are taught by lifelong experiences of human love tainted by hurts, unmet needs, wants, and disappointments? ONLY BY THE HOLY SPIRIT! Only as we yield and surrender to the third person of the Trinity, can we learn to love the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit Himself, the way they desire and have designated for us to love them. So that we can receive the fullness of all they have created us to receive. ONLY THEN can we love our brothers and sisters and the people of the world as he wants us to. ONLY THEN can we love through us the love of Christ for mankind when Jesus died on the cross and rose again! ONLY as we yield and surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit to teach and train us in loving our Lord and Heavenly Father God, and the Holy Spirit Himself, can we truly understand and walk in and live in the Agape Love of God. NOT By might nor by power BUT by His Spirit says the Lord. REVIVAL starts on the heels of total surrender to the will and purposes

of God for your life, and then that genuine walk with the Holy Spirit is ignited in others one by one, as they see your genuine passion for Christ within your life... A total yielding to the work of the cross within one's soul. A total meshing of one's life within the life of Christ, so that you hate the things he hates and love the things He loves, first and foremost within yourself. So that your heart's prayer is a genuine cry of: "It is not I who live but Christ Jesus who lives within me!" That you truly desire to pray as He prays, do the things that you see Him do, and walk the walk that He has for you day by day. That your carnal flesh would not seek to receive any glory, and get in the way day by day, but all glory would go to the Lord. REVIVAL starts as you receive a genuine passion for the lost, and not reasons of the flesh that still bear the opening of wounds that yet need to be healed. As the world sees the genuine light and love that comes from above that pours out from one's heart for them, and the salt that is truly pure that pours out from one's soul and not contaminated with the works and reasons of the flesh, then the church is ready to see genuine revival upon the earth. Word of the Lord for today: For I know the thoughts and the plans that I have for you, says the Lord, the thoughts and plans

for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you. Then you will seek Me, and inquire for, and require Me as a vital necessity and find Me, when you search for Me, with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord. And I will release you from captivity and gather you from all the places in which I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I've caused you to be carried away captive. Jeremiah 29.13 and 14 **PRAY:** Lord, do the work that needs to be done in my life, so that it is not I who live, but Christ Jesus the Messiah that lives within and through me to the glory of God. Burn out anything in my life that stands in Your way from bringing heaven down to earth through my life. Let my life be all to Your glory in Jesus name. (available for speaking engagements) Many Blessings, Sarah Jansson G.C.M.A. S.W. FL Regional Coordinator for: Southwest Florida Chapter of GCMA and Vice President of Heart of Mercy Ministries, an Apostolic/ Prophetic Ministry (Equipping the Saints for the work of the ministries) - on the full counsel of God's Word- Donate to Heart of Mercy

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Worship With Sharilee, Prophetic Devotions Farther - Matthew 26:39(NLT)

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He went on a little farther lost! goal is Christ in me, my and fell face down on My Father forbid it not to the ground, praying,” My be so. I yield my heart to Father! If it is possible, your will in total surrender let this cup of suffering each day! A little farther, I be taken away from me. come, and the art of sur- Yet I want your will, not render wins! mine.” Though hard to die, it Abba Father, I go a little becomes the path of vic- farther each day and bow tory! My flesh rules not my heart to pray. Asking my choices or path! I am from deep within, not my victorious in the cross as will but thine be done that the battle is won a little the fullness of Thy Son farther away in prayer. be seen in me. If possible to be another How easy to live by the way I do dream, but the flesh it is, but the price is answer is plain to me. I high and rewards are see glory ahead, and my

From Darkness to Light...

From Page 1 ... my realm works. heart, trying to squeeze A single day burned in out any flicker of light. my memory, sharp as a They hid behind a veiled branded mark. Sunlight world, a Satanic cult spilled across the back- where their rituals twist- yard, warm and gold- ed care into a jagged, en, the air thick with the monstrous thing. They scent of blooming lilacs. celebrated their special I gripped the swing's days with the worst of chains, my small legs their dark, twisted rituals. pumping, driving me These “*unholy*” days— higher and higher, the Halloween, the summer wind rushing through and winter solstices, my hair, cool and wild. Christmas, Easter, and Laughter bubbled in worst of all, their birth- my chest as I soared, days—saw them worship the world blurring into themselves, their egos streaks of green and growing monstrous, like blue. Abruptly, a sharp reflections in a funhouse mirror. shove from behind—my In the basement, they foster sister's hands, sud- gathered, slipping into den and hard. I lurched dark robes, the air thick forward, losing my grip on the chains. Tumbling to the ground, the breath knocked out of me and the taste of dust bitter on my tongue, hot tears spilled down my cheeks. Dirt clung to my palms, gritty and cold, while the world spun around me like a broken carousel. Scrambling to my feet, my legs wobbled as I ran toward my foster father. Words poured out in a trembling, desperate rush, my heart pleading for his arms to enfold me, to make the hurt vanish. Instead, his face hardened, carved into a slab of unyielding stone. No comfort came. Silently, he turned away, his boots scuffing the floor, leaving me small and ex-

posed under the weight of his indifference. Roughly, my foster father's hand clamped around my arm, yanking me with a force that made my small feet stumble. Dragged inside, I caught a fleeting glimpse of my foster sister's face, her lips curling into a sly, triumphant smile, as if my suffering was her victory. Reflecting later, my heart softened—she, too, was just a child, shielding herself in the only twisted way she knew. Once inside, my foster father stormed toward the hall closet, his boots thumping against the wooden floor like a drum of doom. With a shove, he parted the heavy coats, their musty scent flooding my nose, and his hands seized the rough, splintered board hidden within. Gripped by rage, his knuckles whitened, clenching the worn handle until it seemed it might snap. Bent over his knee, I braced myself as each blow landed, a sharp sting flaring across my skin, the splinters biting like tiny, cruel teeth. Suddenly, he thrust me forward, shoving me deep into the closet's gaping darkness. Click! The door slammed shut, swallowing every trace of light. Smothered by thick, heavy shadows, I sank... **Continued on Page: 7**

WHO IS DRIVING YOUR CAR?

By Rhonda Jackson



It has been a month or so since I got mad at work, “again”. Well, I have not gotten over that. Because if Jesus came back, while I was acting a fool, I could have been sent to hell. According to what the Bible said, regarding the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21. Like adultery, fornication, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, drunkenness, just to name a few, and the one that got me is wrath. Then it goes on saying that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. I can tell you one thing, this scarred me for life, and my eyes are wide open. I am on high alert. I do not want this to happen again. That is why I am still speaking on this. I need to get this in my bones, my heart, and soul, because it is already in my spirit. But praise God, He did not come back, because eternity is too long to be wrong, especially when you read Revelation 20:15 (KJV) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. God means business. He created us, He did not make junk, He wants us to be with Him in Heaven, and not in the lake of fire. But there are times when we might feel broken and not worthy enough to be loved or go to Heaven. God can put the pieces together and can make new ones from the ones that are chip-ped, crushed, and destroyed. **2nd Corinthians 5:17** (KJV) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Jesus died for us because God loves us. Not that He loves me more than you or loves me less than you. He loves us all the same. It does not matter what we did. Isaiah 43:25 & 26 (NKJV) even I, am He (One of God's I am statements) who blots out your transgressions (rebellion, sin) for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins. 26 Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend (plead) together; State your case, that you may be acquitted. I love these verses because I was not granted a pardon, a get-out-of-jail-free card, from being who I was in my past life before Christ, and my current mistakes. I was acquitted, I am free from my past of any criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty. My slate was wiped clean, even now, and God throws all sin in the depths of the sea of forgetfulness (Micah 7:19). Never to remember again. Just so we can be with Him. That is why Jesus died on the cross, because God loves us that much. We need to stop worrying about messing up, or being not good enough. The only person who was perfect that walked on this earth was Jesus, and that is why, He could die for all our sins, sickness, and brokenness. He paid the whole price for us and accepts us for who we are, where we are, at any time. But are we willing to accept what Jesus did for us, you, me, on the cross. There is nothing more we can do for Him to love us. We cannot earn His acceptance. All we have to do is just accept Him. We do not need to make it hard; all we got to do is fall in love with Him. He is faithful when I am not. Let's say you are driving along, and you see Jesus walking. You say, Jesus, hop in; I will give you a ride. He opens the door on the driver's side. Are you willing to scoot over, let Him take the wheel, take control, and drive you where you need to go? Or do you hesitate, because you have to think about it, then tell Him, sorry, I cannot let you in? Galatians 5:1 (KJV) Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled (roped up, bound up) again with the yoke of bondage. **Continued on Page:8**

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Are you worried about what will happen to my children's and grandchildren's future education? Will they get admission in a good school or college? Will they pass with flying colors? Will they get a Good Job? Will they get a God-fearing, Good Life Partner? Will they be Successful in Life? Will they live a Holy, Witnessing, Fruitful life? Will They Shine in Their Field and Bring Glory to Jesus?

Are they enjoying the world's sinful pleasures? Are your children, grandchildren, disobedient, not studying properly? Are you broken-hearted that they are not serving the Lord, not going to Church? Are you depressed that they are not living for Jesus nor loving Jesus?

Are your children, grandchildren, in bondage to drug addiction, evil habits, or sinful pleasures? Jesus loves you & your Children and grandchildren deeply & dearly. He has good plans for your family, Children, and grandchildren's future. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns,]once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully. 1 Peter 5:7

Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail). Psalms 55:22

The righteous man walks in his integrity; blessed (happy, fortunate, enviable) are his children after him. Proverbs 20:7 Loving Jesus promises.

"As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD. "My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their



descendants—from this time on and forever," says the LORD. Isaiah 59:21,

But this is what the LORD says: "Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save, Isaiah 49:25"

The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you." Psalms 102:28," The Descendants of the Righteous shall be Mighty on the Earth, The Generation of the Upright shall be Blessed. Psalms 112:2

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD. May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you live to see your children's children— peace be on Israel. Psalms 128:1-6

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15 God is the God of Generations. God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph... God will do the same thing for you and your family. Since God Is Not Partial. Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11 What He Did for Others, He will Do the Same for you & Your Family. God loves you & your Children, grandchildren deeply and dearly. Jesus died for them, shed His Last Drop of Blood for

them.

Give Him Thanks, Praise But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD 's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. Psalms 103:17-18 He wants Everyone to be saved.

"In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish." Matthew 18:14

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved —you and your household." Acts 16:31

God will fulfill His Promise. Jesus Christ is the Promise-Keeping God. Amen! Thank you Jesus, Praise you Jesus, Glory to Jesus !!!!

REAL LIFE TESTIMONY

You should be familiar with a man of God named John Wesley. He was one among 19 children, all of whom were brought up by their parents in a small cottage in poverty. However, every night, whether they had supper or not, the mother used to place her hands on each child, pray for him/her, and only then go to bed. Because of this, the children shone as world-renowned prophets. Even today, we sing the hymns composed by John Wesley and his brother Charles Wesley. We follow the truths of God revealed by them. The Lord will give your children this grace. Surely, your children's peace shall be great.

All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace. (Isaiah 54:13) Dearly beloved, the Lord will command peace to your children and grandchildren. Rev. Dr Samuel Massey B.E(Elect), M.B.A(Mark & Fin), C-DAC, Ph.D

Miracle at the Airport

By Robin Art

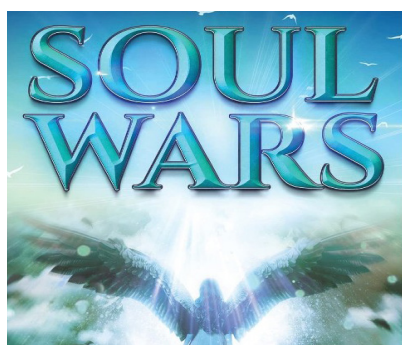


Many years ago I received a phone call from my dear friend. "Hi", she said. "What are you doing this morning?" "Not much", I replied. "What are you doing right now?" There was urgency in her voice. It was Evangelist Joan Pearce of Channel of Love Ministries. Joan's husband, Marty, was to drive her to the airport, but suddenly became ill, she explained. "Robin, can you please take me to the airport? We'd have to leave right away for me to make my flight". "Yes, I can drive you to the airport", I replied. "Can you be here in 20 minutes?" she asked. I then ran to the car, carrying my shoes. I arrived at Joan's house and picked her up. "Where are we going," I asked? We're going to the Orlando/Sanford airport, Joan replied. "O.k." I said, as we loaded her bags. "Please hurry," Joan requested. "I have to catch a 2:00 o'clock flight. I'm supposed to check in by noon so we will have to leave quickly. Time will be very tight". Fortunately, Joan flies out of Orlando frequently and knows the fastest way. Arriving at the airport, we were pleased to have made it just in time for her to hopefully still board the plane but due to the unforeseen transportation changes that morning we arrived without a second to spare. However, upon approaching the terminals at the drop off lane, we could not locate Allegiant Airlines. We reached the end of the drop-off lanes and still did not see our airline. "You've got to keep moving, ma'am" I heard a voice demand. It was the traffic controller. He was flagging us to move on. "Where is Allegiant Air?", I asked him. "Ma'am, there is no Allegiant Airline at Orlando INTL. Allegiant Air is in Sanford. That's way over on the east coast. It'll take you almost two hours to get there.

Your flight will be long gone by then". "The airport is way over on the east coast!" I repeated. The gravity of our mistake suddenly set in. "Joan, You're supposed to minister up at Strawberry Lake, Christian Retreat in Fargo ND. You have to be there this afternoon to minister at the conference this week. You can not miss this flight. The airport you're supposed to fly out of is way over on the east coast and your flight takes off at 2:00. We were supposed to be in Sanford at noon. We're in Orlando and it's already after 12:30 now!" This is where the story turns. At that moment God gave me the gift of faith. I turned to Joan and looked her in the eye. "Joan", I declared to her. "You are going to get on that flight. It doesn't matter that "in the natural" it's not possible. We are going to pray and we are going to that airport. I'm believing God is going to move on your behalf and you are flying out on that 2:00 flight! These were the days right before everyone had GPS. The traffic controller gave me general directions to Sanford. There were many lakes to go around; several of which were quite large. Each time we circled a lake I pulled over and asked for more directions. Several times we were told, "No, that's not the best way, we need to go back around the lake the other way." We finally arrived at Orlando/Sanford Airport. Joan's flight had been scheduled to take off at 2:00. Check-in time was by noon. It was 2:30 when we approached the Orlando/Sanford Airport property. When we pulled into the drop off area I told Joan, "Well, you might as well go in and see what the verdict is. I'll wait here". A few minutes later Joan called

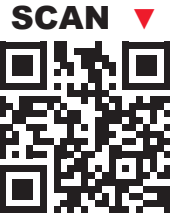
me. "You won't believe this," she exclaimed. While we were driving across the state to get here the whole airport shut down. They explained they had experienced a computer glitch which literally shut down the Entire airport that morning while we were on our way. Not one flight left that airport while we were enroute there for Joan's flight. Did Joan fly out on her originally scheduled 2:00 o'clock flight that day? Why, Yes she did! Joan was due to minister at a conference and God made it possible for her to be there. God literally closed down that entire airport for Joan Pearce to get on that plane! We truly experienced a Miracle that day. We serve an awesome, mighty God! Why did we dare to believe God would do a miracle for us when we prayed that day? Because the bible says: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:12-18 KJV So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Luke 17:6 NKJV. God gives... Continued on Page:7

An adventure into the Supernatural



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This is a book with a message. A walk into the supernatural. The story shows how some families have trails of chronic sickness, depression anger, habits of booze and drugs, suicide attempts and tiredness constantly. These are not brought on necessarily by emotions. There is something sinister and evil in the background, it's a battle between angels who fight evil spirits with bolts of lightning and demons fighting for the souls of men. The story follows four families three generations to see how demons are passed from one to another. It reads like a movie.

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The Dark Origins of Halloween

From Page: 1 ...recognize October 31 as one of their highest observances.

Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." (John 8:12). To participate in Halloween, even "for fun," is to trivialize the forces of darkness that

Christ conquered at Calvary. Let every believer remember:

"The Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." — 1 John 3:8 (KJV) Halloween is not for Christians. Let the church be the church. Amen.

(Use this or find a picture that is better, this was an AI illustration) Watch this in a brief video:



Two for Christ: The Untold Story of a Private Battle and Public Victory

By Charlene Townsley

Charlene shares how she and Cliff stood in faith through a secret health crisis and witnessed God's miraculous healing.



I guess it was about 7 years ago, and life was good, and living for the Lord was great. It's always easy to praise God when there's nothing wrong. Or even give advice to someone going through something. You know, the "spiritual advice and Scripture quotes". But it's different when that person is you. Somehow, life has taken a turn and suddenly all the "spiritual quotes" are somehow feeling gone. Did I lose some of my Faith? God, where are you? I'm a Christian, this can't be happening to me. These were questions that went through my mind that I never told anyone, not even Cliff. I knew if I had to bite my tongue to stay quiet, I was! On or about 7 years ago, I was having some issues with my intestines. Because of being a nurse and knowing what I know, it didn't look good. To the

point of needing to see a doctor again, I never told anyone, not even Cliff. My doctor said, You're way past time to get a colonoscopy, and you also need an endoscopy. I was in so much pain that I went to the ER. Well, with what I know, only in my mind thoughts of, "you know it's cancer and it has metastasized to something". Well, that happened, and I immediately cast down that imagination and was NOT accepting fear or doubt or anything else Satan was throwing at me. The ER stated it was cancer from my tests, and again, nope, not believing that. Now, mind you, it's easy to make those statements because deep down, you really mean them, but it's your faith and trust in Jesus to back that up. We tend to have a closer walk with him when things go wrong at times, but your faith should be

24/7, 365 days a year! When I got home, I told Cliff I needed to talk to him and told him everything. I told him that I wasn't going to tell anyone at all. People who are negative, fearful, doubtful, give you their advice or experiences that are bad, or have no family or friends who have gone through the same thing. We made a vow that the Lord and 2 for Christ were the only ones to know! We really worked up to that name, "2 For Christ". I definitely didn't want my mother to know, as she she was still living back then. We prayed, read the Word, and, most of all, believed in Jesus. I told the Lord in a respectful manner that I fully trusted him and him only, that there is no other God but God! Buddha can't heal me and all the others. I also told the Lord that if it's not my time appointed, then I need my healing you already paid for and work to be done in your kingdom! But I had to trust him, which was the key. God's word is true, and I believe it from cover to cover. Knowing the word is different than knowing the word just as you know God, but to really know God means a relationship with him. So, because of knowing the word and my mom raising us in church, all that never departed from me. It's embedded in my soul, then I know how to pray, and use the word against the enemy. Cliff's physical and spiritual strength is a great gift to me. He was strong and still is today. Iron sharpeneth iron; remember, no one knew, so we had each other. The day was closing in now, and it was time for the procedure. I knew I had to pray up and keep my armor

on because I was going to be in the hospital full of spirits and unbelievers. I had such a peace about this because I knew God had healed me. Well, the doctor said, "Charlene, I couldn't find one thing wrong with you!" She said, "This is your first colonoscopy in your life, and you're clean!" Did you catch that? Clean! I was made whole and clean, we dash our foot against a stone. I told the doctor, "I told you I didn't have cancer; you just confirmed it for your-

self." She said, "I guess you're right, but all the signs were there." She also said, "I guess your God did it." He sure did! Cliff and I rejoiced for a long time, and in tears, it was such a spiritual leap of Faith and a growth in our relationship with the Lord, as well as with each other. From time to time, you will hear Cliff say, "It's not 1 for Christ, it's 2 For Christ." That's why he says it, but no one really knows that till now. But I want to add one more thing to my story that is very important. While I was in the hospital, they told me in the ER I needed to find a gastroenterologist surgeon, and remember, I've never had a colonoscopy before, so

I had no idea. I was praying and asking the Lord to help me. Then a doctor walked in and I didn't know him, he bent down to my ear and whispered, "I'm not supposed to tell you this, but call doctor so in so, she is good," and I never saw him again. Well, I went with her like he suggested, and I truly believe she was supposed to see a miracle healing from God! I believe he was an Angel sent to tell me what he did. And regardless, **TO GOD BE THE GLORY AND GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE!** Hallelujah to the Lamb. Till this day, no one still knows; we never told anyone but **FICC** this praise report.

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Living in the Supernatural

From Page 2 ...new their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." I have a friend who keeps a list of all her past ministering events, past and present, all next to her computer. On hearing this, I said, "That's all past. We shouldn't talk about all the things we have done". Now, I stand corrected. John G. Lake recounts his many experiences, as well as Katherine Kuhlman, Smith Wigglesworth, A. A. Allen,

Kenneth Copeland, Gerald Derstine and others. Joan Pearce uses her testimony and past experiences to lead people to the Lord; it is very effective. God just recently gave me the liberty to say, "It's okay to reflect on past experiences". Our Native American Pastor, Gabriel Ward, taught us at Strawberry Lake, Minnesota, on the White Earth Reservation this passage from God's Word: "and Jehovah answered me and said, write the vision, make it plain upon tablets, that

he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end. And shall not lie; because it will surely come, it will not delay". Do read Habakkuk. Although God answered him, this passage is very much for today. Be encouraged as you read. Shake off any despondency and come, let's soar above circumstances and let God renew us as we live in the Supernatural! This is God's Truth The Spirit of Truth Pastor Madeline Montez Duffany

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God Heals Trauma and Renews Generational Patterns through Faith and Neuroscience



Have you ever wondered why certain patterns seem to follow you no matter how much work you do to grow, heal, or move forward? You change jobs, work on relationships, revisit your goals, and deepen your faith. But somehow, the same internal tensions and external struggles resurface. Epigenetics offers one lens. Scripture offers another. Together, they help us understand not only why we get stuck, but how God designed our bodies and minds to

heal, even in a world marked by sin.

The Biology of Belief

More than twenty years ago, I came across the work of Dr. Bruce Lipton, a pioneering voice in the field of epigenetics. His book *The Biology of Belief* had a profound impact on my life and career. He taught that our beliefs and perceptions don't just influence our emotions—they affect our cellular biology. *"Beliefs and thoughts alter cells in your body,"* he writes. And one of my favorite quotes: *"The moment you change your perception is the moment you*

rewrite the chemistry of your body."

This wasn't just theory for me. I had already started noticing the connection between my internal dialogue and my well-being. I began intentionally refining my self-talk, not just for motivation, but to steward my energy, focus, and health. Over time, it reshaped how I showed up in my relationships, in leadership, and in life. Later, I would bring these principles into my coaching work, helping others rewrite not only their thoughts, but their outcomes.

Trauma: We All Have It
Trauma isn't only what we see in dramatic headlines or movies. It includes subtle, but powerful moments in childhood or adulthood that shape how we feel, behave, and protect ourselves. Being locked in a dark closet by a sibling. Receiving the silent treatment from someone you loved. Harsh discipline. Repeated teasing. Chronic stress at home. A teacher's cutting words. Emotional absence. Unrelenting expectations. Grief. Even loud noises or distressing media can imprint trauma on the nervous system. These experiences are not random. They are part of the pain that flows from living in a fallen world.

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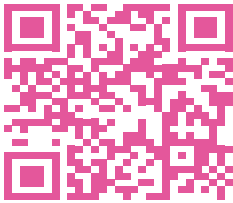
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From Darkness to Light...

From Page 4 ...to the cold floor, my sobs tearing through my raw throat as I curled into a corner, the chill seeping through my thin clothes. Desperately, I pressed my hands against the unyielding door, my bladder aching with a need I could not ignore. Fear tightened its coil, squeezing my chest, as I realized I could no longer hold on. Warmth spread, shameful and humiliating, soaking my clothes as I lost the battle, my cheeks burning with fresh tears. Exhausted, I crumpled against the wall, my body trembling, the weight of it all dragging me under until I cried myself into a fitful sleep. All this done to train me to stay silent. Don't tell or be punished. Day after day, their cruel rituals tormented me as my pain became their offering to Satan. Laying me bare on literal altars dedicated to him, they

made me believe I would never be God's and that I belonged to Satan. Night after night, my heart pounded like a trapped bird, the quilt's heavy folds anchoring me to the thin mattress as if it were a slab of stone. Shadows writhed on the walls, their jagged edges sharpening my fear into a blade, and every groan of the house held me captive, my body rigid with dread long after my foster father's footsteps faded from the room. Confused and frightened, I lay unable to move, the torment etching itself into my soul. I felt worthless, unlovable. Those two years in foster care, from age two to four, felt like an eternity of torment. Physically, the bruises and welts faded, but the emotional scars ran deep—nightmares that jolted me awake, a constant whisper of shame, and a fractured sense of self. Spiritually, it was a battlefield; their

Satanic rituals aimed to sever me from any notion of a loving God, replacing it with fear and despair. I questioned if I was too broken to be saved, if God could ever see me through the veil of their lies. Challenges piled up like storm clouds: isolation from the outside world, the cult's secrecy binding me in silence, and the daily grind of pretending normalcy while my spirit screamed. But God, in His infinite mercy, had other plans. At age four, the door to freedom cracked open. Whisked away from that house of horrors, I found myself adopted into a wonderful family—a Christian home where love was not a facade but a living reality. My new parents, guided by faith, enveloped me in warmth. They introduced me to Jesus not as a distant figure, but as a Savior who wept for my pain. At the age of 39, I be-

gan the process of deliverance. Many of my memories from that time in foster care had been fragmented; there were some memories I had always carried with me, and some had been pushed back to the recesses of my mind. As we began to go after the demons that tormented me, memories began to surface. Demons attach to trauma. As Jesus untangled the knots of trauma, He met me in my brokenness, whispering truth over the lies: I was not nothing; I was His beloved child whom He had always loved and cherished. Healing did not come overnight; it unfolded like a flower in spring. Through prayer, I learned to release the chains of shame. Scriptures became my anchor: *"For I know the plans I have for you,"* declares the Lord, *"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"* (Jeremiah 29:11). In

church, surrounded by a community of believers, I shared fragments of my story and found healing as I began to tell the secrets I had kept hidden away for so long—secrets locked away in that closet. Confession brings healing! The pain of those rituals, once a tormenting echo, transformed into a testimony of God's redemptive power. Where the cult sought to summon darkness, Jesus brought light. Challenges that once overwhelmed me—trust issues, anxiety—became stepping stones to deeper faith. Today, I stand healed, not flawless, but whole in Christ. Jesus on the cross modeled forgiveness, showing me how to pray for

those who hurt me, releasing bitterness into the Father's hands. To anyone enduring similar darkness and trauma, know this: Your pain is seen. God is weaving rescue even now. In Jesus, hope is not fleeting; it is eternal. He leaves the ninety-nine for the one. My journey from foster care's abyss to adoption's embrace proves that no darkness can extinguish His light. I was translated from the kingdom of darkness into His glorious light. I am adopted into the family of God. You can receive this same healing because He promises that *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* Cling to Him—He will carry you through.

Miracle at the Airport

From Page 5 ... us available to us and He promises. It's the word of God. He gives us His kingdom authority. Those promises are

available to us and He gave us the authority to stand on the word of God if only we will believe!



Madeline & Bob Duffany

My Testimony of Healing Part 2

By Madeline Duffany

“Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil.” Isaiah 1:16.

I’m excited in this time of renewal in my life! God is showing us how so many material things can become a bondage. We fill in empty spaces with stuff instead of more of the Holy Spirit and God’s Word. Pastor Chuck mentioned this again in his teaching about how everything will fade except what we have done for Christ.

We never practiced occult things in our home while growing up. Mother would never allow it. We went to the Mennonite Church from an early age.

I realize now that because of rejection, identity became very important to me. Although we grew up ‘rough’, I was proud of my heritage.

My Mom moved us away from my Dad’s family in Texas to Maryland where I was born. Mom’s relatives gave her a hard time as she tried to fit in. Mama was independent in her thinking. She was artistic and intelligent, teaching herself to speak, read, and write Spanish. She taught us what she could. I learned how to stand up because of her.

She attended the Mennonite Church, yet she had a mind of her own. She took a lot of abuse and rejection from people, even in church. Because she spoke up on a few occasions when she saw something in error, they took away her little white prayer veil, and she only had a scarf of her own that she wore all the time. There was a lot of emphasis placed on dress and outward appearance. Yet, she faithfully kept going to that church. At times, she was too overwhelmed by the church, Papa’s drinking, and five kids to take care of.

In one Mennonite home where we children were placed at times, my older sister – young at that time – liked the son of the people who took us in. We rode the school bus together, and this boy stuck up for us when the kids called us “things”. The mother of this home said, “I don’t want my son to be with a girl like that”, meaning my sister. The

same woman slapped my little brother in the face. We were not allowed to wear shorts or cut our hair. I would go out on the front lawn every day, watching to see if our parents were coming for us. The church bishop had long Bible readings, and we had to sit still forever.

We were never told that we needed to ask Jesus into our hearts, that I can recall.

In elementary school, we would get free lunch because we were needy. I was made to wash dishes instead of going to class, so I fell behind in my learning. Once the teacher took me aside and said, “Is it true you can’t dance?” And other things.

Mom kept us home at times in the early grades because she did not like public school, and because we had to walk a long way and cross railroad tracks. On occasion, my mom took a long walk to sweep broken glass off the towering steps up to the bridge over the railroad so we could climb up and avoid the tracks. She couldn’t drive.

My Mom filled our heads with fear that we would be abducted and killed. I lived in constant fear. The spirit of rejection set in me then, and I became fierce in defense of my father. The church did not teach faith like our pastor does now. Pastor Chuck’s teaching is keeping me alive.

We were taught to read out of the King James Bible instead of going to public school. Thee’s and thou’s were no problem for us!

I wanted my Dad’s Spanish culture. The people are warm and friendly, and our experiences then with Caucasian folks showed up the stark differences. They made fun of my Mom and Dad, even though Mom is of Danish, Irish, and English descent. Mom’s clothes looked strange, and Papa looked too dark, so they called him unkind racial slurs. Mom’s mother, my grandmother, called us half-breeds!

When Dr. Gerald Derstine invited us to Minnesota to his awesome campgrounds, it fulfilled my desire for Native American culture.

We experienced lots of drumming, dancing, re-

galia, teepees, beaded jewelry, and wonderful Native Americans from all over the US. This is where we met our special Pastor, Gabriel Ward. He reminded me of Papa’s brothers. I felt an instant connection with him, and I ran over to tell him how people mistreated my Dad. I was working in the kitchen at Strawberry Lake Christian Retreat.

Dr. Gerald never said anything against the Natives. It was his heart’s desire to reach them with the gospel, and he loved us all. He even smoked a peace pipe at our gathering in Itasca State Park. Pastor Phil wore Native American shirts. There are always renegades who infiltrate missions for Christ. Dr. Gerald took a stand for Christ in the midst of troublesome times up there. Some did not understand him, but we did, and we all loved him. You can read all about it in our book, “My Indian Summer”, forwarded by Dr. Gerald Derstine and Apostle Gabriel Ward.

Native Americans and other First Nations people have ungodly traditions like dream catchers, which hang above their beds, and they believe capture bad dreams and energies before they get to them. They are hung over babies’ cribs. Supernatural beings usually have animal names and take on the form of spirit-animals. A talisman is believed to contain specific magical properties to heal, protect, or harm individuals. This can be in the form of a dream catcher, an object woven in a circle, representing the circle of life. A medicine bag is a small pouch worn by some Natives, which contains sacred things.

One time, an elderly Native man willingly removed his medicine bag even though I did not mention it when I saw it around his neck: I shared Jesus with him. He took it off and said, “Here, I don’t need this anymore.” The next day he returned, a small sprightly man without his cane and looking years younger. When someone really receives Jesus, there is no need to take their jewelry from them and throw it out. That is just to please yourself. They will throw it out themselves. I DID

I Believe in Miracles

By Rogielyn Roberson



Brother Cliff & Sis Rogielyn

My life is a living testimony of the power and compassion of Jesus Christ. Twenty-two years ago, I was involved in a serious motorcycle accident that left me with amnesia for nearly a week. I could not even remember my own family.

While lying on my couch during recovery, I had a life-changing encounter.

Jesus appeared before me, clothed in a long white garment and holding a roster in His hands. “Who are you?” I asked. He replied, “I am your Father. You are my daughter. I love you, and I will help you.”

In that moment, an overwhelming peace flooded my soul. I remember everything was white and

green. When I told my uncle—who didn’t believe me—my memory suddenly returned, and I remembered everything! I believe in miracles. Jesus healed me and restored my mind.

This testimony stands as a powerful reminder that no situation is beyond God’s reach and that His love can heal spirit, soul, and body!

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When facing the devil, you are standing in victory, because he has already lost. You are the last man confidently standing. You are set free in Jesus. So, do not do it again. Break free from all ungodly ties, renounce any agreements that you made with the devil, cancel any evil contracts, break all generational curses, and stop your soul and flesh from overruling your spirit, just by saying no. I am Christ’s, and He lives in me, and I am in Him! You do not own me anymore, no more anger! It is written that we are free, and it is written that we are healed. Jehovah Rapha. The LORD that heals and restores. Reverse those curses.

Because Jesus already dealt with what you are going through, when He was nailed to the cross, just accept Him, His Word, and let Him take the steering wheel.

It is okay if you cannot do it first time; God is about second chances, third chances, forth chances, until you get it right chan-

ces. The devil will leave you alone for a while, until your guard goes down. That is when you will have another battle. These battles will also build your faith from having no faith, doubting faith, or little faith to great faith.

Which gives the devil fuel and energy for his car. Especially, when you speak negative words, like when we speak against our body, life, marriage, family, job, or finances. I can’t, I can’t. Or when we doubt the Word of God, have fear, or do foolish things like the works of the flesh. This is the only power the devil has, and we give it to him. When we allow him to give us a ride, it will end up being a wicked roller coaster ride, up, down, spinning you all around.

He will tell you just enough to manipulate you, and use just enough the bible, God’s Word to get your attention. That is what happened to me, I fueled the devil’s car by believing him, not God, and got mad about it. In-

stead of having my spirit fully fueled up by having a strong connection to God. I let my body (flesh) and my soul work against my spirit.

Acting this way was self-sabotage. Do not block the ability to receive God’s free gift of accepting Him. No sin is too great for Him. God knows where you are and what you are feeling. Remember, He created you, and He does not make junk. Delete those negative thoughts and lies. Cancel them out. They are junk mail; do not read it, just trash it, delete it. If it does not line up with the Word of God, then they are not of God.

The more time you spend with Jesus, the more it becomes second nature, and the easier it will get to battling the devil, his distractions, and lies. Think of it this way, when you are sitting behind the steering wheel of your car, you can shut your eyes, you know where everything is at. The blinkers, the window wipers switch, the volume of the radio, heat/air, headlights, window switch, the locks, you know where every-

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throw the bag out which he had given to me. I never looked inside. It was just an object the man had before he knew Jesus.

I didn’t grow up on a reservation, but different cultures think they have to lose their identity, that is, as a Native American. You don’t change someone that God created by forcing religion on them,

cutting their hair, or throwing away material things. Jesus will change all these things. Let’s ask God to give us more love and mercy and compassion, and remove self-importance as we minister to different cultures.

There was much injustice inflicted on people in the past, and still today in our modern churches. I’m not

saying to put up with sin. But without love, nothing will be effective.

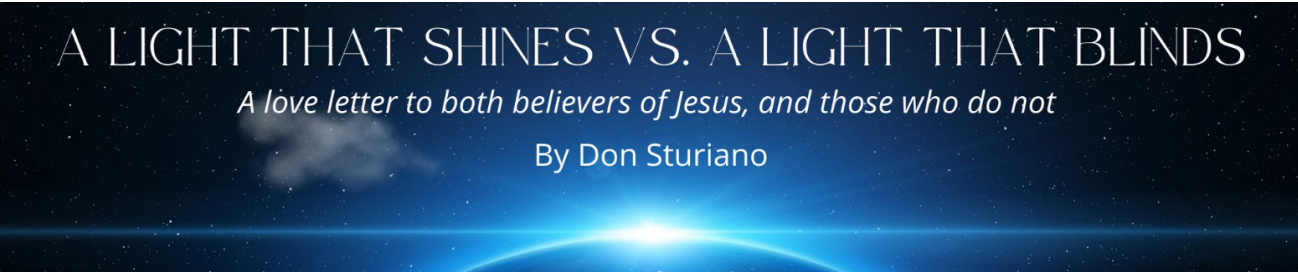
Psalms 19:14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

This is God’s Truth The Spirit of Truth Pastor Madeline Montez Duffany

A Light That Shines Versus A Light That Blinds

A love letter to both believers of Jesus, and those who don't

By Pastor Don Sturiano



I recently saw a new video that had a split screen, in a short time it had over 82,000 likes. One side was beautiful worship being led by one of my favorites, Brandon Lake, at Charlie Kirk's celebration of life. The other side was violent rioting in the streets in some of our cities. While the message is clear and true that as Christians, we should respond in love, and gather in intimate worship, which in turn empowers us to act like Jesus, and love our enemies. For we become what we worship and will influence others to be, what we have become. While the other side was demonstrating the opposite. Being an authentic Disciple, must include not being surprised when the world acts like the world. Rather respond with compassion and conviction to bring them the cure we carry for the aching of their soul, JESUS! You see, *"Jesus put The Kingdom of Heaven in every believer, so every believer would be Heaven on Earth"* My goal for writing this is to encourage followers of Jesus to spread HIS message. Secondly, it is for those of you that are read-

ing this who are not believers in Christ. I want you to know that no matter the life you are living, God, myself, and true lovers of Jesus, do not hate you. You are loved, significant, and needed in the family of God. If you have ever experienced the stones of hate, guilt, condemnation, or shame hurled at you from someone that claims to be a Christian, I apologize for their misrepresentation of the heart of our Heavenly Father. While every believer may be a Christian, unfortunately not every Christian is a Disciple. Thirdly, to encourage myself and all my fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord to do better. To heed to the call of Jesus to be a city on a hill that cannot be hidden, to be the light of the world as He was, when He walked the Earth. To share our faith in love, to fiercely crush that religious spirit that beats people over the head with the Bible. You see, we are called to be a light that shines, drawing people out of darkness, versus a light that blinds, driving them further in. We must recognize love is the power plant that

illuminates the city on a hill, the strategy of the Kingdom is love, and the profile of the Kingdom is the other cheek. After watching precious Charlie Kirk's celebration of life, listening to the speakers and their beautiful heartfelt tributes. I was most moved by the few powerful words from Erika Kirk, *"I forgive the young man who killed my husband."* Those were the words from the heart of a true disciple, a true Jesus lover and follower. I am grateful and motivated by her example. I would like to share with you a perspective of two sides:

- 1 lovers and followers of Jesus.
- 2 those who need the lovers and followers of Jesus, to love them until they are lovers and followers of Jesus.

In scripture, Jesus speaks of two sides. The sheep and the goats, and the wheat and the tares, but He loved both. Which sadly concludes there will be some that will never say yes to Jesus as Lord and King. But we can still do better to reach more of them, I can do better to reach more of them. Let us reach them together!

There is an old song I used to sing when I first came to Christ in the mid 80s: *"God's got an army marching through the land, deliverance is their song and healing in their hand, everlasting joy, and gladness in their heart, in this army, I've got a part."* In God's army, the goal is not to take a hill, or a geographical footprint. It is to win souls that are suffering, delivering them out of darkness into God's glorious light. When we march for Christ, we march on our knees to the cadence of love. The weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, rather they are:

- 1 prayers for the lost that are prayed with the groaning of deep compassion. Charles Spurgeon once said, *"to be a winner of souls, you must be a weeper for souls."*
- 2 by being a witness that represents the character and nature of Jesus, which is wrought in the secret place of intimate worship.
- 3 by having the mind of Christ, that brings wisdom resulting in creative solutions from Heaven to

the kingdoms of this world. This is wrought through passionately devouring The Word of God, for the sake of our spiritual maturity, and for the sake of the world. 4 through the preaching and releasing of the Kingdom of Heaven within us by demonstrating the miraculous power of Jesus Christ, in our churches, communities, and throughout the Earth. Which is wrought through the filling/baptism of The Holy Spirit, and the courage to trust God by taking risk to be a vessel of the power that saves, heals, and delivers. Here are three passages to confirm the above. Matthew 10:7-8 (NKJV) And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Acts 4:29-31 (NKJV) Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. John 3:16-17 (TPT) For this is how much God loved the world—he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in

him will never perish but experience everlasting life. 17 "God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it! Let us all rekindle our hearts with a fresh, fiery passion to the great commandment and the great commission, to love and to go into all the world and make disciples. Let us be courageous, open our mouths and share our faith, be faithful to our local church by attending, serving, and most importantly, inviting family, friends, and strangers as often as possible. Let us de-populate, the future growth of hell, and populate, the eternal life of Heaven. Let us live a life of Hollowed be Thy Name, and demonstrate The Father's will and Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven. Beyond anything else I could ever share with you; I offer you Jesus. Regardless of who you are, or what you've done, God is good, and He loves you. He sent His Son who paid the ultimate price for you. He died on a cross for your sins, but death could not hold Him. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you too can have a new and eternal life. Ask Him into your heart. Ask Him to heal you, to teach you His ways and to use you to help others. *Welcome to the Kingdom, welcome to the Family of God!* For Jesus, our King, and for the sake of the world! Don Sturiano Kingdom Life Christian Church Bradenton, Florida



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thing is. You might even know where the flashers are. That is how we can fill up our car, so we can keep on keeping on, by hearing the Word of God. Mediate on the Word of God, Believe the Word of God, Trust the Word of God, and Speak the Word of God. So this will become second nature. Be selfish with our fuel, and do not give it to the devil for his car. Make him walk. Each time he comes back, the better you get, the quicker he will be walking away. Because you can do it. Actually, I did, I overcame the spirit of anger a few weeks ago. I am free, and I am not going back! That is what Galatians 5:1 said, Jesus set me free, so I need to stand strong in that freedom and not go back to being chained up again. But sometimes we get blindsided, and get run over by some people who think they are driving big monster trucks. Do not allow their negativity to penetrate us. Because, in a way, they

are speaking curses over us. That is the work of the devil, and his lies, because these people are letting him drive their monster trucks. These words will take you down the wrong way, on a one-way street, and tell you it is okay. You are headed towards death head-on. It is like sticks and stones may break your bones, and names will never hurt me. That is a lie; they do hurt, that is why we need to focus on the real Word, Jesus, and not agree with the negativity and lies. Reverse those curses So you can stay in your lane, and not give permission or the right a way to the devil, or anything that is going on around you. Do not give people a second thought on what they are saying or not saying. Brush them off, like a car going through a car wash. If the bugs and dirt do not come off, keep your focus on Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Keep going through that car wash, or better yet, do it by hand and put some elbow grease on those spots until they come off.

Romans 12:2 (KJV) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Do not copy this world, or be a follower of the unbelievers; transform yourself by renewing your mind, and always walk in the anointing, by staying in your own lane. I was not walking in the anointing when I was at work; I was not even close to walking the walk and talking the talk. I was swerving all over the road. But, by taking the anointing with you. Which is the presence and gifting of the Holy Spirit that sets us apart from the world, and the unbelievers, because we follow God. You can trust and believe God, because it will work out. He said He would, and He will. He is not a liar. He sees and provides. It is about His plan, and it will always work out better than I could ever expect or do. I have a choice on how I fill up my gas tank. I want the power of God. I want to use scripture in love, showing love, and having compassion as

second nature. Also, forgiving those who try to run over me. I am already a better example of Jesus than I was last week. That is what it is about: helping others with their driving. That way, when they get excited, from being in victory lane over and over again, eventually they will tell others what it is like having Jesus as their chauffeur. That right there is priceless; there is no way you can put a price on a person's soul. Praise God, Jesus paid for it all. Revelation 12:11 (NKJV) And they (us) overcame him

(the devil) by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) and by the word of their (our) testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. I cannot and will not allow the enemy of my soul or anything to get in my way of me hearing the voice of God or stop me from speaking the Word of the Gospel. Philippians 1:5 & 6 (NKJV) for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

We have an owner's manual called the bible, basic instructions before leaving earth. It has every answer to every question we may have. No matter what the situation might be. God provides everything that we will need for our journey through life on earth. So, scoot over, and let Jesus take the wheel, and enjoy the ride. He will take you places where you will never have thought of, by having faith, great faith, by carrying the anointing, and loving every minute of it, everywhere you go, all the way to the end, to Heaven.

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Feast of Tabernacles Celebration at Christian Retreat

By Joanne Derstine Curphey

It's become a tradition at Christian Retreat. The annual celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles has drawn people to the Retreat, on the shores of the Manatee River, for the past 39 years. Once again, the event, October 8-15, features Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, best-selling author of "The Harbinger;" also the acclaimed recording artist Paul Wilbur, along with many other speakers, singers, dancers and workshop leaders. Christians and Messianic Jews from many different congregations are expected to attend. The biblical Feast of Tabernacles, or "Succot," is traditionally a season of joy and giving thanks referred to in Leviticus 23: 39,40, "On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the Feast of the Lord...and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days." You'll see a "sukkah village" this year at Christian Retreat, constructed and decorated by members of The Family Church. For many years, the Derstines hosted tours to the Christian celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, where more than 70 nations were represented. In 1986, they decided to host their own event at Christian Retreat, and it has been a highlight of

the year since then, with many churches and Messianic Jews participating. The 8-day celebration at the Retreat presents an opportunity to explore our Jewish roots, remembering that Jesus, or Yeshua, was a Jew who observed all the Jewish holidays. It is a joyous time, characterized by jubilant worship, colorful processions, Israeli folk dancing, and insightful teaching about the meaning of the Feast and its prophetic significance to all believers. Not surprisingly, it's also a season for miracles—for healing, deliverance, and financial breakthroughs. Pastor Phil remembers one local businessman who got a buyer for his business during the Feast—something he had been praying for—and others whose houses sold. Traditionally, the Feast is an appointed time to give offerings to the Lord. A variety of offerings were required by God. Leviticus 23:37-38 NIV, "These are the LORD's appointed festivals, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies for bringing food offerings to the LORD—the burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings required for each day. [38] These offerings are in addition to those for the LORD's Sabbaths and in addition to your gifts and whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the LORD." "Israel remains at the center of international attention," says Pastor Phil, "and there's a reason for that...Israel and the Bible are at the center of the Christian faith." Jonathan Cahn will be speaking Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7 PM. Full daily schedule can be seen at feastoftabernacles.us. Meeting times are 10 AM, 7 PM, and workshops at

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"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

Isaiah 60:1-2

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The Cross, Our Bridge to Our Father- Part 1

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While sitting with my daughter the other day, she decided to ask for more information on a very hot-button topic. I was hoping to avoid this conversation for another day or month or year-just like all the other trigger topics these days. I have viewed homeschooling as a gift that would grant me more time to dance around these topics and formulate more thought-provoking responses when her mature mind and softened heart would understand them better. Realizing that the foundation of her question is rooted in sin, I relied on someone whom I knew would transcend any response my mere human mind could create—the Holy Spirit. Immediately, I asked for His guidance. Sin is a very black and white idea that we humans have blurred the lines of. We believe that trivial lies or disobedience are not on the same level of sin as killing someone. Jesus clarified God’s view of sin with His example in Matthew 5:27-28, “You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that everyone who so much as looks at a woman with evil desire for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Just the act of allowing our mind to formulate the sinful thoughts constitutes sin to God. If understood from His view and not our own, we begin to see that sin is sin, regardless of where it lies on the spectrum to us. Humans created this spectrum to help justify our sins and make ourselves “feel better”, believing that the small lies are not as detrimental as taking another’s life. However, James 1:14-16 explains this a little further, “But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death. Do not be misled, my beloved brethren.”

Rewriting the Story in Your Cells - How God Heals Trauma and Renews Generational

From Page 7 Ever since the first sin in the Garden of Eden, we have inherited not only brokenness in our souls, but brokenness in our bodies, relationships, and systems. Sin introduced fear, shame, pain, and death. And though we are made in God’s image, we also live in a world marred by trauma, dysfunction, and generational pain. **What We Inherit Can Be Transformed** Science confirms what Scripture has long said: patterns of brokenness can be passed from generation to generation. Studies in behavioral genetics and epigenetics reveal that trauma can leave biological markers that affect children and grandchildren. One Harvard study found that grandchildren of Holocaust survivors displayed measurable biological effects despite never experiencing the trauma themselves. And Scripture reflects this reality: *“I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.”* (Exodus 20:5–6, NLT) This is not a declaration of doom. It’s a recognition of how deep sin’s reach is and how far God’s redemptive love can go. We inherit patterns. But in Christ, we also inherit power, identity, and hope. You Are Not Your Trauma To put it simply: we form our beliefs, and then our beliefs begin to form us. The field of epigenetics affirms this. Scripture echoes it. “Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.” (Ephesians 4:23–24, NLT) We are not powerless. We are not abandoned. And we are not defined by the sin committed against us or the brokenness we inherited. We are invited into a new story, a redeemed identity through the finished work of Jesus Christ. Your biology may reflect your history, but it can also reflect your healing. **How Do You Know What You’re Carrying?** Most of us are living from stories that began long before we could name them. That sense of always needing to prove yourself? That deep fear of being misunderstood? That pattern of staying silent to avoid conflict or exploding when overwhelmed? These aren’t just quirks. Often, they are trauma responses shaped by the impact of sin in our families, cultures, and world. You may notice repeated dynamics in your relationships. You may notice that no matter where you work or who you’re with, the same internal battles keep showing up. You may be doing all the right things, yet still feel stuck. These aren’t signs of failure. They’re signs that a deeper work of renewal is needed. **Your Cells Are Listening** Scripture is clear: “The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.” (Proverbs 18:21, NLT)

We are speaking to ourselves all day long. And the body listens. Epigenetics confirms this truth. Thoughts release chemicals. Beliefs shape behavior. Our internal world forms the context for our external results. This is why speaking God’s truth over yourself is not just spiritual, it’s physiological. It changes your inner atmosphere and aligns your mind and body with His promises. Becoming the Wind, Not Just the Flag Most of us live like the flag, tossed about by winds of trauma, pressure, and fear. We adapt. We protect. We survive. Yet, epigenetics, grounded in God’s design, reminds us that we don’t have to live reactive lives. We can be the wind. We can become intentional stewards of our thoughts, beliefs, and choices. We can agree with truth, not fear. With grace, not shame. With hope, not despair. Why wouldn’t we use the biology of belief and the wisdom of Scripture to pursue healing and wholeness? **The Impact on My Clients** This isn’t just theory. I see it every day in my coaching practice. When clients begin to understand their patterns and align their beliefs with God’s truth, things change. Their relationships become more connected. Their bodies begin to heal. Their work becomes more focused and fruitful. Their internal world becomes more peaceful. They begin to live from restoration, not from trauma. Life will still happen. Traumatic events will oc-

Our thought life, when given the opportunity, creates sin. The Bible is very explicit in outlining what thoughts and actions are considered sin. We now understand that all sin is “bad” to God, but what does that mean exactly? Isaiah 59:2 explains what this means: “But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Sin separates you from God. God does not distance Himself from you because you sinned. This is a prevalent misconception among many believers. So many view God as a controlling Father, punishing us for committing sins and making our lives more difficult, leading those on this vicious cycle of warring against the “flesh” in the natural, losing royally, spiraling down a rabbit hole of guilt, only to begin the cycle again. This is exactly what our good Father is trying to save us from. “Oh! This is kind of what they were telling us in church class last night,” my 9-year-old chimed in, “that we’re on one mountain and God is on the other. The cross is our bridge to Him...”



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cur. Life is messy. I am not saying life will be all rainbows, daisy’s, unicorns and ice cream, but God’s redemption reaches deeper than survival. It restores identity. It renews thinking. It reshapes the way we live, love, and lead. A Different Kind of Story If you’ve done the work but still feel stuck... If you’ve prayed, fasted, journaled, and set goals, but certain struggles remain... If you suspect that something deeper is shaping your experience... You are not alone and you are being invited. This is not about working harder. This is about healing deeper. Let’s explore The Business of YOU™ and allow Jesus to touch the inherited trauma responses that you no longer need to carry. Let’s reclaim what sin tried to steal. Let’s rewrite the story in your cells. “Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit.” (3 John 1:2, NLT) **What patterns have you been noticing in your own life? What are you ready to release?** And if you’re sensing that God is inviting you into a deeper season of restoration, I’d be honored to walk with you. I work with clients who are ready to release inherited patterns and live from the truth of who they are in Christ. **Schedule a free discovery call: SCAN**



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**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE**
September 24th til
November 2nd

HELP SAVE LIVES PRAYER VIGIL

Wednesday, October 29

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 25,000 saved babies
- More than 170 closed facilities
- More than 270 converted workers



Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 29 and any other October Wednesday
- **Vigil hours:** 9 am to 5 pm; choose hour or two that work for you
- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, and Community Pregnancy Center, 736 Central Ave, Sarasota; street parking only
- **Local contact:** clt@carcprojects.life; email to confirm participation
- **Learn more:** 40daysforlife.com/Sarasota



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