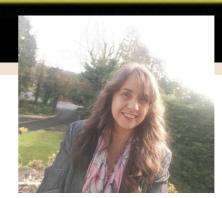


Its Time To Shine

Arise and Shine for your Light has come

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One of my favourite Preachers made this statement and it caught my attention.

"Do something this year you have never done before."

I began to think about the different projects that I had planned to start, but somehow just never seemed to get around to them.

Time has a way of quietly slipping away and passing by and before we know a week has turned into a month and a month has turned into a year.

I decided I would commit to a plan to read the bible in 90 days. I had never read every single word of the bible before. I have to admit; I would skip over the chapters with all the names and places and numbers etc. But this time I made a conscious decision to carefully and prayerfully read every single word.

I am so glad I did, because I quickly discovered that I had been missing many nuggets of treasure in between those names and places.

I was really enjoying my time each morning as I read through every word.

After the 90 days, it had become so easy to keep that time each morning just the Holy Spirit, the Word and me. I had formed a new habit.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you that with the help of the Holy Spirit you can break all bad habits and replace them with new habits, one day at a time.

As I was reading through the book of Exodus about the 10 plagues in Egypt, I noticed that there seemed to be a change in the atmosphere around the 3rd and 4th plague, I thought to myself, it seems like Moses has just taken the upper hand in this battle. Reading aloud it seemed to come more alive to me.

I remember reading about the darkness and how it was so thick that it could be felt. I had pondered over that for a little while, trying to think what that would have been like. But that was as much as I thought about it; I finished my reading and went about my day.

That evening I went to bed as usual. Now many times I will awake in the middle of the night having to go to the toilet, and although it is dark, it is never what I would call pitch black.

We live in the town and although our bedroom is at the back of the house far away from the street lights, there is always a soft glow from those lights or even the moon. But this night was different, I woke very suddenly and the room was black as black could be, I remembered the scripture that I had read about the thick darkness and how it was so dark it could be felt. I thought to myself – this is a darkness I have never known before.

Suddenly I heard these words "It's time to shine" I jumped up and grabbed my notebook and pen.

As I didn't want to disturb my husband from his sleep, I went to the living room and began to write what I heard the Holy Spirit say to me.

This is what I heard: -

"The Battle has increased as the enemy knows what is about to happen. Like Pharaoh increased the burden on my people by not giving them straw to make the bricks while insisting they made the same quota, so the enemy is seeking to put heavy burdens on my people today. So that my people will become weary and turn away from my plan and purposes for their lives.

But when I say 'Shine', there is nothing that can hide that light. My people will arise and they will shine. Boldness will increase upon them, and they will move into the next level. The enemy will try to resist but cannot do anything only panic and make a commotion seeking to distract my people. Like you saw when you read about the 10 plagues, you saw the first three plagues, where things that the magicians of Egypt could mimic, so they proudly asked "Who is your God"?

But after that you saw boldness come on Moses, as I shifted the level of the Battle. There was a switch to where I gave Moses the upper hand and left the magicians powerless.

The world has many 'gods' and can do many things, but NOW they will see and know that I AM God of my Church. They have said my church is weak, and they have said there is no god. They have mocked and killed my people.

They laugh and say 'we have the upper hand' BUT the tide is turning NOW - I have told you many times to hold on tight, for I am moving.

Remember how I separated the Egyptians from the place where my people lived - so that the plagues did not come upon my people?

I overruled and delivered my people from the hand of Pharaoh. There is coming a sound of great lament among those outside my protection.

This is the time when you will know why I have said stay in my presence and know my Word; you will know I am your God and that I am your protector.

The darkness has risen, but the influence is at breaking point.

Their own destruction has come upon themselves. This is how I have designed it; men always reap what they sow.

It is a spiritual law that cannot be broken.

Those that destroy are always destroyed. It is the very nature of the demons at work in and through men. The fall and the destruction will be as great to them as the destruction they have caused and have planned. Likewise, the blessing upon my children will be at the level of their faith and obedience.

All men will reap; those who have sown against my Church, who have lifted their hand and voices against my anointed, will fall.

People say 'Where is your God?' and 'there's no time left' or 'What can God do about it?' BUT they don't understand that I AM greater, I AM above it all. The time has been and always is seemingly delayed, just like seed time and harvest - but it is not a delay as men think, it is time I give for opportunities to repent and return to me.

I give time, because I love them. Men choose their destiny; many are deceived but many have chosen deception.

My people are those who know me, they have their eyes fixed upon me because they have chosen me. They have made me their stronghold and refuge.

But NOW you will see my people rise, for I am mobilizing my people and equipping them. Like David many will rise up and challenge the giants saying 'is there not a cause'. Like Elijah many will rise up and challenge false prophets. Like Gideon many will rise up and destroy false gods. Many will rise like Joshua and Caleb and possess the land.

Many have said 'it can't be done' even like the official who said 'even if God was to open the windows of heaven, it could not happen'.

The division between the world and my people is increasing. I am about to set my people far above, where fear will come upon the ungodly and they will not touch my anointed.

The safest place to be in these days is in my presence. There is protection against sickness and every attack of the enemy.

There is favour that has not been seen on the earth yet.

Speak forth my Word, speak it out and I will perform it.

My Word is like a beacon shining on the earth, have faith because faith is like a flare gun, it sends the light higher. The greater your faith, the higher and greater the light will rise. So be filled with my Word and faith. As you believe so shall you speak. As you believe so shall you receive.

Every promise that you can believe and speak is yours. You decide the brightness of that light in your life. The more of your heart I have, the more of me you shall experience.

Study Psalm 91 and I will show you a great key and insight. Teach my people. Keep yourself separated unto me; keep your tongue separated unto me.

Chapter 1 PSALM 91 v 1

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (KJV)

As I turned my Bible to Psalm 91, while asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of God's Word, I found myself stuck on the very first word. I thought who is 'He', who is this scripture actually referring to?

As I often do, I did a search using an app on my phone, which lists the same verse of scripture in all the different translations on one page for easy comparison.

I noticed that most translations said "He" while others said "Whoever" or "the One" so on a further search I found that the words "He who dwells" was translated from the Hebrew (yo-seb or yashab). I am in no way a student of Hebrew, but I do find it helpful to find out the original meaning.

I found this Hebrew expression is often associated with "one seated as royalty" meaning to sit down, to dwell, to remain, to settle, or to marry.

Immediately I was captured with the thought that this was more to do with position than the person.

I had heard this verse of Scripture quoted so many times, and I had heard preachers speak about the 'secret place'. Yet I had only ever heard of the 'secret place' being referred to as the place where we draw aside to meet with God.

Some call it the 'secret place' others the 'closet' but every time, it was referring to 'our' secret place.

I believe completely in the importance of having our own secret place to pray and spend time with God. A place where we can close ourselves off from the pressures and demands of this world to spend time in communion with the Holy Spirit and The Word.

I believe in having a 'quiet time' before the Lord our King. But what began to burn in my spirit was that there was something even greater! This secret place was not 'our' place but rather a place that had been prepared for us.

A place that is 'secret' or 'sacred'. A place that isn't open just for anyone.

Ephesians 2v6 (KJV)

"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

I asked the Holy Spirit 'does this Psalm refer to that 'heavenly place'?

It seemed my whole being was filled with light, I had received something in my spirit, but it has taken months of meditation and studying the scriptures to be able to even begin to put it into words.

I wanted to begin writing immediately. I still have my original notes, but every time I began typing, the computer either shut down or froze and each time I lost everything I had typed.

Looking back, I now realise that I had received the revelation in my spirit but it had not yet penetrated into my heart or understanding.

The revelation has been growing and expanding, as more and more scriptures are being opened up to me.

I will endeavor to begin to explain this concept of the secret place and pray that the Holy Spirit will give insight and revelation to discover the depths of his plan and purpose for your own personal life.

John 3 v 16 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

This is a great mystery, and many can accept that God so loved the World but can you make that personal and say God so loved YOU?

To think that God loved the world is one thing, but to KNOW that he loves YOU is quite a different thing.

To Know that he loves YOU and has prepared a place for you to be seated with Christ as an heir of God and a joint heir with the Son, is mind blowing! Because only those who are made 'holy' can enter into his presence, and only those who have been made the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ, can not only enter into his presence but remain there.

To dwell means to live or stay as a permanent resident. To reside or continue in a given condition or state.

Many who have received Jesus Christ as their Saviour are waiting until they die and go to heaven, to experience the benefits of being in his presence. Not realising that the moment we were born again by the Spirit of God, we were adopted into the family of God, we became children of the Living God, we were made righteous and holy in his sight.

Many times we hear people say, "what would Jesus do or I want to be like Jesus".

There is an even greater revelation, which is that Christ is in you!

As born again believers we have been made members of the body of Christ. We are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, while we are still alive on this earth.

Colossians 1 v 13 (KJV)

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son

Through Christ we have been brought into his Son-ship and King-ship, being made kings and priests in His Kingdom.

Revelation 1 v 5-6 (KJV)

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Only when we begin to look into the Word of God from this Kingdom understanding and move away from religious explanations, can we begin to understand that as the Great High Priest, Jesus is the firstborn from the dead and as the King, He is the ruler of all.

I have to admit; I never saw myself as a 'king' before. Many times we sing and talk about Jesus being the King of kings and the Lord of lords, but have you realised that he is talking about you?

I used to think that the kings and lords where actual reigning kings and lords in the natural sense, who reigned over nations and kingdoms. When we look into this Kingdom of God, we begin to see the Word of God come alive to us and in us.

We have been given the mind of Christ, and the nature of both a king and a priest. Christ is the one who made us into this holy order and union. It is already done.

This is where we need the Holy Spirit to teach us and to guide us. We may be kings and priests in his Kingdom, but we still have to be trained in his ways.

Revelation 5 v 10 (KJV)

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth.

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As a child of God, we don't choose to dwell in him, rather we have been translated into the body of Christ. Because of the Redeeming substitute sacrifice of Jesus and the power of his blood which he shed for us, we have been adopted into his family and made an heir of every promise. We are seated with Christ in his Son-ship, Kingship and Priesthood.



Jesus has made us kings and priests in His Kingdom by birth right.

So who is He that dwelleth?

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High are those who have been Redeemed!

Those who are cleansed through the power of the blood of Jesus and have entered into his position of Grace and Righteousness.

To preach a Gospel that only saves people from going to hell, is short changing the world.

Romans 5v17 (KJV)

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

Many see themselves as 'unworthy' of God's love and grace. This misconception keeps the Redeemed from entering into the fullness of this amazing Kingdom. Which in turn hinders many of God's people from realising who they are in Christ, who Christ is and what the purpose of serving our great King is, and ultimately from reaching others who are in darkness.

Remember 'He who dwells' is the one who has been reconciled to God, adopted into his family and seated with Christ in heavenly places.

The one who has been given the right and authority to be seated with Christ. Thus making this 'secret place' only available to those who have been redeemed.

We cannot earn this place, by our own good works or anything we do other than receiving and believing Jesus Christ is our Saviour and our King by His grace through faith.

How do you see yourself?

Do you see yourself far away from God or brought near to him?

Do you see the Majesty of Jesus your Great High Priest and King or do you see only the 'earthly' life of struggles and trials?

Your position in Christ, gives a superior perspective on the things of this world. Those things which are temporal and subject to change cannot be compared to our unchanging and Everlasting Father God.

Are you dwelling in Him?

I used to struggle with trying to balance the things of the spirit with the things of this earthly life. I would pray and study the scriptures and feel a fire and an excitement flowing in my spirit, but then turn and face this life feeling deflated and defeated. I knew something wasn't right.

There must be more to this 'Christian' life and I desired to discover how to enter into and experience the abundant life that Jesus talked about.

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When we begin to ask the Holy Spirit for insight and revelation, he will answer in amazing ways.

I love how he leads us into his truth, gently but very powerfully.

Chapter 2 THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH

Notice once again that this secret place is OF the Most High; it is not our secret place but His.

Secret means not known or seen or not meant to be known or seen by others

John 14v6 (KJV)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

God gave very specific instructions on how to enter his presence in the Old Covenant and now in the New Covenant it seems like 'men' have forgotten that there is a 'proper' way to come to the God of Creation. Just like any King or Ruler of any nation, you can't just come and go as you please, you must follow the proper pattern.

God's presence is holy because He is holy.

Jesus who was the perfect Lamb of God, who became the perfect substitute sacrifice made that way open for us to come to his secret place.

Just because there is an open door, does not mean we can come any old way we want. We may come as we are, but we come according to His Grace and not our own conditions.

God gave Moses direct and detailed instructions on how to build the tabernacle. There was a pattern to follow, because this tabernacle was to reflect the presence of God on the earth. This would be the 'holy' place that represented the presence of God to the people, where only the High Priest could enter. It was very dangerous for just anyone to touch that holy place. It would cost them their life.

In this New Covenant the Word who is Jesus the Son, became flesh and dwelt among men.

Jesus literally became the Living Tabernacle of God on the earth. Representing His Spirit and His Presence.

Just as God had revealed his glory in the tabernacle of the Old Covenant now his glory was revealed through Jesus (Matthew 17 v 1-13)

Colossians 1 v 18-20 (NKJV)

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

This secret place is reserved for those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord, those who will come to know him and are therefore hidden in him, cleansed and clothed with the garments of salvation and the robes of righteousness.

Entering into this Holy Place by His grace, through no merits of our own, but rather surrendered totally to Him and separated unto Him.

In order to claim the promises of Psalm 91, we must first enter into that secret place or the holy place through the knowledge of Jesus.

Not just knowing about Jesus but actually entering that relationship to know him intimately, as our personal Lord and Saviour.

Ephesians 2 v 8-9 (NKJV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. The only way is Jesus and the only means is by His Grace.

Hebrews 4-16 (NKJV)

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Those who through revelation knowledge and personal relationship with the King of kings Jesus Christ, will not only dwell in and with him, but will have confidence before the throne of God.

Confidence is an assurance and boldness in knowing that there is nothing between us and our Father God ONLY Jesus Christ our Great High Priest and King.

Knowing that the Blood of Jesus speaks for us and we stand in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, as we come before our Heavenly Father. There can be nothing stand between our souls and Jesus our Saviour.

Our past may say we are guilty of many things but once we come to Jesus and accept his forgiveness, his blood covers our guilt and calls us forgiven.

Then we can begin to think like citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven rather than waiting until 'someday' when we die and go to heaven.

Knowing our God reigns and his Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and that his dominion endures throughout all generations. We will begin to think like Christ, talk like him and act like him.

Colossians 1 v 27 (KJV)

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

This takes renewing of the mind and training in the ways of the Lord.

Nothing in the Kingdom of God comes naturally to our flesh life (human nature), we must be taught and led in his paths of righteousness.

The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to teach us and guide us into all truth.

I have heard many preachers say, that we must preach the full counsel of God, and in the same message they speak something that is totally 'Anti-Christ' without even knowing or realising what they are saying, simply because they are following the teaching and ways of men and traditions rather than the ways of the Lord.

Who can truly say they know the FULL counsel of GOD?

This is nothing new, throughout the Bible we see again and again, how easy it is for man to follow what seems to be right in their own eyes.

To the natural mind there are many things that look and sound correct, but it falls short of God's standard. His ways and thoughts are much higher and superior than ours. Thus the Kingdom way is to be taught line upon line and precept upon precept.

This is where I see a great challenge, most people are trying to understand the ways of the Lord from a human point of view, instead of from a spiritual perspective.

Let me explain, every concept that we have developed came from the 'precept' that already existed in our hearts. A precept is the basic belief from which we understand and conceive every other thought. It is like the foundation of our thinking process.

Like a diving board, it is where every thought will spring forth.

If the precept is not correct then our concept will be wrong therefore creating a 'misconception'.

There are many misconceptions in the lives of God's people, because of the precepts or basic beliefs planted deep in our hearts and minds.

This is where we must be transformed by the renewing of our mind. We cannot simply live a good life, by cleaning up our own ways, or trying to live a godly live by our own strength and understanding.

We are only truly changed, when we give the Holy Spirit full access to our hearts and permission to change us from the inside, renewing the precepts which will create the correct concepts.

For example, I have heard statements like "once an alcoholic always an alcoholic". Even though many have not had a drink for years, they will still call themselves something like a "recovering alcoholic". But this is a very dangerous 'miss-conception'.

This means that person has to be careful, always on guard because there is the potential to give in to another drink etc.

While the precept of God's Word is that 'He whom the Son sets free is free indeed'.

The Word of God says 'you are a new creation, old things have passed away behold all things have become new'.

When you can call yourself what God calls you, only then are you walking in true freedom.

God calls you loved, accepted forgiven and FREE.

To be transformed by the renewing of our mind, by the Word of God, means that we are changed from the inside out, the old man is gone and we have become a brand new man. We no longer have to fight with the cravings and temptations of the past, because they will have no more dominion over us. It must be the work of God's Grace within our hearts.

If fact, after someone has been set free, they may try to go back to their old ways but will find that there is no going back. The thing that once gave release or pleasure will no longer have the same effect.

It will become 'unnatural' to do what used to be 'natural'. It is totally 'unnatural' for a child of God, to return to a life of sin; anyone who tries, will only find total misery.

There are many who may grow cold or draw back from God, and many who will never discover true freedom BUT this does not change the reality of God's presence to those who will seek Him with all their heart.

Jesus is still the way, the truth and the life. If we 'try' to be a Christian we will become disillusioned, but when we come to Jesus and accept his way, his truth and his life, we will not be disappointed.

Chapter 3 KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM

This Kingdom of God is knowledge dependent. Knowledge which is based on who Jesus is, what he has provided for us and who we are in him.

Religion gives us rules to follow which are supposed to make us feel better, while 'trying' to please God but that is only man's way to reach God. Trying to follow the rules of religion, which are mainly based on the 'out-ward' appearance. Things like how we look, dress and what we do or don't do. This is only exhausting, compared to the freedom that comes from knowing Jesus and discovering your place is his Kingdom.

Knowledge creates Understanding which produces Wisdom.

Religion will create condemnation and a feeling of hopelessness that pulls us down, but the truth of God's kingdom will create vision and purpose that lifts us up instead.

To realise that every person has been 'sent' to this earth by God on purpose and has their God given purpose hidden inside them, creates hope and a reason to press into his presence.

Religion has no problem telling us that God is the creator. But it fails to tell us that God has created us with a divine purpose. That purpose and the potential to fulfil that purpose is hidden deep inside every person.

It is not our responsibility to choose our purpose but only to discover it.

Many may feel that their birth was only a mistake, but God's Word lets us know that is not true.

We were each one sent from God, so how, when or where we were born is not the issue, but from whom did we come from?

There are many struggles in our lives, due to unresolved problems inherited from our ancestors. There are many generational issues that can influence our lives; Instead of looking at these issues and remaining a victim to them, we can consider them as weapons of the enemy directed against our souls, that where sent to keep us from discovering our God given purpose.

Weapons that Jesus came to destroy.

1 John 3 v 8 (KJV)

He that committeth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

The kingdom of darkness, the devil and his agents hate all human beings because we were created in the image of God.

From the beginning of mankind, the devil has been deceiving man by painting a twisted and false image of God the Father. This false image of God the Father, has kept more 'Christians' from entering that secret place prepared for them than any other doctrine.

I remember speaking at a prayer meeting, encouraging the people to trust in God regarding his promises. A lady attacked me quite aggressively saying "it's ok for you to see God as a good Father because you have a good earthly Father". She continued to speak of the image of a 'Father' that she and many others had experienced. She spoke of how angry and untrustworthy her earthly father had been and how she could not even call God her heavenly Father.

I left that meeting feeling very disturbed. I fully realised that I was very privileged to have a godly earthly Father. He is also my Pastor, and he has always been a great example of love and mercy. He has without a doubt been a great influence in every area of my life.

The next day I still felt disturbed, I began to pray and ask "How can I teach these things to people who have been hurt and disappointed by earthly father figures?" Then I heard the voice of the Holy Spirit, say "Even you needed a revelation of your Heavenly Father".

This truth entered my spirit, and I understood that even though I had a great earthly father, there were many things he could not do to help me. He was limited by his own humanity. He was limited with resources; he could not be with me always. He had always given me his best, yet I still needed to know my Heavenly Father on a personal level. I also had to learn how to trust Him by Faith.

It was NOT my relationship with my earthly father that enabled me to call God my Father, BUT rather it was His Holy Spirit in me.

Romans 8 v 15 (KJV)

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

There are many who have had good earthly parents, but never come to know God. In fact, many will never even look for God, because they may think their lives are good enough without Him. After all they can always call their parents for help!

The truth is that EVERY man has fallen short of the glory and the standard of God. There is NO man that can be compared with God.

One of the first things that being in God's presence will do, is to give us a sense of how much we need Him in our lives. The more time we spend in His presence and in His Word, the more we will see our own weaknesses.

This is the greatest revelation; to understand and to admit 'I need you Lord everyday'.

If we only run to God when we have tried everything else and failed, we will never discover how great He really is.

When we are humbled in His presence, He doesn't condemn us for being weak but instead lifts us and fills us with His strength.

This is true freedom, because we will no longer be victims of rejection, abuse or broken trust. Instead we will experience true acceptance and unconditional love and grace.

In praying with and counselling people, I have discovered that this 'misconception' about how to relate to God as 'Father' is holding many of God's children from receiving from Him.

In the natural, we grow up by becoming independent from our parents but in God's Kingdom we grow up by becoming more dependent on him as our Life Giver. He alone is our great provider and protector. He is perfect in all His ways; He is not a man that He can lie.

Everyone is first a spirit, we have a soul and we live in a body on this earth. Our physical body has an expiry date, it will not last forever.

The breath in our bodies came from God. He is our true Father, the one who gives us life.

God is the Father of all creation.

God the Son, is Jesus Christ the Redeemer of all creation.

God the Holy Spirit is the presence of God in the earth today.

We are called to abide in His presence and to be filled with His Holy Spirit.

Chapter 4 THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High (Psalm 91)

Different translations use the words abide, to rest or to remain. We can clearly see that it is more than just a casual visit. This is a permanent place, that we enter into and remain there.

The word used for shelter means a covering, hiding place or secrecy.

How many times have you wished for a safe place to hide?

There have been many times, in my own life that I just wanted to run and hide from all the stress and trouble. I longed for a safe place to rest. I discovered that safe place in running to my heavenly Father.

I used to cry out to God in desperation with tears flowing and then walk away in even deeper despair because nothing had changed. Then I discovered a great mystery; the power of letting go and really giving my problems to God.

I knew many scriptures and promises, I knew how to make positive declarations using those scriptures. I needed more, I needed a direct word of instruction for each situation. I needed to trust God, that He knew exactly what I needed and that if I would simply ask in faith, for His insight and wisdom He would give it to me.

Everything changed for me in one night. I was in a situation that I felt was totally out of control and I was so desperate for change.

I was crying out to God, for Him to come and do something to change this situation, I told Him how I couldn't go on like this. I was exhausted and in despair, I couldn't see any light at the end of the tunnel.

Then I heard these words "Is what Jesus did NOT enough for YOU?" It felt like the Holy Spirit had taken a hold of my shoulders and was looking me straight in the eye! I immediately knew I was wrong. I was looking at this situation with the completely wrong perspective.

I quickly repented and asked for the His divine wisdom. He gave me a clear instruction; to only speak what He told me to speak concerning this situation. I received divine intervention in that situation, but greater than that, I learned to always ask for His wisdom and His Word on every matter.

How many times have we been begging God for His divine intervention but ignoring His divine wisdom?

Not only can we enter into this secret place, which gives us access to come boldly to the throne of grace to find help in the time of need, we are also covered by His divine provision and protection.

How much better it is to stay under the shelter of covering and find rest, than struggling to find our way through a storm?

It is very exhausting to fight life's battles in our own strength. In the battle to stay alive and survive we only find ourselves fighting more than our enemies. In the battle we can very easily lose sight of enemy or friend. We can often at times end up fighting ourselves or even worse, against God. Our survival mode can quickly turn into our self-destruct mode.

When we are sheltered or covered, we dwell in the protection of His presence, where He has promised to contend with those who contend with us.

It does take discipline to stay in this secret place when the storms and trials of life come our way. As it will cost us our peace, strength and sometimes our life, to try to fix things or to fight the battle in our own strength and understanding. The amazing thing is, that this discipline needed is not our own strength, it is fueled by God's Word and His Spirit.

His Word not only brings faith but also the strength to stand strong.

One of the things the Holy Spirit instructed me to do, was to "get out of the ring". When I heard these words, I immediately remembered watching the wrestling matches on TV when I was young. I remembered the 'tag' team matches. I thought about the lightweight and heavyweight tag teams. When the lightweight got into trouble he would tag his heavyweight team member. Then the lightweight man would jump out of the ring as the heavyweight stepped in and would finish the match.

I realised that I had to get out of the ring and stop fighting, and let my Champion Jesus take my place and win the battle for me.

There is no situation that is not covered by our great Redeemer. He left no stone uncovered when He took our place on the cross, as He paid the debt in full. Our God is the Most High, He has no equal and He has no rival.

Who can stand against us when the Lord is on our side. Who can separate us from His love?

The battle in my life changed from trying to fight demons, problems and other people to the good fight of faith. Holding to His Word while His Word was holding me.

It is a battle in our mind to stand still and hold unto the Word of God, when the storms of life are raging. It takes trust in both God and in His Word.

I quickly discovered that the very Word has the strength in itself to empower me to stand.

Romans 10 v 17 (KJV)

So then Faith cometh by hearing. and hearing by the Word of God.

The Word that comes from the presence of God is not only a word of instruction, it also carries with it the faith to stand upon that Word.

His Word and His Grace lifts and carries us as we grab a hold of it, like a strong arm reaching out to someone drowning.

We cannot continue to hold unto the problem and grab a hold of God's Word with both hands at the same time. We must learn to let go and let God's Word and His Grace work in and through us, by the power of His Holy Spirit.

Coming into agreement with God is the most powerful action and position we can have in any situation.

Fighting against ourselves is very damaging but fighting against God is fatal!

Who can stand against the Lord? No-one can and No-one will!

When we have shelter and cover in a storm it gives us comfort and confidence that we will make it through.

When we have shelter and cover we will have peace in the midst of the storm.

Every child of God has a legal right to dwell in this secret place, because of Jesus Christ. The place has been prepared for you, but will you enter in and abide there?

Will you seek to find out what belongs to you as a Child of God?

Every promise in Psalm 91 is given to us through Jesus Christ. These promises are not something God will do for us but rather they are the manifestation of the Truth of who our God IS.

He IS the Most High, He doesn't just protect and provide for us - HE IS our protection and our provision.

THAT IS WHO HE IS!

Here are some scriptures to meditate on; -

Psalm 17 v 8 (KJV)

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

Psalm 27 v 5 (NKJV)

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me;

He shall set me high upon a rock.

Psalm 31 v 20 (NKJV)

You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man;

You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion From the strife of tongues.

Psalm 32v7 (NIV)

You are my hiding place;

you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalm 119v114 (NKJV)
You are my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in Your word.

I WILL SAY OF THE LORD He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust. (Psalm 91 v 2)

As we abide in that prepared secret place, we will be confessing our trust in our God. Praise and Worship will become weapons of faith as we declare that He is our refuge and fortress. Instead of despair, hopelessness and not knowing which way to turn we will have a new battle cry.

A battle cry that declares that Our God is the Almighty One. A battle cry that shakes the foundations of hell as we declare that Jesus is King. A battle cry that kills giants as we proclaim that we come in the name of the Lord of Hosts. A battle cry that causes demons to flee as we worship the beautiful name of Jesus.

One of the greatest areas of battle in my life has been around 'worship'. I knew as a child that all I wanted to do was to lead worship. I loved the presence of God, I loved to sing to him and I loved the harmony of voices worshiping God in spirit and in truth. BUT I was very shy and very quiet. How was someone like me ever going to be heard

I had a dream but it looked impossible. I settled it in my heart that I would sing unto God and it didn't matter who heard me or didn't hear me. I just wanted to worship my God. There was much opposition and discouragement against me, yet the love to worship only grew stronger.

I remember asking the Holy Spirit to help me write new songs, then all hell seemed to be let loose against my life.

For a season I didn't know what was happening. It was quite literally one thing after another, with no chance to revive in between. Finally, I had had enough and I asked God 'What is happening'?

He answered me through a dream, in which I saw different kinds of demons, little ones, bigger ones, all ugly and twisted. They looked like they were gathered together in a huddle like a rugby team, while the largest one was pointing his finger at me saying to the others "do you see her? We must stop her from receiving new songs".

They began coming up with ideas and I heard one say "let's stop her from playing the keyboard" and another voice said "we tried that, but she started playing the guitar". Another said "let's stop her from reading the bible" and another said "we tried that too, but she's been listening to bible reading every night". I heard other voices say things like "she won't fall for that".

I was amazed, because all the things they were saying had actually happened. My keyboard had stopped working so I had to use the guitar, even though I wasn't a very good player. I had such bad headaches that I couldn't read, so I had been listening instead.

What happened next really shocked me!

The smallest of the demons, with a mocking voice began to say "I heard her say....". I listened in amazement as it said "I heard her say that if she doesn't get her sleep she will be good for nothing" and other similar things. I was totally stunned as I knew I had said these things many times.

I realised that everything that was happening to me was first of all an attack because I had asked for new songs but secondly I had given the enemy the weapons to use against me by my own words.

In the dream I began to call on the name of Jesus and I could see that every time I would lift my hands or shout praises, the demons began to shout in a panic "run, Run, RUN."

The worship was like a force field that surrounded me sending out shock waves that caused those demons to flee.

That dream revealed to me the power of praise and worship. It also revealed to me that if the enemy didn't want me to write new songs; there must be a reason!

That reason, is the same reason the enemy has been fighting you. It's nothing personal, but it is directly connected to the plan and purpose that God has placed inside of you.

The enemy isn't fighting for your job, your money or your house, he is fighting to stop you from discovering who God created you to be.

He wants to steal, kill and destroy in your life so that you have no energy, passion or desire to even seek God to discover His purpose for you.

Satan knows that if you don't discover God's divine purpose, you cannot connect with His divine provision and protection.

When I first heard that statement I didn't want to accept it. But now I understand, God's plans and promises are not random.

God is not sitting in heaven randomly choosing who to bless and who not to bless.

He's not randomly choosing who will be healed and who won't.

He is calling us into His presence, into the safety of His refuge and fortress, so that we can find His peace to know His thoughts towards us. He desires for us to know Him, and trust Him as our Almighty Father, the source of everything we need. He longs for us to surrender everything, so that He can reveal His plans and purposes to us and through us.

Everything He has done by sending His Son, has been to reconcile us back to Himself, to draw us into His presence, where we can be restored back to the personal relationship with Him, so that we can know Him, to receive from Him and to become and to do what He created us to be and to achieve.

As we begin to know that He is our refuge and fortress, and as our trust in Him grows, in safety He can begin to expose the deep desires of our hearts.

You see, it is actually in God's great love for you and in His wisdom, that He will keep your purpose hidden until you come into that secret place. Because only there you can know the safety of His presence and find the strength and power you require.

Remember what I heard the Holy Spirit say?

"Like Pharaoh increased the burden on my people by not giving them straw to make the bricks while insisting they made the same quota, so the enemy is seeking to put heavy burdens on my people today. So that my people will become weary and turn away from my plan and purposes for their lives."

As long as the children of Israel were in the bondage of slavery, they would never be able to see themselves as the Holy Nation, God had called them to be.

Matthew 11 v 28-30 (KJV)

Jesus said "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

When we are weary we easily lose focus, we may turn away from God's plan and purposes instead of running to Him. He wants us to live in His peace and rest every day.

Many people are following dreams and desires, and are putting all their energy into trying to make things happen. Instead, they only become weary and disheartened.

Because they have not discovered God's purpose for their lives, they are trying to create their own purposes.

I had a dream to lead worship, but I discovered, that was not my divine purpose instead that was the way for me to connect with God's presence. That was only a stepping stone or the diving board.

It was only by spending time in His presence, that He began to reveal His heart to me, concerning His Kingdom. As much as I love to worship, it has no comparison to the joy and peace I find in studying and teaching the Kingdom of God and His principles.

Don't settle for an idea or even a dream. Press into knowing your Heavenly Father intimately. Hunger after the revelation of that secret place that has been prepared for you. Be careful to run into His presence, and not to run after a dream or desire.

Psalm 127 v 1

Solomon said "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."

Many are building, and for a while it may seem like they are achieving something BUT, only when we are letting God build with us and through us will we truly achieve anything worthwhile.

Some other scriptures to meditate on: -

Psalm 18 v 2 (KJV)

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalm 31 v 3 (KJV)

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Psalm 56 v 4 (NIV)
In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

Chapter 6 THE PROMISES ARE THE BENEFITS OF DWELLING IN THAT SECRET PLACE

2 Corinthians 1 v 20 (KJV)

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Hebrews 8 v 6 (KJV)

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

King David loved the presence of God, and it is evident that he knew his God. God even said that David was a man after His own heart; what a testament to David. Even though he lived in the old covenant, I believe he could see into the new covenant.

He was given insight to prophesy and speak about the coming Messiah. He had the call to be King over God's people and the foresight to pray for his son Solomon, that God would grant him the wisdom to rule.

After Solomon had finished building the temple, God appeared to him. Asking him what he wanted and Solomon asked for wisdom, confessing that he was weak and unable to rule over God's people in his own strength.

Solomon acknowledged his need for God to fulfil his divine purpose. God was pleased, and not only answered his request by giving him wisdom but also divine protection and provision.

This is key to receiving the manifestation of God's promises in our lives. As we confess our reliance and dependence on Him, while asking for His wisdom, He will give us everything we need. When we know Him as our Heavenly Father, He will make himself known as our provider and protector.

Until we can connect our prayer requests to His divine plan and purpose, it will seem as if our prayers are not being heard.

While we run after our own desires we will continue to find ourselves being frustrated, discouraged and exhausted.

Likewise, if we try to please other people and win their approval we will be equally frustrated, discouraged and exhausted.

This frustration will lead us into rebellion and push us into making unwise choices that will take us further away from discovering our true purpose in life.

The mistake that Solomon made was he did not remain in the 'holy place'. He began well but didn't finish well. I take comfort from this, because maybe we didn't start well, but we can turn to God anytime. We can finish well with his grace and mercy.

We can also find encouragement in the life of Moses. It is obvious to us as we read about how Moses was saved as a baby, that God had chosen him to deliver His people from Egypt.

Moses had a heart for the people of Israel. He wanted to help them, he was in a position of influence, in the very palace, yet he didn't have God's plan, yet.

In his frustration he murdered a man and then because of fear he ran. He spent the next 40 years hiding in the desert. Yet, the day came when he saw the burning bush, and said to himself "I must draw near to see what this strange site is".

God had caught his attention and we are told that when God saw him draw near, He began to speak to Moses.

I often think about how God waited for Moses to draw near. Then revealed His great plan to deliver His people from Egypt. Moses had a major role to play in that plan, and that amazes me, how God can take one man who is willing to draw aside, hear and obey, to change the destiny of a whole nation.

As Moses took the steps into this plan and purpose, God revealed more, instruction by instruction.

We are told that Moses was a very meek man.

The biblical meaning of Meekness is essentially an attitude or quality of heart whereby a person is willing to accept and submit without resistance to the will or desire of God.

We read how Moses did not see himself as God saw him. He thought he was definitely NOT the man for the job, yet he was still willing to go. **As he went**, he grew in courage, strength and wisdom.

I cannot tell you what God's plan and purpose is for your life, but I can tell you that it is beyond your own imagination. It is far beyond your own capabilities. It is nothing that anyone has ever seen in you except through the eyes of prophecy.

If you feel confident in your own ability to what you can do, then the chances are that is not what God is calling you to do.

WHAT IS THE THING YOU DO THAT YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T DO (in your own strength)?

For example, I have met many very musically talented people who desire to use their gifts to worship God. They are very confident and competent, sound great and perform well BUT there is something missing.

Take away the instrument or the stage and there is no true worship!

Yet, I know that I don't lead worship by my own skill or ability. I cannot rely on natural talent but I lean completely on the power of the Holy Spirit working in me.

True worship flows when we are truly broken before our Heavenly Father. When we gaze on His holiness everything in us will bow before Him. Everything from our greatest strengths to our deepest weaknesses will bow to his Majesty.

It is only by His grace that we can enter His presence and only by His grace can we stand before Him. It is on the merit of Jesus only. Only when we surrender everything to Him, will we be truly able to know and experience His divine strength.

It is not that we throw away our gifts or dreams, but we will be broken with the revelation that every gift belongs to Him.

Everything is for His glory and praise alone.

I remember when I began piano lessons, I had no peace about playing the pieces of music given to me, instead I asked if I could bring my hymnbook. Even at that young age I had a burning revelation that this gift was from God and it was for His glory only.

I remember praying that I would never use His gift for anything other than to praise and worship Him.

We can raise many arguments but this one fact remains, we are either totally surrendered to God as our Lord and King or we are not.

Without total submission to God, we will never enter into the fullness of God's plans and purposes for our lives.

We have a limited time on this earth, and can achieve many things in a lifetime, but what we do for the Kingdom of God is what really matters.

We enter the Kingdom of God by Grace through faith and we are told as you received Christ so walk in Him.

That means that we must walk by Grace through faith every day.

Do you want to make your life count in your lifetime and in eternity?

What if there are a multitude of souls depending on you discovering your God given purpose?

This question drives me into God's presence, with a cry for His mercy and grace. On one hand I am aware of the time that I have wasted not knowing God's purpose and plan, while on the other hand I'm thankful that He didn't allow me to go through doors of opportunity, that I wasn't prepared for.

There is a very true saying "When the student is ready the teacher will appear"

When we are willing and honest enough to ask the right questions God will answer.

He wants us to 'Arise and to Shine' but it must be with the Light of His Presence.

It's time for the people of God to walk in the revelation of that great mystery 'Christ in us, the hope of glory'.

Isaiah 60 v 1 (AMP)

"Arise [from spiritual depression to a new life], shine [be radiant with the glory and brilliance of the Lord]; for your light has come, And the glory and brilliance of the Lord has risen upon you.

Many people talk about the great sacrifice to serve the Lord, but in reality the cost of a sacrifice is really only relevant to the value of the reward.

How many people work years in a job they hate, just because they believe they need the money? They are sacrificing their time for money! They are sacrificing their joy and peace for money! We call it a job, we call it a career, we complain about the things we don't like, maybe the working conditions, or other workmates or travelling time and much more but yet we never call it a sacrifice!

Millions of people all over the world can cut out sugar from their diets and call it a healthy diet, while others would think that is too much of a sacrifice.

They would rather sacrifice their health rather than give up the sugar!

Millions of people can gladly fast for religious rituals with no promised reward while a Christian calls prayer and fasting too much of a sacrifice!

We can watch films and flick through social media for hours but when we choose to read the bible it's called a sacrifice!

Jesus REALLY did make the ultimate sacrifice, he left the glory of heaven and came down to our level, he gave up His Majesty to put on flesh and walk on this earth as a man, all because we could not redeem ourselves. He suffered a cruel death on the cross for you and for me. Even though He knew that many would reject him, He still paid the price for them to be free.

He gave up everything so we could know His life and love.

He gave up everything so that we could be reconciled back to the Father.

It's time to re-evaluate our lives, it's time to call things what God calls them. His Word declares that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice which is our reasonable service. In other words, it is not too much to ask.

As long as you consider serving God as a 'sacrifice' or something that costs you too much, you have not entered into the revelation of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Surrender in God's Kingdom IS death to the old man, BUT that death is life and freedom to the new creation.

If a doctor told you to take a medicine every day for a week would you take it, even if it tasted horrible?

Most people would take it because they believe it will help them.

So the problem I see, is that the desire to please the flesh (our human nature) can be greater than the desire to please God, this can only mean one thing.

We do not truly believe or understand that God's ways are best!

Dwelling in this secret place we will not only be receiving revelation of God's ways but we will become fully persuaded, that He is perfect in all his ways.

We will become fully persuaded that anything He asks us to do will be for our good.

We will not serve out of duty or sacrifice but out of worship.

It's time to Shine! The world is waiting!

Captives are waiting for the Gospel of the Kingdom to be proclaimed!

All creation is groaning for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Chapter 7 LIGHT OF LIFE

Remember what the Holy Spirit told me: -

But when I say 'Shine' there is nothing that can hide that light. My people will arise and they will shine. Boldness will increase upon them, and they will move into the next level. The enemy will try to resist but cannot do anything only panic and make a commotion seeking to distract my people. Like you saw, when you read about the 10 plagues, you saw the first three plagues where things that the magicians of Egypt could mimic, so they proudly asked "Who is your God"? But after that you saw boldness come on Moses as I shifted the level of the Battle. There was a switch to where I gave Moses the upper hand and left the magicians powerless.

Isaiah 6 v 1 (KJV)

Arise and Shine for thy light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Without Light we can neither shine nor arise. So we must understand what 'Light' is.

Quite simply, 'Light' is knowledge BUT not just any kind of knowledge, it is knowledge of the Light. Jesus is the Light of the world; He is the Light. Light is truth, it is direction and it is purpose.

Just think about being in a dark room and trying to find your way around, even in familiar surroundings it is still quite difficult not to hit your toe against something or to fall over. We can easily find ourselves feeling disorientated.

Even a little candle or torch can give enough light to move about the room without falling or hurting yourself. But a little light - won't enable you to do much more.

For great vision, we need more than just a good 'lamp' or 'light'. We need more than just good information.

The ultimate purpose of Salvation wasn't only so we could go to heaven when we die, but rather that we could 'know' Father God through a personal relationship. Not just knowing about Him, but actually knowing Him, being reconciled back to that relationship, that connection which was broken when Adam sinned.

That connection, not only allows entrance to heaven when we die, but it gives us access to the 'kingdom of heaven' and all the benefits of that kingdom, while we live life here on this earth. From the day we received Jesus Christ as our Saviour we also received Him as our King.

Many speak of Jesus as being their Saviour, but they never come to know Him as their King.

We must walk in the light of God's Word, not just the 'information' given to us by religious and traditional teachings. We must seek to know Jesus as King, that His Kingdom has no end and also to know our Heavenly Father as Lord of All Creation. Lord meaning owner of everything.

One of the greatest benefits of God's Kingdom is his 'divine protection and provision'. Lack of knowledge can keep God's Children from receiving or experiencing these benefits.

The benefits of God's Kingdom are not automatic, although they are all made available to each child of God without exception.

Psalm 91 is a great example of what has been made available to each child of God but it also clearly reveals who will experience these great promises.

There are as many conditions, instructions and commands in this chapter as there are promises.

The Religious mindset, tends to quote promises, and focus on the benefits, without actually expecting to experience them in their own lives. Many Christians totally believe that God is well able to do mighty and amazing things, but that is where their faith stops. While on the other hand, some believe a weak message, where Jesus has done everything and we have no responsibility, which only leads to a presumptuous faith and disappointment.

But when we develop in this Kingdom mind set, we will read these scriptures from a completely different perspective.

We will begin to understand that God has provided many great promises to those who qualify by responding with true faith which is obedience.

In other words, someone who does not 'know' their God may believe that God can protect and provide, but not sure if he will. Instead, someone who 'knows' God will believe that God's perfect will is for them to stay within the boundaries of his will, where they can be partakers of his benefits. Being fully persuaded that God's ways are perfect.

No matter what the outward appearances look like.

The difference is whether we know of God, because of what we have heard about him or do we know him personally though His Word and His Spirit.

When I was younger, I always heard preachers say that the only way to know God was to know His Word.

I used to wonder about this, because I didn't fully understand the importance of reading and studying the Bible. I had met many who seemed to have a very personal and deep relationship with God, but they didn't read the bible and didn't even know the basic principles of the Bible.

As time has passed, I have noticed that the proof is always in the pudding. I am not judging the individual persons, but I have noticed that those who did not know the Word of God, or were obedient to His Word, have not remained stable. While those who have built their lives on knowing God through His Word and His Spirit have remained and grown deeply in wisdom and strength that was been sustained through many trials and storms.

I have come to understand that knowing God's Word, enables us to know and to recognise His voice with confidence.

Knowing His Word, creates discernment in our hearts and wisdom that remains. Knowing His Word is the single greatest protection against deception.

I have watched closely, and have seen many people be deceived and drawn away into confusion and darkness.

Many who seemed strong in their belief that God was good, have been washed about with many different winds of experiences to the point where they even doubt God is love.

A great area of confusion in Christian circles is 'healing'.

Almost every Christian I have met believes that God is well able to heal and most even agree that healing is part of the atonement.

It used to grind deeply in my spirit to hear a Christian say that it is not God's will to heal everyone. Although I could see that not everyone received healing, something inside me could not simply settle with this statement.

Inside, I could not accept that the God I knew, would be randomly picking and choosing who would live and be healed and who would die with disease.

We do not have the answers for everything.

As I have searched God's Word for answers, my knowledge of the Father's heart towards His creation has been strengthened along with my comprehension of the principles of God's benefits.

Take the time to read through the verses in Psalm 91, for yourself. Highlight and take note of the many beautiful promises that are directly linked to an instruction.

Then ask yourself "Am I being obedient?"

It has been a great help to me personally, to see 'Faith' as being 'Obedient'. Faith is an action not just a belief. After all, everything we believe will determine who we are and what we do. I would rather say "I don't know" than blame God on the wrong.

Chapter 8 REJOICE AHEAD OF TIME

To rejoice ahead of time is really faith in action, because as we believe and receive we begin to rejoice in spirit that what we are believing for, is on its way now and that our prayer has been heard and has been answered.

There is a great expectation that something is happening, we don't know how or where and in what way things will change but just like a child waiting on a surprise, we are looking and listening with excitement and expectation.

This kind of faith is not easily shaken and even bad news can become a stepping stone under our feet, which lifts us up even higher and enables us to reach even deeper into the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we allow ourselves to rejoice and to be thankful to God for answering our prayers, it pleases the heart of our Heavenly Father and brings joy to Him. It is this joy that strengthens us to stand strong.

Hebrews 11 v 6 (KJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I used to believe that God would answer my prayer or heal me some TIME in the future, that everything was always ahead of me, and guess what - everything remained somewhere in the future always just out of reach always ahead of me.

This was my biggest mistake, because I didn't understand this thing we call TIME. It is something that we as humans need and really do measure everything in our lives by - what has been - what will be - BUT very few are actually aware of RIGHT NOW. The truth is that because God is Spirit he is not governed by TIME as we measure it.

Our Creator God is outside TIME, He was before TIME and he is above TIME.

When I first began to realise this, I found it easier to rejoice and thank him ahead of time, before I saw the change in the situation I was thanking Him and rejoicing that it was already done.

Rejoicing ahead of time is rejoicing that it is already done.

1 John 5 v 5 (KJV)

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

I have come to realise that many Christians say that they believe this but they are looking at Jesus who was the Son of God who came and will someday be the Son of God who will return.

The revelation that HE IS right now, this very moment - the Son of God - the Messiah - the Healer - the Deliverer - everything we need in our hearts and lives. The bible teaches us that He is seated at the right hand of the Father and is making intercession for us.

Knowing that Jesus is right now my Healer, therefore, I can claim healing now because of who He is.

Jesus is healing and strength to me right now.

He will either make a way through or a way out. But whatever way, I trust His way to be best.

Knowing this we no longer need to beg or plead God for healing or a miracle but rather rejoice and receive what he has provided for us because we belong to him. Daily relying on His mercies, which are new every day.

We can then say with confidence "I am Redeemed by his precious and powerful blood. I am covered over with the garments of salvation and robes of righteousness and Jesus IS my Healer."

When we begin to REJOICE and praise Him for who HE IS, strength arises in our spirit then flows out through our minds and bodies and everything begins to change and turn around.

A thankful and grateful heart full of praise to God is one of the greatest weapons that a child of God possesses.

Being able to give thanks and Praise God in the midst of trouble will achieve more than hours of praying or fighting the enemy.

I believe in praying and in 'spiritual warfare', but I also know that my fight is the good fight of faith.

Jesus defeated and disarmed all of the agents of the kingdom of darkness, He stripped them of all power and He gave that power to His Church, His people. The mistake that most Christians make is that they think that because they have been given this power, we must now be waging war against demons in order to overcome.

God's word clearly instructs us to SUBMIT ourselves to God first, then RESIST the devil and he WILL flee from you.

I have found the best way to submit to God is to praise and worship Him, while believing His Word.

I simply hold the promise that God has given to me in His Word, I write it down, I meditate on it and ask for revelation as I lift it up before God and say 'I submit to you Father God' I submit myself and this situation to your Word and quote the promises and the principles.

I confess that I believe His Word is the highest authority' and after thanking God for His faithfulness and praising Him. Then after the revelation is burning in my spirit, I turn around and say 'I now RESIST all lies and the evil report with this Word of God'.

I speak to the situation and declare what God says about it, then strength and hope arises.

We must not be afraid to dance and rejoice with all our hearts before our Father and Lord Jesus because of what He has said, rather than what we see or feel.

Science now has evidence that whatever we focus on the most is what we give power to increase, and that Humans are actually CREATIVE beings, just like the Bible has taught us from the beginning.

I don't know any Christian who would like to admit that they are giving the kingdom of darkness power to increase but the truth is, they are more focused on the works of darkness rather than on the Kingdom of God.

What if we changed the word 'focus' to 'magnify' would you change your focus if you knew you were actually magnifying the kingdom of darkness?

The Holy Spirit has made me very aware of what I am magnifying in my life, in my thinking and with my words. I want to focus and magnify on my Saviour above all else.

So I encourage you today that whatever you have been asking God for or maybe even have lost hope for, if you will return to Him with an open heart, to His promises and will ask for the revelation that HE IS right now Lord of ALL.

If you will be willing to praise and REJOICE knowing that He is God and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11;6)

If you will allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth to you personally and be willing to rejoice, really REJOICE - (willing to lift your hands, your voice and even your feet to dance before the Lord). You will find a great expectation and hope rising up which will carry you into victory.

True Faith is not just knowing or agreeing with what God has said, but acting like it is already done.

Chapter 9 MOSES LIFTED IN THE BATTLE

I highly recommend that you carefully read the story of Moses. There are so many lessons we can learn from his life.

Moses discovered his God given purpose, and then discovered the power and potential to complete that purpose. We can see how he grew in dependence of his God. The further he went in walking out his purpose, the greater his ability grew to know God and to hear what God was saying.

This is a principle throughout the bible, the men of faith, had this one thing in common, they had an ear to hear and an eye to see, what God was revealing to them.

It is impossible to have faith in God without knowing what He has said. If we do not have a listening ear, we cannot know His leading and guidance.

The Bible teaches "don't be a hearer only, but be a doer of the word."

We are called to first hear, then to do. It is so important that we realise that the Word we hear, also empowers us to accomplish it in our lives.

Walking by true faith is never walking in the dark, but rather it is walking in the Light of the Word of God.

As we read about Moses standing before Pharaoh declaring "Let God's people Go", we can see the battle raging. At first it didn't matter what Moses did or said, Pharaoh was still not impressed. He did not know the God of Israel and he was surrounded by magicians who could work miracles of their own.

As Moses was being obedient to God, we see his faith was growing, and his confidence was increasing.

After the 3rd plague, the magicians had to admit that they had exhausted their power.

We can never underestimate the works of darkness influenced by evil spirits but we MUST NEVER underestimate the power of God working through a man or woman surrendered to His Word and His Spirit.

There is a stage while walking by faith may look like foolishness, but in the end it will always prove to be the highest wisdom.

The amazing thing about walking by faith, is that we will always be moving forward at the level of our knowledge.

Some Christians are praying for more faith, or believing for a miracle, while in reality they require a deeper knowledge or understanding of God and His Word.

Next time you feel, like your life is going in the wrong direction, remember to stop and ask for God's direction and wisdom. His Word will be light unto your path, leading and guiding you in the way that leads to victory.

You decide the brightness of that light in your life by allowing God's Word to rule and reign in you.

Again I refer back to what the Holy Spirit told me: -

Speak forth my Word, speak it out and I will perform it. My Word is like a beacon shining on the earth, have faith because faith is like a flare gun, it sends the light higher. The greater your faith, the higher and greater the light will rise. So be filled with my faith. As you believe so shall you speak. As you believe so shall you receive. Every promise that you can believe and speak is yours. You decide the brightness of that light in your life. The more of your heart I have the more of me you shall experience.

At first I resisted the revelation that I was responsible for the level of light in my life. I don't think I was totally ready to admit that I was solely responsible for every thought, response and attitude. I just wanted Jesus to come and change everything and everyone else around me.

We can gather up many excuses, or continue to blame other people and situations for all the pain and time wasted in our lives OR we can take responsibility and allow the Holy Spirit and The Word to change us from the inside.

We are only transformed by the renewing of our mind, but we are solely responsible for that transformation by giving the Holy Spirit permission to change us.

We may change ourselves but we cannot truly be transformed by ourselves.

It takes the safety of knowing that we are loved and held tight in His grace and mercy to admit that we have gotten ourselves into many situations that we could have avoided.

We can continue to say 'it's not my fault' or we can take the responsibility and ask for the wisdom to move forward and break away from the victim mentality.

When we look into the Word of God, we cannot remain a victim to life. The Word of God, has the power to open our spiritual understanding and the Spirit of God is the one who teaches us.

He alone can melt our hardened hearts and cause us to live and enjoy life again.

The Kingdom of God has a language and we learn how to think and speak, as we learn His Word.

The more we know about the heart of the Father, the more our hearts are transformed to think and speak like Him.

This is a process, and we must never be careless and think that it doesn't matter.

God is not mocked, whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.

What we think, speak and do today, is effecting our tomorrows.

We can't go back in time to change the past, but we can lay our past pain and sorrows at the feet of Jesus and ask for His forgiveness.

He has promised to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1 v 9)

He has promised to remove our sin from us as far as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103 imes 12)

He has promised to remember our sin no more. (Jeremiah 31 v 34)

What amazing Grace, flows from the heart of our Heavenly Father, and what release flows in our hearts as we receive His amazing grace.

I love how the Holy Spirit said that our faith is like a flare gun. I thought about how a flare gun is fired when someone is in trouble, the brighter the light and the higher it will rise, allows more people to see it and come to that light.

There's something about a light shining in the darkness, you can't help but notice it.

John 8 v 12 (KJV)

Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, "I am the Light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Matthew 5 v 14-16 (KJV)

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

When we press in to know our God more and more, we will be filled with the light of His presence.

As we speak in agreement and stay in alignment with His Word we will be releasing that light.

What we are filled with cannot be hidden.

When we are filled with the Word of God, we will be speaking according to that Word. Likewise, when we are filled with fear and doubt it will not remain hidden, it will be reflected in our conversation and played out in our lives.

We cannot dwell in the secret place of the Most High and not be filled with the Light of His Glory and Majesty. We will be filled with His grace and mercy overflowing.

CONCLUSION

But NOW you will see my people rise, for I am mobilizing my people and equipping them. Like David many will rise up and challenge the giants saying 'is there not a cause'. Like Elijah many will rise up and challenge false prophets. Like Gideon many will rise up and destroy false gods. Many will rise like Joshua and Caleb and possess the land.

I love how God reveals himself to ordinary men and calls them and anoints them to do His will. God is calling men and women today; the question is will you answer that call?

Are you willing to be like David and face giants in the name of your God? Are you ready like Gideon to destroy your family's false gods? Have you a passion to possess the promised land like Joshua and Caleb?

Whatever God has called you to do, He has given you the potential to do it. He has promised his anointing power to accomplish what He has planned for you to do.

We are called into God's presence, and sent out from there, to go forth in His Name carrying His presence, through the power of His Holy Spirit.

Many are called, and are trying to fulfill that calling without first drawing aside into God's presence and yielding to His Holy Spirit and His Word.

David didn't run to fight the giant because he was called to be King. He went because He knew His God. He had proved God in the field, when the lion and the bear came to steal, kill and destroy the sheep. He knew the strength of His God. He knew the Name of His God.

1 Samuel 17 v 45 (KJV)

Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

Each day you have battles to face, each day you have choices to make, and each day you can be drawing aside, listening and yielding to the presence of God.

Matthew 6 v 33 (KJV)

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

God separated the children of Israel from Egypt, he provided protection for them in a place called Goshen. While the plagues where happening to the people in Egypt, the children of Israel where safe.

These are perilous times we are living in, but God has provided a place for us. That secret place of his presence.

I pray as you have read through this book that you have caught a hold of the importance of staying in God's presence every day.

I pray that you have been inspired to dig deeper into God's Word, and yield to His Holy Spirit. That you will be found resting in His grace and mercy every day.

When you dwell in the secret place of the Almighty God, and find shelter under His shadow, you will be filled with the wonder of His Majesty. You will be transformed by His Word and His Spirit. You will discover what His plan and purpose for your life is. You will be equipped and anointed and sent forth to glorify your King.

How to become a Born Again Child of God

If you have not already accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, I want you to know that Jesus loves you, and He is longing for you to call upon His name. He has promised that He will not turn you away.

The Bible says the gift of Salvation is for anyone who will believe in their heart and confess with their mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that God raised him from the dead.

You can stop right now where you are and pray something like this simple prayer.

"Lord Jesus, I acknowledge you as the Son of God, I believe that you died on the cross for my sin and that God raised you to life again. I repent of my sin and of doing things my own way, come and wash me clean and make me a child of God. Thank you for saving me. Thank you for loving me. Amen."

The Bible says that "by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2 v8-9.

If you have prayed, believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth, then welcome to the Family of God, you are now a Child of God. Please contact someone you know who is a Born Again Christian and ask them to help you and pray for you. Or if you don't know anyone please contact us.

(please note, it is not a prayer that saves you but the one you pray to)



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