

“A Day After Salvation”

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Opening Prayer

I pray in Jesus' name and in his shed blood, recognizing his great sacrifice at Calvary. I pray dear LORD, that your honor & glory be manifested in this work. May your countenance smile through it: to strengthen the redeemed, and to add souls to your kingdom. LORD, I ask that your hand be upon it. May the HOLY SPIRIT'S presence anoint this work! Father, I ask you, yes Lord, to charge your assigned ministering angels to accompany this work of faith as posted guards, removing any hindrances that would come against this

work. God... I pray, you use this work to show the people that you are the unchanging God. Your word declares that what you were yesterday, you are today, and will be tomorrow! Hebrews 13:8

Preface

Have you ever thought about what happens to those who've just given their lives over to the Lord? Maybe the thought entered your mind; did they really believe what they prayed because you know in your heart they are going to be tested by the enemy. Will they be able to stand the onslaught that is surely coming?

We can't expect new converts to know what we know. We can't expect them to be able to prepare themselves in advance for what they may face 5 or 10 years into their spiritual relational walk with God. This is why I felt inspired to write this book so that we can get it into the hands of those who have made a profession of faith and submission of their lives unto God. May God use this work to help strengthen and encourage those who are struggling in their pursuit of him for the grace that is available to all who will call upon his blessed name?

There are many today who claim to have made a complete change and had sinful habits taken from them when they received salvation but I testify to you dear readers, when we accept Christ into our heart and life, the Lord's Spirit begins a new work of Grace in our life but we begin a transformation, healing and deliverance from the past that carries through in our daily lives; bringing us closer to the heart and understanding of God.

The true fact is that our minds are still an enemy to the things of God and must be daily renewed by reading and receiving discipleship through the preaching of the word of God. Our minds have been polluted with negativity that has consumed the world around us. I hope you will take time to read this book and obey it's truths to fulfill your walk with God & grow spiritually from Grace to Grace.

Chapter 1

Breaking Old Habits

There are many who preach and share that their salvation experience was a total deliverance moment when all their sins and habits were instantaneously removed. They believe that a person who's still battling bad habits and strongholds are not truly saved. Please know I'm in no way putting these leaders down but, I am stating that their belief and teaching of the same may create doubt and even deter those who may not have been brought up in church or even have heard about God until they heard the gospel message preached under the power and the precious anointing of a dear saint of God. I personally know of instances of the Living God working in the lives of new converts, bringing them into their fullness by loving on them. Some may have played music in bars, others may have lived with a significant other without being married but after giving their lives to the Lord, they began noticing a change in their behavior, their likes and desires. One particular guy continued playing music in the bars with his band but the desire to play in this environment began to weigh heavily on him. He began feeling that what he was doing was wrong and that he was in the wrong environment with his gift. The discomfort grew so strong that he couldn't shake it. Over

time it became evident that he loved church and his pastor.

He discovered that when he approached his pastor about the situation, he received great wisdom and was informed that using his gift in that environment was not bringing God glory and therefore the spirit of God that was now in operation inside of him had no rest when he entered the bar atmosphere. The guy then began to study God's word for himself and discover Gods commands for Christian living, the "shall and shall not" His pastor informed him that it was God's Spirit that had begun a work in his life and he would be the one to finish it through his work of Grace. The same holds true to the one living with his girlfriend committing fornication by not being married. When we surrender our lives to the Lord (through salvation) and ask him into our heart, he immediately takes us at our word. Please take time and read the following scriptural references.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 17Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their

trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

James 1:21 21Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. (Mind)

When we accept Christ into our lives, our Spirit is given life but our mind is still an enemy to the things of God and must be renewed by his word.

Many persons don't know what is contrary to God's word because of their moral upbringing or maybe they have never been to church or in an environment where the gospel or expression of God's love was shared.

We cannot expect a new Christian to know what we know. There's an old saying that states "do not throw the baby out with the bath water". New Christians may not know or understand that something they are doing is wrong but there is a wonderful and loving heavenly Father working in them through his spirit to convict them and make them aware that something is amiss in their

surroundings. He is there to convict (convince) not condemn them that something is out of line from his righteous will. I can assure you that God took them seriously when they asked him to make their life count for his glory and he will work with their faults and ignorance to bring them into the plan and purpose he has for their life. They may not immediately come out of bad habits but, he will continually work patiently with them to bring them to his will.

God will love them into seeking advice from a pastor or he will lead them to study his word. When they discover for themselves why they are feeling the way they do, they will appreciate him for bringing them into the fullness of his grace. They will even share with the other band members this new joy and peace they've found and inform them that they can no longer play in the bar scene. It will feel like tons of weight and guilt has been lifted off. Those shaking up will begin to make plans to marry their significant other or they will move out and refrain from sexual relations with them until they are married.

As ministers (mature in the spirit) we must take into consideration that these precious souls need to be taught and nurtured before they are able to face life's experiences and overcome alone. I have listed some

powerful scriptures to let you the reader see for yourself that God does not condemn his children that have just turned their life over to his safe keeping. New born Christians are going to make mistakes and we can be sure that the devil will be there with his condemnation tricks trying to convince them that they have gone too far but he is a liar from the beginning.

Romans 8: 1-39 1There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. 2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the

Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the

glorious liberty of the children of God. 22For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. 26Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32He that spared not

his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the daylong; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Chapter 2

Can I Still Sin

The majority of persons we encounter in our daily goings are self-centered rather than God-centered. This is due to the spoiled fast paced society that is now our fast paced and always in a hurry to get nowhere normalcy.

Genesis 1: 27-31 says; 27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. 31And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

In the beginning, mankind's nature was designated by our Creator as, "very good." This meant that man's nature was not created evil, but it became evil through the influence of Satan who was able to convince Eve that God was holding something back from them. Once he had deceived the woman, it was easy to get them to disobey God and eat of the forbidden fruit.

Once they committed this act, sin entered the garden and the course of the world began. Through the bible we realize that by the second generation, murder had occurred when Cain killed his brother Abel in a heated rage.

(Genesis 4:1-) 1And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. 2And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7If thou doest well, shalt thou

not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. 8And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? 10And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. 13And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. 16And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

(Genesis 6:1-7) 1And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 3And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 4There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 5And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Man was so very corrupt during the time of the flood that God had to intervene and bring judgment. The same evil influences of breaking God's laws that lead to the moral deterioration of our society are still very visible in the world today. Every person born into the world is

exposed to the same spirits and temptations that influenced Adam and Eve. There is hope for us if we catch a glimpse of grace as presented unto us by the Apostle Paul in the book of Romans, Ephesians and Galatians that I will now list and explain for you.

Romans 7: 14 -24 14For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Galatians 2:16 20Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 2:20 20I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I will now, by the leading of God's Spirit open up a revelation of what the Apostle Paul was stating in these wonderful passages above. We can better understand what Paul is speaking about by using the illustration of having two dogs in your presence. One of the dogs is leaner than the other for lack of nourishment. Common sense lets us know that the one we feed will be stronger than the other. If we keep feeding the under nourished dog, he will also gain weight and grow, possibly even outgrowing the other dog. Now let's look at what Paul said in these verses.

He is making a statement that there is something in him that causes him to do things that he does not want to do. He is talking about the sin nature passed down through the blood of Adam. Paul wants to please God but

sometimes that old sin nature gets in his way. He is showing us the warfare taking place within his soul. The flesh man with its fleshly desires is warring against the spirit man. Here we find the Apostle Paul crying out, “who shall deliver me from the power of this death. Paul then gets a glimpse of hope and realizes that only God can help us to overcome the flesh if we give the battle to him. When we feed the spirit man with God’s word and spend quality time with him in prayer, we will discover that that part of us will be the stronger one.

Now let’s look at what Paul is telling us in the book of Galatians 2: 20. Paul is letting us know that every time he desires to live the crucified life and keep the flesh with its desires put under submission and buried; he sometimes finds that old man being resurrected. He realizes that he is still alive in the flesh. He also realizes that he is his own worst enemy. He wants to be delivered from this battle of having to war with his fleshly desires. Near the end of this scripture, Paul discovers that he can draw strength as he gets revelation that what he cannot do in this walk of faith because of being weak in the flesh, God’s Spirit will do through him if he will only be a willing vessel.

Chapter 3

How Do I Grow

I will begin this chapter by making the true statements regarding our growth in Christ. We are his children and nothing will ever change that or his love for us. The bottom line is that God has no grownups in this walk of faith nor does he have grandchildren. Yes, there are those who have been through trials and have matured spiritually more than others. We refer to those persons as elders. I will give you insight and wisdom of how to recognize a true elder by the way they conduct themselves under the testing fire. A true leader will always show love and keep an open mind; remain teachable with an eagerness to gain greater wisdom of Gods commands. This level of humility and submission doesn't happen overnight, it is a process in and with us all; the walk of faith is a continuing process

We are often placed in situations that will try our faith and stretch us. It's similar to the processing of meat. . If we knew how some of our meat was processed we would throw it away and not consume it. The processing of meat include it being mixed with some not so good stuff but for the meat to turn out to the passing grade to be sold, it must to go through the process.

It is very important that a new convert find them a bible believing church and attend the meetings as much as possible. Ask the Lord to lead you to a church where you can grow and be fed. It is very important that we get our spirit man built up in order to face the daily onslaughts of the devil. There is a different presence of God in a collective body that is not to be found in our prayer closet. It is also important that they get under some good teaching and get a good quality bible, (Preferably) (King James Version) and spend time in it.

Before you open it, ask the Holy Spirit to open up its truth to you. The bible is the only book that you will read that will actually read you. It is designed by the Living God to always be fresh. Once you find a good church, stay with that church and become active in it. You do not need to hop from church to church like some do always finding fault in everything they are attempting to do.

Can you imagine meeting someone who has been to England and they come back talking about the mouse under the Queens chair. They are not speaking about all the splendor of England but the one little mouse that was in the wrong place. You are going to always have fault finders in church. There is not going to be a perfect church for you to go to. I suggest you sit under the teaching of the church for a few years then start asking

the pastor for things to become involved in. This will please him because he will realize that you are making an attempt to stretch your faith. Continue to set aside a specific time to be with God and he will look forward to meeting you and will show you things that may affect you or a member of your family...

Chapter 4

What If I Fall

Let's clarify that it is not a question of "what if I fall", but what do I do when I fall? The word says that all have fallen and have come short of the glory of God which is in Christ Jesus. I have noticed in my Christian walk and pilgrimage that sometimes, God will place us in a natural-no win situation for the purpose of building our character in life. We are spirit beings having a human experience so that we may learn what it is like to love and be loved. We are discovering what it is like to be hurt, rejected, and abused. We are also discovering how evil and deadly sin is and the reason God set moral laws in place. God knows the plans he has for each and every one of his children and he places people and things in our path to help steer us toward that goal. Sooner or later, we fall, make mistakes and missteps and we are convicted about it. We see Christian leaders today who have fallen and brought a mark against the Kingdom of God; but does God throw them away because of got their weakness? The answer is a resounding NO!

God is a loving, forgiving Father who understands and helps us through times of trial. Men and women may be unforgiving but not our God. This is where the enemy of our souls tries to go in for the kill. What the enemy

doesn't want us to know is that God has already made provision for all our sins past, present, and future. They were placed on Jesus at the cross; his death satisfied the wrath of a sin hating God. God's law against sin was so binding that it placed Jesus on the cross to die in our place. The word of God says "He that knew no sin was made sin for us and that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us". Jesus could not have died a normal death and paid the sin debt. He had to be tried as a criminal and convicted. He then had to be executed as a convicted criminal. It had to be another Adam with God's original blood to pay the sin debt against mankind. God didn't desire to make another Adam from the dust of the earth like he did Adam because the earth was now under a curse. God made himself a body and placed it in the Virgin Mary to bring forth a Savior into the world.

The word states that "God was in Christ reconciling the world back to him-self". In other words, God was attempting to rescue as many as possible of his greatest creation from the rebellion of Satan. The enemy does not want us to know that we can approach God when we mess up. Too many people look at God as if he is waiting for them to mess up so he can punish them. Friend, God allowed his son, Christ Jesus to endure pain and punishment so he would not have to punish you and I. We are going to make mistakes and yes, we are going to fall but the word says that "The just man falleth seven

times but he will always get back up”. This is a learning process and we need to know that we can come to our Heavenly Father when we fall. We don’t need to run and hide from him like Adam and Eve did in the garden. He sees all and knows all. Actually he knows what you have done and what you are going to do because he knows the end from the beginning. In other words, he planned your life and reviewed it before he placed the first ocean in place. Saints, when you mess up, run to him and spend time in his love that never fails. His arms are always open and ready to receive you; if you come to him with true repentance. No matter how bad you may have messed up, or how far you may feel from him, he will not turn you away. You are his child and he is the one that began the work of grace in us and he will be the one that will finish the work that we may be presented on that day blameless and without shame. (*Read John 1:8-9 and Ephesians: 2:16*)

I will now list a few important scriptures for you and attempt to explain them for better understanding.

- ***John 1:8*** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- ***John 1:9*** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- ***John 1:10*** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
- ***Ephesians 2:16*** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law. For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

God wants us to come to him broken in spirit and confess our sins. He wants us to identify with the sin. Call it out for what it is. He already knows what it is, so why not come clean and confess it. If we are dealing with lust then come to him as your father and ask him for forgiveness and help. He will be there with arms open wide to help you through the process but you must be willing to let him be your guide. I have found that if we are dealing with a sin issue and are having a hard time overcoming it, we can go to him and ask for strength and help. He will cover and protect us while he begins to deliver us from the sin.

But, if we try and cover up our sins and continue therein, he will expose and embarrass us. He loves us too much to leave us to our own demise. He would rather have us embarrassed than to lose us to Satan only to end up in eternity without him. Thank God, he is not like us. He told his disciples that they should forgive man their trespasses 70x7 a day. Do you think he would ask us to do something that he is not willing to do? Please understand this truth that he loves us and desires to see us grow in his kingdom. He said that he will never leave us but would go all the way with us even to the end of the age. Now that's a God we can put our trust in.

So there you have it, I am talking about the abundant life which is found in Christ and if we fall short, God is a restorer of the breach.

Chapter 5

Finding Our Purpose

I begin this chapter with an urgency to have you, the reader to know that each of us were born to achieve a significant purpose in this life. We each have a destiny to fulfill that purpose and make a difference in our culture and our generation. Our future is not years ahead of us as some would think but we will find that it lies within us. It was placed in us at birth into our subconscious mind by a wonderful loving creator who has a plan for all of us. God says in his word that he knows the end from the beginning.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 “I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever, nor anything taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before him”.

Though we may not understand God’s entire plan, there is nothing better than for us to live Holy and enjoy the love of God in our life. We need to revere him and remember that his will and purpose for our lives was placed in us at birth. Each of us prayerfully need to search out God’s plan for our life by spending time in his word and in his presence. When we finally succeed in discovering the purpose that God has for us, then that purpose will help establish our vision. Vision is what

God desires for us to contribute toward the building of his kingdom. The Living God carefully placed his eternal unchanging purpose in our hearts that his will may be accomplished in the earth.

Dear reader, you were born at the right time. God chose when and where you were to be born for a purpose. God saved you because he has a purpose for you. He never chooses us to do something that we are not capable of doing.

He knows we can do it because of his grace. We are the center players in the eternal plan of the Living God. Until we have found our place and purpose, we will never be a fulfilled Christian.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven”.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 “He that hath made everything beautiful in his time; also he hath set the world in their heart, so that “no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end”.

Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he”.

Romans 11:29 “For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance”.

Psalms 42:7 “Deep calling unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me”.

Once we connect with our purpose and vision, we need to then pursue it with all our heart and strength. I have found that we need to keep telling our self that this dream from God is until we get it in our spirit. Many people allow the difficulties of life to give them a reason to stop living and I myself have been guilty of this some years back; It happened when I did not know what I know now in wisdom and maturity. We need to do what the ship-men of old would do when a strong storm would appear out of nowhere without warning. They would get rope and tie themselves to the mast of the ship so that they would be held secure and not get washed overboard. We need to get some faith and tie ourselves to the master who promised that he would never leave us nor forsake us but go with us all the way even to the end of the world or age. He did not promise us that we would not meet opposition and trouble but he did promise that we would not have to face them alone. This is a good place to shout for he is worthy of our praise. I remind myself often that

I am a worthwhile person and deserve to achieve the dreams and goals God placed within me.

I will not allow someone tear down my sense of self worth, because their opinion of me does not have to become a reality in my life. The word says clearly for us to not give place to the devil and I refuse to let someone manipulate and control me especially when it comes to my walk with the Lord. We all have the power to listen to the negative crowd around us or plug into the higher power of the Living Christ and be motivated to increase his kingdom no matter what the opposition is that may rise up against us. We can operate on a battery which is what we may have done yesterday or we can plug into and run off the real source of power which is available from the throne of God and is an everlasting supply; I choose the latter.

I have witnessed great miracles and have had God use me mightily in service but it is not what I was yesterday beloved, it is what I am today that is going to refresh someone's life. It is time we recognize our gifts and share them with others that we might add something to the Kingdom of God. We that are representing Christ need to be men and women of integrity and do our best to bring out the best in others.

We can die in the bleachers or we can die on the field as a warrior of Christ. It is time to quit being a spectator and get into the parade. I hope that you are now ready to go out and start taking back what the enemy has stolen from you. Some parts of this last chapter were taken from my book titled, “What Time Is It”. God gave me deep revelation when writing that book and I felt led to share them with you that you may better understand and discover your purpose that the Living God has for you on this earth.

Remember, God is not sitting in heaven with plan B ready in case you mess up. He already knows what you will do and he leads you to do his will without messing with your free will. This may seem very deep in thought but it is very true. I have prayed a special prayer over this last chapter that you will seek to enter into his presence and develop a hunger that only he can satisfy. Yes, make a special place for him in your life and watch the walls of difficulties start appearing smaller. Remember, he loves you. He died for you that you might live and be somebody in Christ. Amen.

Conclusion

Embarking on anything new and unfamiliar is never easy or comfortable but it is something we all must embrace for growth in this life.

Unlike the gifts of the world that expire and must be repaid with interest, despite your ability to, God gave a gift that no earthly value can measure and he did so from his heart with his heart. The only obligation we have as the recipients of his gift is to make a decision to receive his free gift of salvation so that we can dwell with him in eternal life of all the treasures and joys of the kingdom of heaven. If that's not a great deal I don't know what is.

In the initial years of a child's life he is both fascinated and afraid of the new unknown. Father God compassionately and lovingly cares for us with patience in the very same way. He knows, we are new in him and our sin nature will daily pull at our mind and desires to turn away from God and his righteousness and go back to the life of sin. As we daily study the word of God, saturate our thoughts and atmosphere with his worship and praise and associate ourselves with those who are also pursuing a life of godliness and purpose we, like the baby will grow and our spirit will be strengthened in God

and his promises. We will become more mature as a child of God and have a much better understanding of our creator, his creation and our purpose and destiny.

Like any relationship, the more we spend time with God, knowing his ways and his voice the more we become like him a true and righteous reflection of father God's love; so that others who are as we once were (lost and drowning in sin) can see the light of the creator and begin their journey in pursuit of purpose through love.