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A Special Tribute to All Mothers "Especially Mine" "Beulah Jean Hulse"



My mother Beulah Jean Hulse was a devout Christian woman that loved her Son and her God. Mom loved the first edition of this book that was printed in 2011 and it was the last point of contact I had with her until the tragic fatal accident that claimed her life here on Earth. I really miss her especially on Mother's Day calling me on the road asking if I am ok and where I am headed with my load so she can check the weather patterns in those areas. My mom was my best friend and out of three siblings, I was her favorite being the only boy. Later, my mom was so happy when she witnessed the call of God over my life calling me into ministry. Let me tell you Saints that when my mom died. Heaven got a little more real and I know when it comes my time to leave this world, my mom will be there to welcome me home.

Disarming the Principalities (Knowing Your Authority)

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He also had his own shop Jays Diesel Service where he regularly employed 10 full time mechanics to do truck maintenance in all phases.

I was one of those employees and my main job was engine rebuild in Mack and Cummins engines.

Dad was also recognized by the State of Tennessee as an expert witness and accident scene investigator for Hawkins, Moody and Associates which included the law offices of Tom Dossett and many others. Dad was also a member of the White House through several administrations.



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OPENING PRAYER

I Lord I pray, you use this work to stir up revival and show the people that you are the Unchanging God. Your word declares it, that what you were yesterday, you are today, and will be tomorrow! *Hebrews* 13:8

Father, I sincerely come before your throne and pray a special prayer asking that you will assign an Angel with each of my books that for many years have been distributed and mailed without charge throughout the inner cities of America and many countries throughout the world. Dear Lord you know my heart that I did not under your inspiration and guidance write these books for personal gain but through a burning desire believing your Holy Spirit will use this work to enlighten those that are seeking a closer walk and a deeper understanding of the truths embedded in your word. Dear God, help us to always remember that we as your children are a part of your body on Earth and your word states that when one member suffers we all suffer. Dear Lord, we need your direction and quidance. Help us Lord keep in view your tender mercy, love, grace and supreme sacrifice in becoming our sin substitute. Lord, help us to demonstrate to all who see us that we are indeed the body of Christ and in this trying time of unrest and confusion, may we always bear in mind that you are a very present help in the time of trouble. In Jesus mighty name A-men.

PREFACE

This book is a revision of the first printed edition in 2011. I want to thank Amazon for sending me the old manuscript giving me the opportunity to rewrite a revision of this book. I had lost the old manuscript and to see the smile on my Mother's face holding this book with her and my Dad's photo on the front cover meant everything to me. Dad had just passed and did not get to see the first printed book.

Beloved, this means everything to me as this was the last point of contact I had with my Mother before that terrible accident that placed her in a comma and within two weeks claimed her life.

Sadly, I was out in Kansas and on my way in when I was informed that they had no choice but unplug her. I was blessed to make the wake and the grave side service but come to accept the fact that she was gone and we could never enjoy our time together which tore at my soul for my thought was "who can I trust now that my best friend is gone" then something deep within assures me we will meet again.

Dear reader, the first edition of this book came about as our Lord began to touch my heart about the condition of the church and how it is portraying itself to a lost and hurting world.

Beloved, can we say with all the uprisings and shootings that we are living in very crucial days. In these days of unrest, there is a movement in this Nation that is seeking to remove Christ from everything concerning our heritage and the public education of our children.

Saints, we are living in the closing era of the Dispensation of Grace and the Spirit of the Lord is in

the process of restoring the prophetic ministry to the body of Christ.

There is an increase in today's church with many false prophets. False prophets have real power and must be exposed if we are to avoid becoming their next victim. The desperate hunger for supernatural guidance has caused men and women to rise to fill the void that the church should be filling.

Beloved, God is moving the special anointed ones chosen for this end time fight into place and the scriptures teach that this will become one of the important issues at the end of this age.

Beloved, we that are true to our faith and are boldly representing Christ need to be men and women of integrity and do our best to bring out the best in others. Beloved, now is the time for action and we can either die in the bleachers or we can die on the field as a warrior of Christ.

Saints of God, it is time to quit being a spectator and get into the parade and know the Authority that we have in Christ. Dear Saints in closing say this with me "Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the Blood of Jesus and the Word of God, I am more than an overcomer for praise God, I am redeemed a purchased possession." (Rev 12:11) A-Men.

Chapter 1 The Army of God

I believe that the living God is getting an army together that have braved the storms of life and have been conditioned to meet the enemy on every front. You will be surprised to find that many of these powerful soldiers of the cross are not known by the religious hierarchy of our day. These men and women have had to fight for every inch of ground gained because of their past mistakes.

These men and women have been through God's school of grace and have their degree. They have not had anything given to them but they have qualified for it through their training in the field.

Yes, beloved, our undesirables who make up the forgotten church of the hedge will be the worship leaders and the leaders of clergy in this last push by the Spirit of God to rescue as many as possible from Satan's rebellion.

There are times when the church forgets why it exists. Even Christians seem to forget what Jesus saved them for.

They tend to think that church is all about them. They think that their relationship with Jesus is totally focused on their agenda and needs.

I want you to know it is not about us but about Him. There is a lost and hungry world out there that is looking for answers and we have them.

We have been through the tests of life and gained strength from our battles. Strength is what is on the inside of us not what is on the outside. We can use a good illustration by going to our bath room and looking at a tube of tooth paste. When you squeeze it, what is on the inside will come out unless it is near empty then you may have to roll it to get anything out of it. If we turn everything over to God, He promises to be our strength. Dear reader, please allow what I am about to say to sink deep within you spirit, God is looking for people to show himself strong in and we do not have to be strong in the physical to be strong in the spiritual.

Beloved, when we have Jesus on the inside, we have all the strength we need in any given situation.

God, my prayer is, bring us back to humility and cause us to not glory in any of our achievements as one that is proud but help us keep our eyes on you the author and finisher of our faith.

Dear Lord, help us to be like Daniel and pray a prayer that will shake a whole empire to its knees. Help us not to glory in anything save the cross of Jesus Christ. Beloved, the day is approaching when the army of God is soon to march into the face of the enemy and take back what the enemy crept in and stole from God's people. A-Men. We each has a lot to fill in God's eternal plan and purpose. Nobody else can do what we were chosen to do so there is no place for jealousy to be in our ranks.

God needs all kinds of people to reach all the different cultures and ethnic groups in our world. We need to start caring for one another and quit being selfish and isolated. Beloved, in order to be successful, we must have the right attitude toward God and our fellow men. Beloved, we are bound by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and not doctrines or denominations. We are blood bought brothers and sisters in Christ and we need to realize that we are in a fight. The enemy loves for us to fight among ourselves.

If we are in a fight, and we are not fighting each other then we must realize that we need to fight together as one colossal body. When we do this, we will experience a spiritual strength and become a powerful force as we flow together in unity.

Saints, there is a powerful strength and force in unity. We are here to be a light to bring hope, meaning and purpose in a life that is searching for the truth and be released from the enemy's hold on their life.

Beloved, let us labor together for the common cause of souls. As we flow together in unity, we will see the power and love of God begin to spread all around us. The enemy knows this and that is why he tries to bring division. He uses this scheme of divide and conquer because he knows it works. I have always said that if a brother or sister draws a circle and leaves you out, swallow your pride and draw a bigger circle bringing them in.

Beloved, God desires for us to prosper and flow in the body as children of faith and power. He wants us to live circumspectly in this cruel world making the most out of every opportunity. When we miss an opportunity, it cannot be reclaimed.

We complain about giving a little time to God's work and evangelism. Every precious moment on this Earth is a precious gift from God. God wants us to manage our time and invest it in something worthwhile. Did you know that there is strength in working together? In Ephesians 5th chapter, we find Paul speaking of redeeming our time and managing it wisely. Too many have the mistaken idea that the building is the church.

God's Son Jesus is not coming back for buildings but a bride that hath made herself ready.

Saints, we are not here to fill up space, nor are we here to build our own kingdom. The church was borne in unity and we each are chosen to fill the right place in the body of Christ. God wants us to flow in the body that his call may be fulfilled upon our life.

Beloved, we have come to a climax (contest) of the church age and in order to have a firm base and foundation for the work of the Holy Spirit, we must have unity and love. These are the two foundational stones that must be in place for the gifts of the Spirit to operate.

Beloved, it bears repeating that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will not function without unity and love in the body of Christ. We need to start caring for one another and quit being selfish and isolated. Beloved, we must have the right attitude toward God and our fellow men. We are bound by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and not doctrines or denominations. We are blood brothers and sisters in Christ. We are the body of Christ here on this earth. Because we are the Body of Christ and Jesus is the Head of the Body, we carry His Authority with us everywhere we go. It is not Jesus who is physically walking on the earth today, but you and me. God wants us to know that the authority that He has placed on Jesus Christ is now walking with us. Beloved, when the church is described as a body, we see ourselves as belonging to each other in a unique way. Saints, being a body is not a matter of meeting together once a week and clocking in for worship and clocking out.

Beloved, the idea that a body conveys tells us that we are connected all the time! When we leave here to go home, we do not disconnect! We spread out, but we don't disconnect.

Colossians 2:15

We find that Jesus disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in the cross. Many Christians and yes pastors live in fear of the devil and what the he might do to them. Instead they should have the fear of God. Does not the bible say that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom? Beloved, we as Christians should be walking in righteousness and holiness before a great and mighty Living God. Many of the religions of the world today center around the fear of what their gods (devil) will do to them if they do not perform certain rituals. Dear reader, God came to set us free from the fear bondage of the devil and to live in the liberty and freedom purchased for us through the cross of Jesus Christ. Jesus had already defeated Satan. Beloved, that means Jesus has all the authority over Satan and his kingdom.

Saints, we as God's people share the same authority that was delegated by the Father to Jesus. We are the body and we follow the head. The body cannot go in one direction, and the head in another direction.

Matthew 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." According to Matthew, the church should be breaking down the gates of hell and Invading the territory of the devil. We need to be on the Offensive and not the defensive. Saint's. God is building a church that has the mindset of an Army and not the mindset of a Hospital. You cannot run a dog off by speaking kindly to him, you must stomp your foot and be stern letting him know he is not welcome where you are. The devil is the same way. You must stand your ground with the authority of the word of God which will put him in his place. Saints, let's take God at his word, believe his report and see the power of God on display. There is an old saying which makes a lot of sense and is one I have used many times and that is "When the people of God begin to pray, the power of God is on Display!"

Chapter 2 Christians in Iron

Beloved, in the 1st book of Lamentations, we read that Zion spreadeth her hands, and there is none to comfort her. First, how can you love somebody else if you do not love yourself? How can you comfort someone else when you are in pain and discomfort?

This whole 1st chapter speaks of a people who were suffering because of a judgment that had befallen them.

- Verse 1 speaks of being lonely and shedding tears.
- Verse 2 that there is none to comfort her. This speaks of the spirit of comfort which is the Holy Spirit. This city has opened a door for evil spirits to come in and dwell.
- Verse 4, it speaks of people missing the feasts or could mean church. Her children have been placed in iron or bondage.

Does anyone see a parallel here?

The thing that catches my attention in the above verses is there is no pasture or word. Can you agree with me that we are not hearing much word today, only man's ideas and men's programs?

Beloved, we have a gospel that has risen today that will allow the flesh to stay alive when God's word says that we must die daily to our agendas, desires, and self-righteousness. We find in verse 7 that her enemies are actually laughing at her. This can also be linked to Psalms 107 and verse 10 which speaks about Christians sitting in darkness and being bound in affliction and iron. Verse 11 says it is because they rebelled against the word of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High. The old English word for contemned here means contempt as if being found in contempt of court which could bring jail time as punishment. Beloved, let's face it, every problem that is in the world can be found in some of the churches today. People today are living below the standards that the atoning blood of Jesus has purchased for them allowing themselves to lead by deceptive lying spirits and allowing those spirits to dominate their lives.

Beloved, did you know that some preachers today will argue over their doctrine more than they will defend the virgin birth of Christ.

Saints, is the second covenant greater than the first or has the first covenant been done away with? I tell you yes on the first answer and no on the other. The Lord Jesus fulfilled the law as the requirement for fellowship to be restored back to man as required by a Holy God. He then established a new covenant based on faith in him and his finished work for man to have eternal life and be adopted into the family of God.

The law was set aside with all its ordinances and required sacrifices as a way to put man's sins forward for another year which could never pay the sin debt passed on us through the rebellion of Adam. Beloved, Our Holy God would not accept an innocent animal to redeem man's sins for eternal life. God gave His lamb as a ransom for all and the sin debt was paid in full. The wrath of God was satisfied when His son hung and died. He had to be tried, convicted, and executed as a common criminal thus taking man's sin upon him when he hung on the cross and died.

God sacrificed his Son that he might have many sons adopted into his family.

Beloved, you might say how can we as mortal human beings ever come before a Holy God? Beloved that is a good question and the word declares that we that were once enemies of God are now made high by the blood. Beloved, did you know we are declared righteous before Him when we accept the free pardon offered by God as Jesus dying in our place and bringing us into a new covenant with God which is the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

When we accept His dying in our place, we then give up all rights to our life and make Him our Lord and Savior. Beloved, we are no longer our own but were bought with a great price and that price was the sinless blood of the son of God. We must realize that God knows us and we are important to him. WE must also realize that life matters because God loves us.

Beloved, there can be no room for depression and loneliness if we understand that God loved us enough to send his Son Jesus the other Adam to die in our place that we through faith might become the Sons of God.

Beloved, we have been adopted into his royal family and become an heir with God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. It is time to come to a life of holiness and walk in the light of God's word. We need to speak His word out loud into the atmosphere that His promises and benefits are working in us and let this engrafted or imbedded word which is able to save our soul become an extension of our life.

God watches over his word to fulfill it.

Listen dear reader, if God cares about the sparrows and knows when one dies, then He cares about you. He cares for the spouses who have lost their partner in life. He cares about the mother who has a son on death roll. He cares about those incarcerated and serving their sentence for their crimes against society and he cares for those who feel that they are all alone. Beloved, people are important to God and He does not want us living in bondage but in the power and victory of the cross. Sin was dealt a mighty blow by our Savior at the cross. God raised him up for our justification that we could come into his holy presence as one who had no sin.

We are declared righteous through the blood of Jesus. We need to start living as one who knows God from the free pardon of sin and put the devil where he belongs and that is under our feet. Friends, we must never give the devil an inch in our lives. He will lure us to take the bait like an angler trying to catch a fish. He will make it look appealing but remember, if we do take the bait, it will have consequences and place us in bondage.

Beloved, it is time to come to God and come out of irons! What is the source of strength and stability in your life? If it is anything but the Lord, then you are walking on unsteady ground.

The Lord never changes!

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the Earth. Our God will not grow tired or weary, and his ways are higher than ours. God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Beloved, even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew (exchange) their strength for his.

The word states that they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint as warriors in their Christian walk.

Chapter 3

The Source of Authority

We as children of God need to recognize the authority which we have in Christ. We find in Matthew 28 verse 18 that Jesus said," All authority is given unto me both in Heaven and Earth". Who gave him this authority?

John 14 verse 10 we find that Jesus said in paraphrase "I do not speak of my own authority but the words that I speak are from the Father who dwells inside me." The authority Jesus operated in was delegated unto him by the Father.

Everything Jesus did and said, He did it with the authority that God gave to Him. Jesus said both His words and His works were given to Him by God the Father. Saints, the Delegated Authority given to Jesus was not for a specific time but it is given for all Eternity as an Everlasting Covenant.

It is important to know that God gave him a name above every name that is named and it is the only name that God will recognize for the forgiveness of sins.

The book of Ephesians declares that God hath made him to be head over all things to the church which is his body. God hath made him both Lord and Christ. The bible instructs us that the same authority that God placed on Christ is now delegated to us. He desires for us to share his Glory with him and sit with him on his throne. We do this by accepting and exercising the authority that has been placed upon us as children of the living God.

Beloved, we need to know this delegated authority and how it applies to our Christian life. Because we are the Body of Christ here on Earth and Jesus is the Head of the Body, we carry His Authority with us everywhere we go. It is not Jesus who is physically walking on the earth today, but you and me. God desires for us to know that the authority that He has placed on Jesus Christ is now walking with us.

We apply this authority by realizing that we are the body of Christ on this Earth. Jesus made the statement in John 16 verse 7 that he must go away or the comforter would not come. We understand that Jesus was confined in his Earthly body when he walked on this planet. You had to be in the area where he was in order to get something from him.

Beloved, we all know that God is omnipresent and is everywhere. His throne is in heaven and his wrath fuels the flames of hell. The devil thought when he killed Jesus that he was doing away with the Son of God. Jesus had to go away but not without a body here on this Earth.

Beloved, Jesus defeated Satan on the cross and took the authority or (keys) of death, hell, and the grave out of his hands. He placed him under his feet. We find in Colossians 2:15 that "Jesus disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in the cross."

God came to set us free from the fear and bondage of the devil.

Beloved, we are the body of Christ and now instead of Satan dealing with one man going about doing good and casting out devils, Satan now has to deal with the church which is the body of Christ. When an invading army would over run a city, they would take the strong into captivity and make them their slaves. They would leave the weak behind but they would salt their land so that they could not grow their crops and get strong again.

Beloved, we are the salt per say that are supposed to keep the enemy's kingdom from regrouping and getting strong again. It is up to us to keep him under our feet. A-Men.

Beloved, let me show you something about God's Kingdom! Unlike the kingdoms before that would take prisoners, God's kingdom can be compared to Rome. Beloved, when Rome conquered another kingdom, instead of taking prisoners like other kingdoms, the people were made citizens of Rome and were taught in their ways. Beloved, if anyone bothered them they would answer directly to the soldiers of Rome. Rome is like the Kingdom of God in once we were enemies of God but once we realized that we were lost and in need of a savior we repented of our sins and accepted God's redemption plan of salvation. When we made these steps of faith from a sincere heart, we were adopted as Sons and Daughters into the Kingdom of God and if anyone would do us harm, they would answer to the soldiers (Angels) of his kingdom.

Chapter 4 The Power of Authority

Let me start this chapter on the Power of Authority with an illustration. Picture in your mind a policeman putting out his hand to stop traffic because of a situation that has happened.

The policeman is no match for the 2,000 pounds automobile headed his way. Beloved, although the vehicle could easily run over the man and keep going, the driver of the vehicle knows that the policeman represents the law. He has been sworn in as a civil servant and protector of the public at large in his jurisdiction. He has the badge giving him the authority to get help to control the situation. Now that we understand authority, let's say the trained policeman sees a crime being committed and calls up the mayor say at 3am and asks him what to do? Beloved, how long do you think he would keep his job? What if he calls his police chief and asks him what to do? The officer has been provided top of the line police academy training to handle any given situation and if he does not use the authority delegated to him, he will be called before his chief commander to give an account of his actions.

Beloved, the officer has the authority to secure the situation and arrest the perpetrator committing the crime and if he does not exercise that authority, what will his superiors do? I tell you that he will either be fired or sent back for more training.

When an individual is caught for doing something wrong, the police officer has the authority to let them go or arrest them. This power or authority was given to him by his Police Chief in the Head Office of the Police Department.

Who gave the Police Chief the power?

It is the President and the constitution of the United States that gave the Police Chief the power to arrest, issue a ticket or give a warning to the law breaker. Let's now look at the manager who has just hired and spent weeks training an employee.

The employee has the delegated authority to do the job he has been hired to do. Let's say the position calls for him to make some tough decisions. He has been specifically trained to make those decisions which could affect the future of the company but instead of making those decisions, the employee calls up his supervisor and asks him what to do.

The new employee might get by with this a few times but soon his supervisor is going to start wondering if he hired the right person for the job and start making plans to fill that position with someone who will use the authority that has been delegated to the position. A manager has delegated authority as long as he holds the management position. If a manager resigns, he has no more authority. A sworn in policeman with uniform has authority as long as he is employed by the city government, however when he is no longer employed as a policeman, he has lost his delegated authority. Now, let me bring this valuable illustration down to unlocking the lock that is on the door of our home.

Beloved, can you agree with me that you have keys on your person that allows access into your home. The keys represent that you have the power to go in and out of your home at leisure. The key unlocks the door and allows entrance into your home.

Beloved, your wife may be asleep in another room but because you have the key to the door, you can enter the home without waking her up to let you in. The keys represent your authority.

The keys are proof that you have the authority to go in and out of your home because you have authority to do so. You also can use the keys to keep unwanted guests out by locking the door.

Beloved, Jesus is the door way to God and Jesus had already defeated Satan. God's church shares the same authority delegated to Jesus as found in Luke 22. The key to have and exercise spiritual authority in our lives is not head knowledge but a heart knowledge of the word of God and the Authority of Christ.

Colossians1:18

Beloved, we discover in the verse above that Jesus is the head of the body which is the church. We as the church of Jesus Christ are under the authority of Jesus.

We are not under Satan's authority after we have surrendered our life to the lordship of Jesus Christ. We are not under the control of superstition, curses, or charms. Satan is the god of this world but we are no longer under his authority or control. In the name of Jesus, we can break Satan's hold over us because we are under a new authority. "We are under new management and leadership."

Saints, we are under the Government and Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus has already defeated Satan. That means Jesus has all the authority over Satan. We the church shares the same authority of Jesus. We are the body of Christ and we follow the head.
Ephesians 1st Chapter says that God hath given him (Jesus) to be the head over all things to the church which is his body. God desires for us to have Authority from him, and for us to use that authority as the Holy Spirit leads us. Beloved, authority was given on the basis of our relationship with Jesus as teacher, disciple, and declaring him to be our Lord and master.

Delegated authority is derived from our relationship and right standing with almighty God in accepting his free pardon for our sins and giving up the rights to our life by trusting in his amazing love and grace to help us become all he intended for us to be in Christ our Lord and redeemer. Beloved, we are adopted Sons and Daughters of God and make up the body of Christ on this Earth. The body cannot go in one direction, and the head in another direction. God's church is not defeated or powerless.

Who gave Jesus this authority?

John 14 verse 10 we find that Jesus said in paraphrase *"I do not speak of my own authority but the words that I speak are from the Father who dwells inside me."* His authority was delegated unto him by the Father. We can discover in the life of Jesus that everything he did and said, was done with the authority that God gave to Him found in Luke 22.

Jesus said both His words and His works were given to Him by God the Father.

The authority given to Jesus was not for a specific time but it is given for all Eternity. It is important to know that God gave him a name above every name that is named and it is the only name that God will recognize for the forgiveness of sins. The book of Ephesians declares that God hath made him to be head over all things to the church which is his body. God hath made him both Lord and Christ.

The bible in Luke 22 instructs us that the same authority that God placed on Christ is now delegated to us. He desires for us to share his Glory with him and sit with him on his throne. Saints, did you know that we have been seated in heavenly places with Christ and this means places of judgement? We do this by accepting and exercising the authority that has been placed upon us as children of the living God.

Beloved, we need to know this delegated authority and how it applies to our Christian life. This delegated authority is given to those who are called and obey him. This is delegated authority and power over all unclean spirits, and over all manner of sickness and disease.

Delegated authority is received by being intimate and having fellowship with God.

In *Philippians 3:10*, Paul requests that he might know him in the power of his resurrection. We obtain this relationship with the Father through the word, and accepting the blood covenant of Jesus becoming our sacrifice which satisfies the wrath of God against us in his dying for our sin. We obtain it through prayer and by his Holy Spirit making the Father and Son real to us. Saints, because we are the Body of Christ here on Earth and Jesus is the Head of the Body, we carry His Authority with us everywhere we go. It is not Jesus who is physically walking on the earth today, but you and me. God wants us to know that the authority that He has placed on Jesus Christ is now walking with us. We apply this authority by realizing that we are the body of Christ on this Earth.

Jesus made the statement in John 16 verse 7 that he must go away or the comforter would not come. We understand that Jesus was confined in his Earthly body when he walked on this planet. One had to be in the area where he was in order to get something from him. The scriptures plainly teach that God is omnipresent and is everywhere. His throne is in heaven and his wrath fuels the flames of hell. The devil thought when he killed Jesus that he was doing away with the son of God. Jesus had to go away but not without a body here on this Earth. Jesus defeated Satan on the cross and took the authority or (keys) of death, hell, and the grave out of his hands. He placed him under his feet. We can see this acted out in *Colossians 2:15* that "Jesus disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in the cross."

"Beloved, God came to set us free from the fear and bondage of the devil."

Saints, we are the body of Christ and now, instead of having to deal with one man that is doing good and casting out devils, Satan has to deal with the church which is the body of Christ here on Earth. The word states that all creation is waiting upon the manifestation of the sons of God and Jesus stated that this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached throughout the world then will the end come. Beloved notice he did not say gospel but the gospel of the Kingdom. There is a difference in other words, it's time to get past the cross and into son ship with God. A good study of history would reveal that when an invading army would overtake a city, the strong would be placed into captivity and be made slaves. The weak would be left behind however their land would be salted so that they could not grow their crops and get strong again.

Beloved now that we have learned that those that make up the church are the body of Christ here on Earth, do you not think it would be to our benefit to realize that we are the salt that is supposed to keep the enemy's kingdom from regrouping and getting strong again?

Saints, the Lord has won the victory but it is left up to us to claim that victory and keep Satan under our feet.

Beloved, please understand that when trouble comes, we can be still and know that he is God, that he is with us and know that he will be exalted when we lift up his name. In knowing these truths, we need to develop a prayer filled life that is planned for spiritual growth and press forward to grow and be faithful to the end.

Beloved, the word says that we are more than overcomers through Christ and it also says that he that endureth unto the end shall be saved.

Chapter 5 Obeying Your Authority

Saints, did you know that we as the followers of Christ have the Authority to arrest the devil? That is the truth but there are some things we need to know before we attempt to use this authority. One thing is that he is a superior being that has been around for a long time. He knows you better than you know yourself. He knows your weakness and will use it against you. He is a fallen angel and you are a mortal being.

I strongly suggest that you never go into his territory and call him out in the gravel per say for a fight for if you do, you will lose. You may say, why do you make this warning, I will tell you why? Our God is a perfect being who will honor his rights as much as he will honor ours. We need to carefully seek God's direction before attempting to do battle with demons and powers. Beloved, if someone has given them rights on their property or even access into their life and they have legitimate grounds for being there, God will honor their claim and allow them to attack you if you trespass without his permission.

Dear saints of God, we must know that these spirits are territorial and like a dog will mark and yes protect their rights to a piece of ground or person. I had to learn this the hard way but now I can enlighten you to their patterns. It is imperative that we hear from our commander in chief the Lord Jesus Christ and know when to advance and when to retreat. We find Paul in Ephesians the first chapter praying that God would take his people deeper and deeper into an intimate knowledge of himself. We do not have the capability to do this in ourselves but the Holy Spirit that resides within us as believers and who is sent to be our comforter and guide can make this happen. Our comforter is called the Spirit of truth and the Spirit of wisdom in the word of God. The Holy Spirit will lead us into the truth and the revelation in the knowledge of God.

We find in Proverbs 9:10 that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 4:7 also says that wisdom is the principal thing in life.

Beloved, there are many voices in the world and it is no secret that we live in a noisy world that is always in a hurry to get nowhere.

Before we attempt to go against the enemy on his territory, we need to be educated on his strategy and tactics. We find that he always uses the world and our fleshly desires against us and he never changes his methods because he has studied us for thousands of years. He knows what works for him so why change? He always tries to get us to act outside of the will of God as if we will miss something if we do not jump when someone wants us to.

Saints, we need to realize that God has a plan and therefore he never gets in a hurry. Saints, we also need to be able to hear God's voice and realize that *he desires to speak to us*.

Beloved, we can only live a successful and peaceful life with meaning and purpose if we know how to distinguish his voice from our own spirit or that of an enemy spirit. Beloved, God is speaking but are we hearing? In order to hear God's voice, we must make sure that our life is clean from pride which causes us to think we know it all and can face our trials alone or we can have bitterness because of some hurt which causes us to build walls in our life that we stop listening. **Psalms 25:9** tells us that God guides the humble and teaches them his way. You might say how does he do this and my reply is through his voice.

John 10:27 says that his sheep hear his voice and he knows them and because they know him, they follow him. To know his voice, we must know and have a broad knowledge of his word. Sometimes God will speak to us through his word the bible which is the starting point of hearing God's word. Saints, have you ever noticed that the bible is the only book that when we read it, it will read us? I am talking about the inspired word of God, not these *new versions* which consist on *man's thoughts* and precepts which *can only come from looking out* and not up to the hills of the Lord from which our help comes from. When God speaks to us the Holy Spirit will align us to what is written in his word. God has placed all his power and Godhead in his word and has chosen to never act out side of his written word therefore he will never reveal anything to us or ask us to do anything that cannot be supported by his word. We can also hear his voice by praying in the spirit which will enhance and manifest our ability to hear his voice. Our deliverance and direction comes when we hear a voice behind the word which gives the written word life which also produces faith. We find in Romans 10:17 that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

Beloved, we find that here faith is called a substance and is produced when we hear a rhema (God Breathed) word from the Holy Spirit. Faith is like adrenalin in the body which rises in a crisis allowing a 100 pounds woman to lift a 2,000 pounds automobile off a person pinned underneath. We need to hear God speaking with the ears of our heart and not our physical ears. God speaks in our heart with a still small voice and remember this one important truth; God has a plan and never gets in a hurry.

Dear readers, if you do not have peace about a situation the best thing you can do is stop and wait. The need might be pulling you but your heart is saying something different. STOP!! That is a red flag! I can tell you from experience that you need to wait on God for the peace then when he tells you to advance, you are guaranteed a victory because he had your life planned before you were born declaring the end from the beginning. Saints, the purpose God has for your life is what is going to get you to your destiny and remember beloved he foreknew before you were in your mother's womb and loves you with an everlasting love.

Chapter 6

God Is Love



Beloved, out of all things God spoke into existence, he kneeled down and carefully sculpted the first man Adam out of the dust of the Earth. Saints, did you ever notice that God called all creation good but the word states that God so loved man? Beloved, God showed his love in sending his only begotten Son to become man's savior and when we accept his free pardon in giving our life to him, we become sons and daughters of his royal family.

The scriptures state that we know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. Beloved what we used to love we now hate and what we used to hate we now love because our inward spirit has experienced life. The word states that Jesus entered into the most Holy Place through the Eternal Spirit to offer his blood to purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Because we are born of love, our desire and motive should be to show forth a love for our wonderful God and his people. Love is more than a generosity and people can tell when you actually love them and they can tell when it is lacking.

Beloved there are two foundational stones that must be in place for the gifts of the Spirit to work in us and they are *Love* and *Truth*. God gave us a command to love people and it was not a suggestion, however he will never command us to do something we are incapable of doing.

Beloved, Love is something we can control and when all of the things in which men glory in fade and pass away, Love will still be found standing for God is Love. When we see ourselves the way God sees us then his Love will mature and perfect us for if he cares about the sparrows, he cares about you and me. Beloved, there are people that are lonely, there are people facing feelings of rejection, there are widows who have lost a partner and yes what about the one on death row facing the death penalty? Beloved, let me shout from the house tops that God is Love and he really cares for you so much that he sent Jesus to pay our penalty of death that he might raise him up for our justification. Beloved, it is not about how much we love him but it is all about the fact that God loves us unconditionally. Saints, we are his greatest creation that is created in his image and likeness. Our father desires for us to accept his signed pardon and come running to him with all our needs.

Beloved, let me step up and remind you that your future is not ahead of you but within you. You have a divine purpose for being on this planet.

Beloved, your future was placed within you at birth. The Holy Spirit is armed with God's plans for your life. The scriptures teach that the church is to be a unified body consisting of many members and each member has its own unique function within the body. No one else can accomplish what God placed in your heart to do. We must be persistent in achieving the visions God has placed in us and remember to forgive because this is a must in our Christian walk. The word declares if we do not forgive those that have wronged us, neither will the Father forgive us therefore let us forgive so we may be forgiven. Beloved, when we make up our mind to fulfill our vision, we can expect opposition from the enemy of our souls to try and steer us off course. The scriptures teach that we must make plain the vision and then be persistent in obtaining it. We need to let every opposition strengthen us and use every failure as experience and stepping stones to give us more determination to meet our goals. Saints, we as Christians need to be bold as a lion and harmless as a dove in our Christian pilgrimage.

Beloved, people with a determination to walk this walk of faith will be persistent in their walk and never take no for an answer in fulfilling their visions.

We need to fight until we get a breakthrough and experience the joy of the Lord who is with us encouraging us to meet our purpose and fulfill our dreams. The Joy of the Lord is our strength and God's vision in our heart is stronger than any darkness the enemy may bring our way. Beloved, please remember that patience and persistence wins the race and obtains the prize and no matter what people might think or say about you just remember they are not the ones that will be signing your report card. Beloved, your reputation is what man thinks about you but your character is what God knows about you for like he told the prophet Jeremiah, he knew him before his beginning. Saints is that not awesome that our God knew us before creation?

Chapter 7 Applying Your Authority



Beloved, we have discovered in the last few chapters that we are the children of the Most High God and have been delegated the authority to operate in his name as ambassadors on this planet. We discovered that we have power over the kingdom of darkness when we call on his mighty name. The Holy Spirit will cause natural law to line up with spiritual law as we line up with his word and his will. In Isaiah 61, we find Christ standing up and reading in the synagogue proclaiming his earthly ministry and his purpose on Earth. In verse 1, he states that he was sent to bind up the broken hearted. The Hebrew word here means to tie up as if placing a bandage on something to connect it together. Beloved, I'm sorry but I do not desire for the devil or anything connected with him to be tied to me

Beloved, I hear Christians all the time attempting to bind the devil and he is still loose. God will decide when he will be bound but you may refer back to Matthew 12; 29 concerning entering a strong man's house and binding the strong man to spoil his house. We find in Matthew 18:18; Christ told Peter that whatsoever things ye bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever things shall be loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Saints, to get an open perspective of this, we need to go to the word loose. What does this word mean in the original language it was written in?

Since the New Testament was written in the Greek, we need to go there and find the word loose. The word speaks of losing the spirit of wickedness. The word loose here means to tear up and disassemble. If this is true then my question is, why are we binding the devil and his works and losing the Spirit of God? Listen beloved, I for one have enough trouble with the devil without binding him to me.

My question would be, "have we got this backwards?" The reason I am saying this is concerning a dream that I had last year in which God was speaking to me and informing me that I had been turning the key the wrong way in the lock. Beloved, this was during the time that I had most of this book written. This caused me to stop for the better part of a year and search this out.

Beloved, I know there is a prison side of binding as we found in *Matthew 12:29* concerning binding the strong man which is Satan and the stronger man coming in and spoiling his goods which is Christ.

In my research, I believe that binding would be better understood as binding the mind of Christ to us and our will to his will.

We find in Proverbs 3:3 that the word informs us to bind mercy and truth about our neck. Beloved, we also find in Proverbs 6:21 to bind our father's commandment continually upon our heart. The word bind here means to wrap around to build up as if splicing to plants together as in a graft to cause them to become one.

Saints, if we want to dive deeper into this study we can go to John 20:23 and hear the Lord say that "Whose so ever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose so ever sins ye retain, they are retained.

We find in Matthew 18:18 that whatsoever things we bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and we know that we are ambassadors of Christ proclaiming that this world is not our home and because we believe and walk in this truth, we can exercise Mark 16 and tread upon the enemy of our souls with confidence that the Lord will be with us and confirm his word with signs following.

Saints, we know only God can forgive sins but we find here in John 20:23 that if we are wronged, we can either release the person who wronged us or we can hold them accountable for their actions. Saints, it is far better for us to release them and give them to God for in so doing we release ourselves. Beloved, even though we were wronged, we release them of being accountable to us and leave the vengeance up to God.

With this in mind, let's go back to the word loose. The word tells us to lose the spirit of wickedness as found in *Isaiah 58:6* concerning the fast that breaks the yoke. Is not this the fast that I have chosen?

To lose the bands (Spirit) of wickedness, to undo heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Saints, the word used here for loose is to undo, break up, tear apart, and disassemble.

Saints, with this fresh in our mind, why not go into spiritual warfare and loose wrong patterns of thinking, bad habits, soul ties of past relationships and what about past hurts and disappointments?

Beloved Christians have been trying to bind the devil for years and there is room for thought on both ways to gain victory but let me inform you that I and another minister tried this method on several people and found out that within days, the results of change were noticed in their lives.

Chapter 8

Door to the Spirit

Beloved, in the previous chapters we have learned about authority and how it affects the believer however that alone will not help us get to where we need to be in Christ. In this chapter we are going to learn how to enter into his presence and receive the unlimited power that is available to all of us as children of the kingdom and that is our spending time in his word and developing a devoted prayer life. Beloved, I am talking about an intimate relationship with Christ our Lord where we become honest with him and ourself where nothing is hid. Saints, before I get into the deep truths of divine intimacy, let me say that singing our favorite songs that may give us an emotional high is nothing unless we are in true worship coming forth from the adoration that is in our hearts and that is why some people tend to fall back in the same routine and leave church feeling like they missed something. There are some who leave a church service today more entertained than elevated which seems to be the church norm.

Dear reader, please know that my prayers are with you as you read this book and sincerely hope you have enjoyed its revelations which I got from years of study. Beloved, now it is time to discover the secret to dwelling and abiding in that most holy place where only few have arrived.

We start by studying the First and Third chapters of the book of Ephesians where we will find the Apostle Paul praying for the Ephesian people the most important prayer that a person can pray for another believer. Paul is praying that God would take these people deeper and deeper into an intimate knowledge of who he is. We all know there are several names of God and each one defines his character of who he is. I strongly suggest that you do a study on his names and you will like me be in full adoration of who he is. We find in Exodus 19:18 that Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord descended upon it with fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently.

The people heard the sound of a trumpet sounding loud and increasing in volume followed by a voice proclaiming his name and proclaiming his glory. The word says that <u>Moses spoke</u> and God <u>answered him</u> by *a voice*.

We find the Apostle Paul in this First Chapter of Ephesians praying and asking God to grant a prayer to the church at Ephesus that only the Holy Spirit is able to give. We find in Chapter Two and verse 18 that we have access to God by his Spirit. Paul is not asking for more strength, more motivation or more determination for these men but for them to be endued with Spiritual Wisdom and Revelation that would bring them to a understanding and revelation of the greater Knowledge of God. We look at the First Chapter and starting at the 17th verse we find the prayer prayed by the Apostle Paul for these Ephesian people. Saints, I want to emphasis that when we pray this prayer by praying the scriptures mentioned above, we are praying a prayer that God recognizes.

Saints, <u>Are you hungry for that deeper walk and</u> seek for <u>that intimate relationship with the living God</u> <u>then I strongly suggest you study the life of King David</u> and find out what real worship is all about. True worship begins when we see our Lord for who he is, catch a glimpse of his holiness. It is how we esteem (Value) (Admire) him for who he is. We worship him in our heart and we praise him with our voice to vent out the worship that is filling our heart.

Beloved, I want you to know that there is power unleashed when we enter into true worship and praise. True worship will get his attention and cause the burdens that are attempting to hold us captive to lose their grasp as we get our eyes and focus on him who loves us and gave himself for us. Solitude (*seclusionprivate time alone*) is the key to hearing God's voice in knowing Him and preaching His Word with an anointing and authority that will break the grasp that the powers of darkness have on the people. Jesus said that when we pray, we are to go into our closets in private and it is in that private place that Satan is restricted and cannot hear our prayers because we are covered by the shield of His love. Beloved, it is time to get past the Sanctuary of worship and enter in to a wonderful relationship with Christ who is not flesh and blood but an Eternal Being. Nothing should ever be allowed to take the place of being in his presence. There should never be a question in our mind when it comes to our relationship with him. I am talking about People places and things including family which are temporal and will come to an end but our place of being in direct relationship with him will determine how much he can trust us with in the world to come.

Beloved, we need to come into a place of *holy reverence* for *who he is* and what he has done for us that we might be called sons and daughters of the Most High God. Saints, we have the delegated authority that we have learned about in previous chapters but inorder walk in that authority we have to get past regular worship which is filled with man-made forms and agendas which exemplify the flesh more than the creator.

Saints, I am talking about when church becomes more than good meetings and good preaching. It is when we get tired of church in the norm and the world being able to sit comfortably in our meetings and there is no conviction of their sin and way of life. When we enter in and seek his presence with our whole heart, we are guaranteed by his word that he shall be found.

Beloved, God is calling us away from the crowd and aside to himself because he desires to have men and women that will be instruments for his purpose. Beloved, we cannot minister what we have not received and the problem today is people want a neat religion that they can control that allows the flesh to stay alive.

There is nothing the church needs more today than a fresh encounter with the holiness and presence of the living God.

Beloved, down through the years, men and women have made attempts to bring God down to their level and lower his standard and requirements for living but when his presence and holiness is introduced to us by his Spirit then we find and discover that he is the Standard and has called all men and women unto repentance. The scriptures reveal that great men of God trembled and fell on their faces when they found themselves in the presence of the holy Angels and we can only imagine what it will be like to meet this awesome Eternal being one day and give an account of our lives. This Awesome Creator has extended unto each of us an invitation to accept his pardon and his grace through the finished work of his Son Jesus Christ in giving his life as a ransom for all that receive his pardon and forgiveness. Did you know saints that we have received the Spirit of his Son into our hearts making us Sons, Daughters and Heirs of his royal family?

Beloved, this Awesome God is calling us to come out of the outer court of the sanctuary and into the inner court of his presence and grace.

Beloved, Christ has offered to share his Glory and his throne with his people for the scriptures state that one day we shall judge Angels. When we dwell in this intimate place, the powers of darkness cannot pervade for it is our private time of knowing God and experiencing Him in a way that can only be described as complete intimacy. I tell people that approach me concerning my walk with Christ and the high anointing on my life that they can drink from the same fountain that I drink from and that is the fresh clear water of the Holy Spirit by spending time with him in solitude. Beloved, we find in Proverbs 25 verse 25 the word says that "As cold waters are to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Beloved, we have been entrusted with the greatest news on Earth and that word is John 3 verse 16 "For God so loved the world (man) that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever beliveth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. Dear reader, why not surrender your life to him today and reap the benefits described in this book? Your name too can be written down in his book of life.

Chapter 9 Knowing your Authority



Beloved, I feel a surge in my Spirit man and I will now relate to you the intimate secret to entering into and enjoying the presence of God.

Saints, the Lord has observed your actions as you have took time to study the spiritual truths in this book and I am believing him now to allow you to experience the inward touch of his Spirit within your being. I am also asking and believing him to rebuke and cancel the plans of the enemy toward you and your family. I am asking him to bless you spiritually, physically and financially. Dear reader, take a moment now and worship him as your Lord and ask him to help you digest the spiritual truths that through years of experience will be yours today. Beloved celebrating the goodness and blessings of God is more than knowing how to disarm the principalities and powers that are all around us. Saints, our victory comes when we get to know our Lord in the power of his resurrection. Paul said this in the word of God that he wanted to know him in the power of his resurrection.

Paul also stated that he would be in labor until Christ could be birthed in his people. Sometimes especially in entering a revival, we need to spend time in prayer and allow God to form his burden within our heart. Beloved, knowing your identity and authority in Christ is revealed in studying and praying the prayer which can be found in Ephesians chapter one and in chapter three. We look at the first chapter and starting at the 17th verse we find the prayer prayed by the Apostle Paul for the Ephesian people.

Beloved, this is a special prayer because no one outside of Christ can pray this prayer. Saints, I now ask you if you are ready to develop a special prayer time where you meet with God and pray these scriptures every day. Beloved, I strongly suggest you memorize these powerful scriptures and get them in your spirit man. I conditioned myself some years back to memorize and pray these scriptures. Every time I had a spare moment on my hands, I would catch myself quoting and praying these scriptures while driving my 18 wheeler late at night and usually around three(3) am.

Saints, I found that most demonic activity has calmed down at that time of the morning and it is easier to pray.

Dear reader, are you ready to go further then turn to the Third Chapter of Ephesians and start at the 14th verse. Here we find the Apostle Paul launching deeper in this prayer and thanking God for who he is in a spirit of thankfulness and worship.

In this prayer Paul is asking God to grant unto the church at Ephesus to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man that they might know the unfathomable Love of Christ. Beloved, here Paul is praying for spiritual growth and well-being of these Ephesians that they might know the length, the depth, and the height of God's love. This matchless love is shown to us in the giving of his Son to suffer our penalty of death and by raising him up for our justification that we may become sons and daughters of the Most High Almighty God. Beloved, when we become sons and daughters and have received the spirit of adoption into his royal family, then this prayer states that there is nothing that we can think of that he is not able to bring to pass. The bottom line is that God will honor this prayer and beloved, the Christian Life has God's Mercy as its foundation.

Yes, beloved, all our songs, praise, prayers, communion services, preaching and our giving reflects upon the mercy of God that is clearly seen in Jesus Christ the Son which can be better illustrated by comparing the law to grace. Let's do an illustration on the law and on grace that we may glean from this study to help us understand the finished work of the Lord concerning grace.

Beloved, let's say a man tries to fill the void in his life by living it up in the world and although there is pleasure in sin for a season, he soon discovers he is not happy. There is still a void in his life and he is uncertain about what tomorrow may bring. Beloved, let's say the man in our story made an appointment to see Dr. Law and is told that he has a sin problem and needs a new heart. Beloved, because of our sin nature, man's heart is continually evil and we are destined to die. Let's say that after the diagnosis, Dr. Law tells him that to cure his problem, he needs a heart transplant. The man leaves and joins a local church but soon finds that he is not happy.
Beloved, after trying everything and nothing seems to work, he goes back to see Dr. Law and asked to have the transplant. Dr. Law informs him that he cannot do the surgery and makes him an appointment with Dr. Grace which not only gives him the transplant but is able to introduce him to his donor Jesus Christ. Beloved, the man now is happy and goes back to see Dr. Law and notices something different about him. He says Dr. Law, why were you so stern with me before but now you are greeting me with a smile?

Beloved, Dr. Law replied with a smile on his face that before the transplant you were guilty of the blood of Jesus in breaking God's commandments because of sin but now that you have had your transplant, you have fulfilled my requirements and have been declared righteous in the eyes of our Holy God. Saints, the scriptures state that the law was given by Moses but Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. The law was given to show man how far he was away from his Creator. Because of Adam's sin in the garden, fallen man was like a spaceship in outer space that had lost its guidance system and could not get back to Earth.

Dear reader, Jesus did not come to start a new religion but came to bridge the sin gap between God and man and pave the way for man to get back in fellowship with his Creator. The Lord Jesus came to rescue as many as possible from Satan's rebellion and the word cries with a loud voice that we became Sons and Daughters at the cross. The intent of this study is to show us that it is time to get past the cross and into Son-ship. Beloved, because of his mercy, my whole life that was upside down and empty of meaning is now one of worship and adoration for this wonderful God whom I call my friend.

Chapter 10

Where is the Holy Ghost Today?



Dear reader, I thought I was through and Amazon had already approved my revision of this book. While driving late night down through Wyoming, I was able to pray without interruption for several hours. It was during that time that the Lord impressed me to write this chapter on the Holy Ghost which is the Spirit that was in Christ reconciling the world back to God. The Spirit of God is a person and he is the Spirit of Jesus. Yes, beloved, Jesus had a soul and spirit just like me and you.

The word states that the Holy Spirit can be injured and grieved. Beloved, only a person can be grieved. He is recognized as the third part of the godhead and he is God. Before Christ gave up the Ghost or his Spirit, He said "Father into thine hand commend I my spirit."

Beloved, Jesus also had a soul for in several places the word states that God made his soul and offering for sin. It also states that he entered into Heaven and offered his shed blood to the Father for the remittance of our sins and the word said he did it through the Eternal Spirit. Beloved, I was visited by God's Spirit at a very young age. I was maybe 8 years old just learning to play guitar. I had been to church with my grandfather on my mother's side of the family. My grandfather on my mom's side of the family was a well-known pastor of a Methodist church. He used to take me with him to church and one night his message was centered on the book of revelation and I picked up a bible in the pews and was reading it as he preached. Later when I got home, I was on my bed with my bible studying where he had preached.

Saints, I did not know anything about the next city much less other parts of the world and here is a person in my room speaking to me and I am unable to see them now that will get anybody's attention.

Beloved, I remember reading about the city that sits on the seven mountains when all of a sudden a voice spoke out in my room and said "that is Rome Italy." Beloved, this scared me but also touched my inner being as to who or what this was. Later, I was searching for my granddads God taking my bible alone to myself and talking to him but he never talked back but I remember later again in my room with my bible lying on my bed and I was kneeling before it on the floor talking to God when all of a sudden it began to turn the pages by itself. Beloved, it was as if someone were wetting their finger and carefully turning the pages of my bible.

Beloved, this scared me so bad that I begged it to stop and it did. It was a long time actually several years before I had another encounter with the Holy Ghost but he had plans for me and is patient and kind.

Later in my early 20's, God called me into ministry. Because of working three jobs and getting no rest, I let the mess in church get to me and backslid for 7 long years. It is a long story but I was running coast to coast hard as I could and using drugs to do it. Beloved, it was during this time that I met real live angels of the Lord and I was able to talk to two of them. I had an afro hair perm with a black Stetson hat and looked like something out of a young gun's movie so now you get the picture. The first one was an elderly white man that held the door open for me while leaving the truck stop.

The gentlemen informed me of the mischief I had gotten into the night before and that God had sent him to me for he had a purpose for my life and he would use me mightily in the years to come. The man started to walk away but vanished into thin air. Later while driving Coast to Coast, I met eight more Angels but what really got my attention was only one of them was white and I was only able to speak to two of them. Beloved, little did I know but God was preparing me for street ministry and all eight after the first were black men.

The second Angel met me at the Petro in Girard, Ohio and asked if he could come and sit with me in their restaurant. Beloved, he got my attention when he said "Preacher, the Lord God Jehovah had sent him to me." I literally right there in front of everybody cursed him out saying "Do I look like a blank, blank, blank preacher to you? The man replied, "oh don't get so uptight preacher, you are straddling the fence" taking the salt and pepper shakers saying "God has a lot of preachers straddling the fence but if you will get on one side or the other then he can deal with you." He then informed me that God does not ordain all marriages and he does not desire for me to put up with what I have been putting up with in mine.

Beloved, let me tell you that those words got my attention because my wife was going with whoever she could and even left with a man one evening that came by my home. Many years went by and I made it back into ministry using the C.B. call sign "Guardian Angel." I made it back into radio and received great response especially the little radio station WCRR in Rural Retreat, Virginia.

Saints, God was healing people through my radio programs including a family calling in saying their family member that was born blind can now see.

God healed through my programs and it turned into a mighty revival in a pastor's church in Bland, Virginia including the local fire department showing up looking for the fire at the church that they could see from the road. Beloved, there are people still alive that was at that meeting including a whirlwind showing up in front of the pulpit in one of my tent revivals there scaring the day lights out of me.

Beloved, God replaced the arteries in the radio station owner's wife's neck going to her brain which had 95% blockage and he did it in on her way to surgery. The owner Bob Smallwood is a famous TV and radio personality and he has a six page write up from five doctors confirming that miracle.

Saints, I am going somewhere with this so please bear with me. Beloved, there is so much I could write of the instant miracles that I have witnessed including a woman brain dead and body decaying with the city morgue on their way to get her coming back alive in Marion, Virginia hospital.

The minister came and got me at the WCRR radio station and drove me the 30 miles to pray for the woman on life support and comfort the family did not even believe the miracle till the nurses told him. This woman had come back alive and started pulling her tubes out. Later in a revival at his church the local fire department showed up knocking on the door looking for the blazing church fire that they could see from a distance. Beloved like I said, there are still people alive today that was at that service. Saints, I could write for hours on what I have witness in my life of the workings of God's Spirit but it would take a book to contain them so to end this chapter, I will get right to the thoughts God is giving me. Beloved, if you have a desire to see a move of God and the Holy Ghost show up and take over a service then do like I have for many years and that is put God first in everything and witness to everyone you possibly can but be led by his Spirit for with some people, you are just wasting your time.

Beloved, please understand that God will bring people across your path and it is a must to maintain a devoted prayer life to be able to hear his voice and be led by his Spirit.

Beloved, we must have discernment and the way to get that gift operating in our life and ministry is to spend time in his word and several hours when possible in pray.

Beloved, I am going to take this opportunity and share a true story with you about the Holy Ghost showing up and setting a service in order. Like I said, God had already used my radio programs in Virginia to heal people living within range of the station signal.

It was in the 90's that I was in Buffalo, New York and was scheduled to preach near the West Virginia and Kentucky line. Beloved, I drove an all-night run to Tennessee and took a shower and 15 minutes of sleep then drove my personal vehicle to Rural Retreat, Virginia to meet a family that I was to ride with that would take me to the little country church in Panther, West Virginia. I remember praying on the way and God showed me a vision of a woman trying to get in the service and could not get in. I related this to the family I was riding with. I remember it like it was yesterday of how God made himself known that night.

When we got there the place was packed because people wanted to meet the truck driver preacher Guardian Angel. I remember ministering that night on the message "Is there no balm (leadership) in Gilead.

Beloved, in this special service, many came up for prayer when all of a sudden a woman came in with several big strong men following her. Friends what happened next literally blew my mind. You see they had told her if she came in to my service that they were going to whip me and burn the church down. Well let me tell you friends that God the Holy Ghost had other plans. All I can tell you is that it felt like someone had spit in my hair and people started falling.

The woman, the men with her and everyone standing around me were being slain in the wonderful Spirit of God. Beloved, the recording cameras suddenly shut themselves off and God brought reverential fear and order in this place. Later beloved at this same church, I conducted a revival and devil worshipers got saved for you see I had a box made for everyone to put their prayer requests in and with no way to get them out and we were going to burn the box.

God showed up that night and healed a baby with a birth defect and later, she called our people and informed us that she had changed God's. Beloved, this is why I ask the question "where is the Holy Ghost today?"

Beloved, I know that the word says that in the last days that men would have a form of Godliness, but deny the power. Beloved, there is something wrong in today's church when the same Holy Ghost that showed up so many times in my services is pushed aside for church forms and controlled services.

Beloved, my bible tells me that "The sinner cannot sit in the congregation of the righteous. There is something missing when the devil can come in join the church and sit comfortably in a service and there is not enough discernment in the leadership to know the difference." I mean witches have been known to search for churches that appear to be prospering for God and send their people in to mix with and join the church. Oh beloved, they come in showing interest and promise that they are spiritual leaders.

They become friendly with the church people and some even make it into obtaining a license with the church ministry.

After winning the people and especially the pastor's trust, they begin to sow lies and deception among the members some even blaming the pastors for poor leadership and have the people so mixed up and confused that they vote the former leadership out and vote them in.

Beloved, these leaders are spoken by the Apostle James to be like shooting stars and clouds without water or in better words, they are teachers that put no meat on the table. Beloved, it is a crying shame that none of the church elders have enough discernment among them to know the difference. I will end this chapter on this note and that is there is something missing when a gun men can come into a service and there is no power to stop them. There is something missing when people are harassed like they are today by ruthless servants of Satan and there is no power to stop them.

Beloved, you just read how the Holy Ghost would show up and several times take over my service but I will tell you what is wrong.

Some preachers today are like Balaam which was a prophet for hire. They are afraid of the devil and if a person comes in their service needing deliverance, instead of seek God and praying them through they send them to a psychiatrist. They are afraid of the devil but you take some old woman that does not live for this world and although she may live in a housing project the Lord is her life and best friend.

I tell you Saints that the devil is afraid to walk near that woman's door so now, yes I said it just like that and did not stutter or do you think I need to shake that bush again and see what else falls out? Beloved, may I stop in this study and ask you a personal question, "where is the Holy Ghost in today's church?"

The book of revelation states that the church of Laodicea would be one that is complacent and selfish wanting the best of both worlds or in others words beloved, they want to play with sin and still claim to be saved.

This reminds me of the seven women in Isaiah taking hold of one man and wanting to do their own thing but still be called by his name.

Saints, I hear in my spirit that the Lord gave a solemn warning to the churches to do your first works over or he would come and remove the candlestick (His Spirit) from its place.

Dear reader, the word states that God is not mocked for if you sow to the flesh you will reap the flesh but if you sow to the Spirit beloved you will reap the things of the Spirit and God said it is his good pleasure to give us the mysteries of the Kingdom. Beloved, my prayer is let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight and this scripture found in Proverbs 19 verse 14 and it end with O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. A-Men

My Conclusion

Author's Note: Some of the words used in this conclusion came from my first edition published 2011 and I think we can feel safe in closing with using some of them in this second edition.

Ephesians 6:12 "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Saints, when we talk about disarming the principalities it becomes imperative to know the demons, what type, their styles, and what they do before you can disarm them.

Therefore, you are in the beginning stages of understanding "Deliverance." Scriptures commands us to cast out demons. Matthew 10:7-8; Matthew 11:4-6; Mark 16:15-20. Beloved, the world will never be conquered for God from Satan unless DELIVERANCE is practiced worldwide. You cannot fight a spiritual battle with human weapons.

Saints, Carnal tools have no power whatsoever against the kingdom of darkness. Beloved, please realize that our human weapons have no power at all against Satan. Church services without the Spirit of God cannot transform sinners. Psychiatrists unless they are called spirit filled men and women of God are not able to bring deliverance and many times they hype them up with high powered drugs which dull their mind and senses. Our physical weapons have no effect in the spiritual realm or the kingdom of darkness.

Paul said the weapons he took to battle were "divinely powerful" (2 Corinthians 10:4) He was saying these were weapons that came from heaven are from God's personal arsenal. He certainly was not talking about gimmicks and novelties designed to make his message more marketable.

Clearly saints, what Paul had in mind was not weapons of human invention, but divinely ordained, spiritually powerful weapons. Beloved, the enemy is formidable, and gimmicks using human cleverness can't do what needs to be done.

Beloved, we need divinely powerful weapons "for pulling down strongholds" Beloved, the fortresses Paul was describing are corrupt belief systems, sinister philosophies, false doctrines, and evil worldviews.

Beloved, the fortresses we need to demolish are the bastions of lies wrong thoughts, wicked ideas, untrue opinions, immoral theories, and false religions. In such ideological citadels, sinful people try to hide and fortify themselves against God and against the gospel of Christ.

Beloved, spiritual warfare as Paul described it is ideological rather than mystical. Beloved, although our enemies are demonic, the warfare against them isn't fought with common tactics people usually refer to as "spiritual warfare." Despite what some teachers might tell you, we're not fighting demons in face-toface confrontations. The simple fact is that we can't wage spiritual warfare with magic phrases and secret words. We don't overpower demons merely by shouting at them. Beloved, let me state that life without warfare is impossible in the natural world as well as in the spiritual realm.

We need all-out spiritual warfare against Satan and his forces of evil. The statistics of the world shows that Satan is winning the war.

Sadly Saints, the rate of these un-strategized defenses only a small percentage of the world population will go through the gates of heaven. Estimates show only 2% of the world population and 25% of the Church population will make it.

Matthew 7:14"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beloved did you know that Satan is Heavens prosecutor and some demons living within a person cannot be removed if the person has opened a door and granting them a legal right to be there? Beloved, God is a just God, he will honor Satan's rights the same as he will ours. Beloved, Satan is not dumb but can be compared to a legalist knowing his rights before God before he sends demons into a person. Beloved, learn to think of Satan as a lawyer demanding his rights before God and learn to think of our Lord mediating on our behalf as our Savior and advocate, (lawyer) that is defending our rights before God. Beloved, if we take away their legal rights before God to be in a human body, then we can cast them out relatively easy.

The following are some general categories of demon's legal rights that we need to remove before we start attempting to cast them out and they are as follows: soul-ties, false religions, occult activities, cursed objects, sins of ancestors and curses. Saints, we need to do a review on ourselves especially if we start experiencing habits trying to form that we never had before. We may need to deal with any sin that has been committed that may have opened gates, doors, portals, or windows that would allow demons to come in <u>especially un-forgiveness</u>.

Saints, we say we want to see results and not just hear theories about what God will do in the future. Beloved, I have come to the conclusion that it is not what I was yesterday because yesterday has come and gone but what matters is what I am today. Saints, we need a daily fresh infilling of God's word and fresh revelation from his Spirit. Some people believe that demons may have come from a Pre-Academic Race but there is no scriptural reference(s) that can be found to prove this statement except in one place the scriptures speak of the world being turned upside down which did not happen in Noah's flood.

In another place the scriptures speak of Satan causing the world to turn against God and launch a revolt against his throne. Saints, the Chief of Staff, Satan, is in charge. The fallen angels are his officers and the demons are his foot soldiers. Beloved, there is only one Satan, one individual not omniscient, omnipresent or omnipotent like God.

Saints, don't become faint in heart because of the numbers, be not disheartened as if there is no hope because the word in 1 John 5:4 We overcome and celebrate the victory through our faith which consists of more than believing but is strengthened through our personal experiences with God.

Beloved, there is one important thing that we all need to think on and that is remembering God is faithful to watch over his word and he knows the end from the beginning. Beloved, remember that God has a plan and we should not allow the noise (trouble) on the outside to get on the inside for in the end, we win.

Beloved, the Holy Spirit comes to indwell and seal the Believer as God's earnest of redemption *Ephesians 1:13-14* and His abiding presence is guaranteed until the Believer is redeemed (in point of time) completely by being taken to be with the Lord. Whether it be through the door of death, or through the door in the sky (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

The Holy Spirit inhabits the body of the Believer in a peculiar and special way in these days since Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out in the assembled Believers. Praise the living God that every child of God (Joh 1:12) is accepted in the Beloved, Jesus (Ephesians 1:6) and blessed with the assurance of God's presence and blessing (Joh 10:28-30). The weapons of our warfare are intercession by prophetic proclamation (speaking by the Holy Spirit), not bringing a railing accusation but through proclamation that declares the establishment of the Kingdom of God and commands Satan to get behind (a place of defeat) the kingdom and to get under the feet of God's rule. As ambassadors for Christ, we must engage the enemy.

Beloved, we have been given power of attorney to disarm these principalities. We must fast with prayer and read the scriptures, know which should be applied through prophetic proclamation to these demons when we disarm them.

I will now conclude with this statement of truth "We overcome the devil through the blood of Jesus." (Psalms 107:2)

The blood of the Lamb God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin (1 John 1:7). Beloved, through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, just as-if I'd never sinned (Romans 5:9). Saints, through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God (Hebrew 13:12).

In closing, let us now walk in reverential fear realizing that our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, and cleansed, by the blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Beloved, please remember that our whole life span and purpose for being here was chosen and God downloaded it all into time events, people and places Our whole life span and purpose was chosen and God downloaded it all into time events, people and places we are supposed to meet and fulfill.

Romans 8:28 states that all things both good and bad work together for our good to the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 states that all things both good and bad work together for our good to the called according to his purpose.

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I have known Evangelist Jerry Hulse since around 1995. Jerry and I have been blessed to minister together many times and recently, I had him share as a guest minister at our ACT Jamboree in Illinois. I can tell you that Jerry is a man of God filled with the Holy Spirit and POWER! Jerry is a dear brother and we talk often, (Iron Sharpens Iron) to build one another up in the faith.

The importance of a devoted prayer life and knowing your authority in Christ cannot be overstated. As the Director of the Association of Christian Truckers, I approve of the postings concerning ACT in this book. I urge you to read prayerfully this book with an open mind and you will be blessed to receive what it takes to be all that you can be for the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely, **Pastor / Chaplain Mark Hewett** Dir. Assn. of Christian Truckers

Welcome to ACT



Prayer, ministry, and support for truckers is what the Association of Christian Truckers is all about. We have Chaplains on duty in Milton Pennsylvania and Members ACT Montgomery Alabama. of are encouraged to reach out to others as they travel throughout the Continental United States and Canada with the Good News of Jesus Christ! The Association of Christian Truckers is a restoration ministry that is in need of volunteers to come on board that share our vision. If you would like to be with a ministry that is reaching out to our trucking professionals get in contact with Pastor Mark Hewitt today.

Dear Lord Jesus, I come asking you a special favor and in my walk with you, I have come to the understanding that you are a high priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities.

I also have come to understand that you are a compassionate God and you know what it is like to have a mother.

In knowing that about you Lord, I am asking you to show mom this book and the letter I am writing from my heart.

Thank you Lord for caring and understanding and may you use this book to touch the hearts of mothers around the world!

A Special Letter to my Mom



"Beulah Jean Hulse"

There is no touch like that of a Mother!

Dear Mom, please understand that I really do not have words for what I would like to say except that I miss you so much especially every **M**other's **D**ay.

Mom, you were my life and I always knew that no matter where I might be driving that truck across the United States my mom was thinking and praying for me. Mom, I miss our times together when I would come in after months on the road such as taking you to dinner and waxing your car including cleaning up around your home. Mom, I miss you calling me to check on my wellbeing and asking what's my location and where am I headed with my load so you can turn the weather channel on and check the weather patterns along my route. Mom. I miss calling you on your birthday and singing to you acting all crazy just to hear you laugh your very special way.

Dearest Mother, I know I must face reality that you are in a better place those beautiful memories are in the past and can never happen again but mom I am getting older and I no longer live for this world and its pleasures but after your passing devoted my life to ministry and leaving a legacy for others. Dear mom, after your passing, God placed an Asian Girl in my life that helped me regain my focus.

Her name is Augustina and we call her Tin Tin. Mom she is not like all the others that used and abused me but has an unconditional love for me because she said the first time she looked into my eyes she saw her God. Mom, this special gift from God informed me that she is God's Princess and knows her place in Adam; not above or beneath him but beside him. Mom, I know you would love her and mom, the first year I met her, I bought her mom a cake in honor of you yes, for the whole family in the Philippines to enjoy but to my surprise, she had inscribed on the cake "from Tin Tin and Jerry" which made my cry tears of joy. Mom, we are into our fourth year together now and she has taken over overseeing the International ministry and doing a great job. Mom, she flew five times this last year representing our ministry including a special trip to be with Don Stewart in General Santos.

In closing, Mom, I know you loved the first edition of this book with your and dads photo on the front cover but now it is revised and it's all in honor of you and all precious mothers here and abroad. Dear Mom, I said I do not have the words to say in how I really feel deep down inside especially living in a world that has lost its way. Mom, I am just one of the lonely truckers missing his mother and the tears staining this computer could almost wash a car but I just want to close with a word of thanks for always being there for me and a part of you will always live in my heart until we meet on that day when God will open the Pearly Gates for me. Mom please know that I love and appreciate you for all you did for me.

Your loving Son

Jerry W. Hulse/Guardian Angel

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