



# THE ESSENCE OF LIFE

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# THE FOOTPRINT OF LIFE THE ESSENCE OF LIFE

*Happy Thanksgiving*



**Dr. Jerry W. Hulse & Augustina Hulse**

Augustina and I have worked hard to get this amazing book out by Thanksgiving 2021. May we bow our heads and thank the Living God both in our relationship with him and in our marriage for the day his darling Son became our dying Savior!

# THE FOOTAGE OF LIFE THE ESSENCE OF LIFE



This book is a rendition of Jerry's published book "THE THREE WHY'S" that can be found on Amazon and other leading outlets. This rendition copy has added content with colorful pages. We are doing a revision of this book in color print in-order to give the reader some colorful illustrations which are sure to bring attention to the unseen world that is all around us.

# THE FOOTSTEPS OF LIFE THE ESSENCE OF LIFE



I dedicate this work in thankfulness to the Father of my lord Jesus Christ, the Father of grace and mercy. Dear Lord, my humble prayer is that you use this work to stir up revival in the hearts of your people, that they may discover that you are the I am God, the God that is more than enough, the unchanging God and what You were yesterday, You are today, and will be tomorrow!

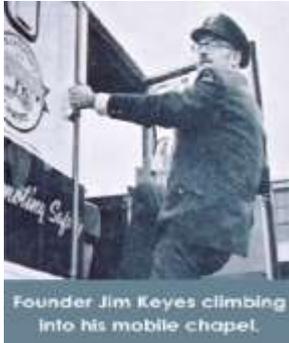
*Hebrews 13:8*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Father, I sincerely come before your throne and pray a special prayer asking that you 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 including 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 with a burning desire to become a difference and positive influence in people's lives. Lord, I am believing your Holy Spirit to enlighten those that take time out of their busy schedule to read this book seeking a closer walk with you and Lord, I ask that you give them a deeper understanding of the truths that are embedded in your word. Dear God, help us remember that we as your children make up your body on Earth and when one member suffers, we all suffer. Dear Lord, each morning as we begin our day, we need your daily bread, and we ask you to forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Dear Lord, please give us direction and guidance to be reminded of your tender mercy, love, grace, and supreme sacrifice in becoming our sin substitute that we may be free from the bonds of sin. Lord, help us to demonstrate to all that see us, that we are indeed the body of Christ on this Earth and Lord 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. Lord, as we journey through each day allotted unto us, may we be thankful and look around to observe your love in action through the hearts and minds of your people. Help us Lord, to recognize your divine appointments and act upon the opportunities to exercise your unconditional love to our families, our friends, and even those who are not so friendly. Lord, your word tells us that love begets love and if we sow love, we will reap love. Heavenly Father, help us to express our love in ways that will bring change that will enhance our relationships including our marriages and to show love to others not expecting anything in return. Lord, in our time of despair, please remind us that you will be there even in the time of trouble. Lord, help us realize that in the time of sorrow, your love will be there to cover and strengthen us in Jesus mighty name we ask. **A-MEN**

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I wish to give special thanks to the one minister who answered the call of God in 1951 after graduating from Bible College, to minister on the highways across our nation. I was blessed to have him pray over me in 1995. Since my first book written in the early 90's, I have honored the late **Chaplain Jim Keyes**; a man that persevered ten long years before he was blessed with his first convert. The ministries God birthed through him are as listed "**Transport for Christ**" and "**The Association of Christian Truckers.**" These two ministries have had many converts since their founding and remain an oasis that can be found in many truck-stops throughout our nation including the ACT Road Angel Truckers Center located in Brownstown, Illinois. May God continue to richly bless this work as we celebrate his legacy. **A.MEN.**



I want to leave a special honor and tribute to the late **Chaplains Joe and Kris Tackett** who left all to serve as ACT Chaplains under the ministry of Chaplain Jim Keys. In the early 80's, God had these two precious saints there for me at the ACT chapel in Carlisle, Pennsylvania when I needed some answers and looking for a reason to live. Please check out the ACT web site listed for you. <http://www.acti70.org>.



Let me give special recognition to the late **Chaplain Joe Hunter and his wife Janice Hunter**. Joe and Jan are the founders of Truck Stop Ministries which has chapels across the nation in many truck stops. For many years, these two have been very supportive of my ministry activities in the trucking industry to which I am most grateful.

Let me honor, **my personal mentors and prayer intercessors the late Pastor Hubert and Eula Meadows.** These two precious saints were instruments of God in helping me found Withered Hand Ministries, Inc. They brought their church that was in Virginia in under its charter as the second chartered church with Withered Hand Ministries. Throughout the 90's Pastor Meadows and I shared many successful revivals and radio programs together.



I want to recognize one of the original founders of Withered Hand Ministries, Inc. A big shout out to **Pastor Terry and Teresa Munsey** from Monticello, Kentucky. Terry is the

senior pastor of the New Covenant Fellowship in Monticello, Kentucky.

New Covenant Fellowship is a growing church and is listed on google maps. Pastor Terry is one of the original charter members and dedicated founders of Withered Hand Ministries, Inc. in 2004. This work of faith and study is dedicated to all that take time to read this book, especially those connected with the transportation industry and those that believed in me when at times I did not believe in myself. A big shout out to all that stood and remained faithful in helping me remain focused through my many trials.



I want to recognize the late **Dale Martin. Minister Dale and Viola Martin** were one of the first ordained with WHM in 2004 and Sister Viola Martin is still an active minister with us today.



I want to recognize **Apostle Don Stewart with Don Stewart Evangelistic Association.**

Apostle Don came up under the mentorship and ministry of the late **A. A. Allen.** Apostle Don loved and endorsed this book.

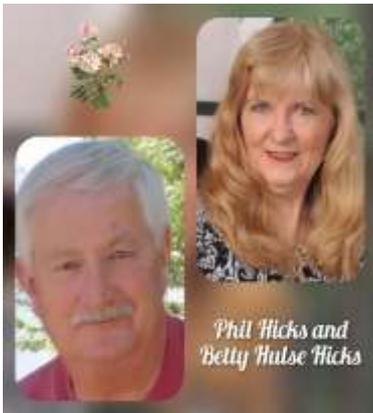
He also recognized me as being a part of his worldwide ministry.



I wish to recognize **Bishop Felipe “Ping” Alba** and his wife **Nida Alba** of Miracle Life Fellowship International including all that are related to Miracle Life Fellowship International and Apostle Don Stewart Ministries.



I want to recognize **Chief Apostle David A. Mungo** with Guiding Light Ministries out of North Carolina for giving me a word many years ago that helped steer me to where I am at today working in God's ministry. Apostle Mungo is a dear friend and mentor.



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A big shout out to my beautiful wife and ministry partner minister Augustina M. Hulse, a spirit filled woman of God. Minister Augustina M. Hulse now helps with our USA ministry and publishes all our books. Minister Augustina serves as the Co-Founder & President of our International ministry “Withered Hand Ministries Philippines, Inc.”

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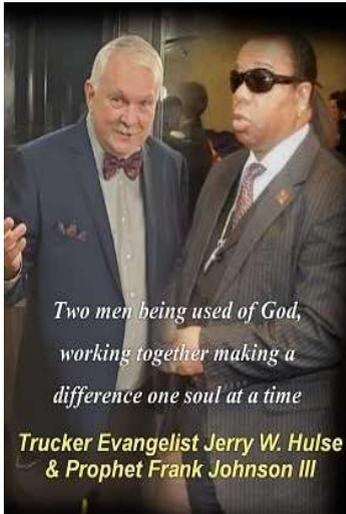


I want to recognize **Pastor Calvin B. Moore** and his lovely, **anointed wife Apostle Veronica Moore** at the Word of Fire Tabernacle Church in Los Angeles California. These two precious people of God

have been used of the Lord to touch many lives here and abroad. They are on face-book and are the founders of the Relentless Prayer and Conference Line Mon.-Friday 7:00pm PST.



I wish to recognize a longtime friend and Director of Evangelism with Withered Hand Ministries, **Pastor Joe, and Joan Vanover**. These two are chaplains to over 3,000 bikers and race car drivers.



I want to recognize a wonderful man of God **Prophet Frank Johnson III**, whom I recently met while conducting a revival in Ohio. We became friends and are ministering together on Rhema Gospel Express out of San Antonio,

Texas. Rhema Gospel Express is a member station that can be found on the United Gospel network. Later this year, Prophet Frank and I are making plans to do some revivals together. To listen to his Saturday program at 4pm Eastern and ours together on Sunday at 4pm Eastern, download the United Gospel Network app from play store. Open the app and scroll through the stations to Rhema Gospel Express.

Open that station and get your praise on!



I want to dedicate this book to **Pastor Robert and Becky Hale**, for their love, support, and encouragement. Brother Robert took three years interviewing the people and wrote the first book on my life and ministry titled (Ministering the Withered Hand in 1994.) Later, the book was rewritten by me and published as a novel titled (Mystery of the Withered Hand) then later (18 Wheels and Jesus.) These published books were used by God to touch and change lives all over the world including people of renown status. Pastor Robert Hale currently serves as the Treasurer with Withered Hand Ministries, Inc. Withered Hand maintains a website averaging one hundred visitors a week. Sister Becky Hale has a gift of prayer and has been a great support having witnessed many miracles through this end time life changing restoration ministry. [www.witheredhand.org](http://www.witheredhand.org).



I want to recognize a special young truck driver from Los Angeles, California **Evangelist Paul Bass**. This man has been faithful to my ministry and has a special hunger for God. He has ministered for us

on our call-in church conference line and the people loved him. Evangelist Paul Bass operates in a powerful anointing and loves the Lord with all his heart.



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I want to give special recognition to my longtime friend and **Minister Dr. Glen Moody**. Dr. Glen founded the Moody Book Store that is now named I Love Books and Teas

Bookstore located in the Fort Henry Mall in Kingsport, Tennessee. Dr. Glen has been carrying my inspirational books for several years to which I am most thankful. **Contact: 1+423-378-5859.**



I want to recognize **Pastor Sara Lee "Destiny" Johnson**, for believing in me as she represents Withered Hand Ministries, Inc., throughout the free

world. Pastor Destiny was mentored by the late Dr. Myles Munroe and made history as the first female speaker to minister in the African conference.



I want to give special recognition to **Storyteller Books** located on 524 Broadway Street in Thermopolis, Wyoming. The owner **Mrs. Ellen Reed** will make you feel welcome with some good

Jackrabbit Java coffee. Storyteller has an online store, also you can find my inspirational books here. **307-864-3272** [www.storytellerwyo.com](http://www.storytellerwyo.com)



I can't leave out my dear friends **Tony & Leila Malone** with Black Hat Missions. In the early 1990's, Tony wrote and recorded the song about me, and my

ministry titled "18 Wheels and Jesus." This recorded video by Tony Malone can be found on YouTube.



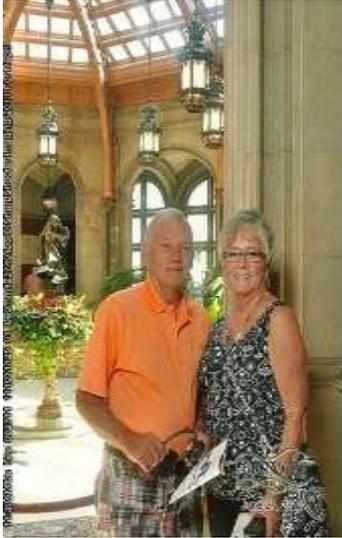
I want to give a shout out to my great friend, **Evangelist Mark, and Ginger Crouch.** Brother Mark worked twenty-six (26) years at Trinity Broadcasting Network in Greenwood & Richwood

Indiana. Brother Mark is a wonderful speaker, Poet, and Author of several books that can be found on Amazon. Brother Mark is a close friend and an active advisor with Withered Hand Ministries., Inc.



I dedicate this book to **Pastor Joseph Dunn** and family from Abingdon, Virginia. Brother Joseph is ordained with Withered Hand Ministries, Inc., and has been preaching since

his early teens. He Pastors the Rooty Branch Church in Bristol, Tennessee.



I wish to recognize my new **Pastors, Billy Ray & Patsy Courtney** of Rogersville, Tennessee. Pastor Billy Ray is the Senior Pastor of Faith Assembly Church located off highway 11w in Rogersville, Tennessee. Faith Assembly Church

can be found on google maps and is known to be a spiritual oasis that is being used of God to bring a spiritual awakening to Hawkins County and surrounding areas. Pastor Billy Ray has a reputation of being a Pastor's Pastor, a great encourager to the body of Christ, a spirit filled man that loves the Lord and knows how to lead God's people by example.

<https://www.facebook.com/rogersvillefaithassembly>



Blessing to **Minister Executive Director Sheldon Livesay** of One Accord Ministry. This life changing ministry is located in Rogersville Tennessee. I was blessed to meet Director Livesay in the 1990's and have known this man of God for many, many years.

Beloved, this man of God is a praying man, a man after God's own heart that lives what he preaches. Of One Accord Ministry is a restoration ministry that is reaching out with helping hands of love that is being used of God to make a difference in people's lives especially in the Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee. [www.ofoneaccordministry.org](http://www.ofoneaccordministry.org)



I want to recognize my close friend **Evangelist Jamal Seymour** from Boston, Massachusetts. Brother Jamal known as **AKA Godz Messenger**, is a close friend and gave me some stern Christian council when I was going through a severe

trial almost to the point of giving up my gift of writing inspirational books. Brother Jamal is the CEO and Founder with Fire Escape Music. He has been a guest several times on TBN and travels nationwide interviewing young people for Christian talent. Brother Seymour, we call messenger, hosts a radio show Sundays on KROV Radio in San Antonio, Texas. [www.godzmessenger.com](http://www.godzmessenger.com)



I want to recognize two great friends **Elder James & Elder Kay Lockhart** out of San Antonio, Texas. Elder James is a radio host at KROV HD2 FM 91.7 and member of All Nations TV in San Antonio, Texas. Brother Lockhart is also the Founder & President of Rhema Gospel Express operating with the United Gospel Network. Elders James and Kay Lockhart have a heart of gold. Augustina and I are blessed to have them as our friends.



I wish to honor my longtime friend and advisor **Minister Stephen and his lovely wife Doreen Gagne** from the State of Maine. Evangelist Stephen Gagne serves as the Public Relations Director with Withered Hand Ministries, Inc.

Stephen also maintains a live program called “This is your stage with Mr. Steve” every Saturday night at 9PM Eastern on the Call in Church conference line (563-999-1229) There is no pin needed to join the conference



I dedicate this book to my son, WHM **Minister Jimmy Smith** and his family. God healed Jimmy after suffering five strokes & being treated for over a year with ALS including weak bones in his feet. He just recently (June 2021), came through 5 surgeries from a flesh-eating bacterium which he got from a nearby lake and God through consecrated prayer healed him. It was devouring an inch an hour and caused him to lose most of his front abdominal area. Evangelist Jimmy has a book out on Amazon entitled, **“Is Your Life Wrapped in a Napkin?”**



I dedicate this book to my dear friends and TV personality **Robert and Laurie Smallwood** from Virginia. For several years, brother Bob gave me free programs on his radio stations and for several years has given my inspirational books out on his TV program “Picken Time with Bob” on Living Faith Television in Abingdon, Virginia.



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Prophetess Karen Jaguar is now actively recognized as the board liaison for Withered Hand Ministries, Inc.

I want to pay tribute and recognize the late **Raymond and Sadie Cook** of Rural Retreat, Virginia. Her late husband Raymond Cook was a former member of the Hells Angel motorcycle club and was one of my greatest fans. Raymond loved my ministry and was eyewitness to many manifestations of the power of God. His wife Sister Sadie was one of my loyal prayer intercessors with Withered Hand Ministries, Inc. Mrs. Sadie Cook and the late Mrs. Eula Meadows would often call me on the road informing me that they were praying for me. Let me tell you that Heaven got a little more real when I received the news that Mrs. Meadows and later Sadie Cook had gone on to be with the Lord. I was blessed to drive 100 miles to her home and spend some time with siter Sadie including singing for her as she held my hand. Sister Sadie went on to be with the Lord the next day and I tell you dear reader that Heaven got a little more real when I received the call that she had passed.



A big shout out to **Pastors Lee and Donna Stiltner with Trash Ministries**, which consists of motorcycle riders hungry for Jesus. I have been blessed through their ministry and learned a lot from their council and guidance. I will never forget the ordination service held in Blountville, Tennessee in 1994. Brother Hubert Meadows had traveled from Rural Retreat, Virginia and Pastors Lee and Donna Stiltner from Church Hill, Tennessee to ordain me into the gospel ministry. I will never forget the words of encouragement and adulations as Pastors Lee and Donna Stiltner addressed the church body of my achievements and worthiness to receive this high honor. Both broke into tears as they described the growth and anointing, they have witnessed in my life and ministry. Saints, this service helped give me the confidence to never give up even when having to stand alone with no one to stand with me.

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I also wish to recognize their son **Pastor Danny Walker and his beautiful wife Mrs. Karma Cook Walker**. Pastor Danny was birthed out of my ministry in the late 1990's. Senior Pastor of the **Abundant Life Fellowship in Mount Carmel, Tennessee**.

I also want to recognize his sisters Shelly and Jessica Lawson. Both were birthed out of that powerful move of God that touched the young people in Pastor Lee and Dee's Church called **The Church A Flame**. Sister Shelly and Sister Jessica's husband Jordan are the worship leaders in this end time spiritual awakening church. Sister Jessica leads the sign language worship for the services. *Like it was yesterday, I remember that meeting in the 1990's which took place at the Church of Flame in Church Hill, Tennessee.*

Beloved, on that special revival night, we were all in one mind and one accord praising God, when suddenly there was a portal opened and Heaven descended to touch Earth. Beloved, I had spent long hours with God while driving which I did a lot back then. I remember being led by the Lord to stand and pray a special prayer with my hands outstretched toward the young people and let me tell you beloved that God showed up. There were five young preachers birthed out of that prayer causing a hunger in the youth. They fell in love with Jesus and had a special service that week, gathering to start a bonfire in a secure place dedicating themselves to the service of God by burning all their worldly magazines, records, and books. Church, it is time to re-dig the wells of revival, especially in these trying days that are upon us. It is time to get down in the dirt and come clean with God in pure repentance for our self and for our Nation then we can see the cleansing fire of revival sweep through our land, but it first must begin with us.



I want to recognize my loyal friend, a Great Woman of God from Nashville, Tennessee, **Evangelist Dr. Anita L. Moore of Lion and King Ministry**. Dr. Moore has been with us for a long time and is now overseeing and managing the Call in

Church conference line ministry.

[www.thecallinchurch.com](http://www.thecallinchurch.com)

Augustina and I appreciate all the effort she has contributed to help others enrich their lives for the Kingdom of God. Dr. Moore has a profile that can be viewed on face book & social media.



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I want to recognize **Bishop Stephen and Dr. Sonia Villaester** including **Pastor Adrian & Aileah Villaester** of Illigan City, Philippines. Bishop Stephen is a friend and currently serves as the Vice President of our International Ministry. I also want to recognize all the ministers with our international ministry such as **Pastor Luther Allen & Marily Villaester** of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines and **Pastor Prudencio & Virgie Diosmano** of Dipolog City, Philippines.  
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## PREFACE

Beloved, the Greek scholar Socrates once said that "**the unconsidered life is not worth living.**" What he meant by this was that a life lived without forethought or principle was a life vulnerable to chance and the influence including the choices of others, having little value to the person living it. Some translations state that to "*live and let live*" means that people should accept the way other people live and behave, especially if they do things in a different way.

Some scholars speak of The Essence of Life as being able to fulfill your purpose in life but dear saints, after years of braving the storms of life, I have found that the real essence of life can be found in Christ.

Beloved, in *Romans 6:23*, the Apostle Paul proclaimed **Christ as being The Essence of Life**, saying, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal **life** through Jesus **Christ** our Lord.

We find in John 17 the prayer of Jesus, *“Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”* Beloved, this book will open our eyes to the life God desires to for us which can only be found in Christ. Dear reader, we find in John the first chapter that everything that exists both seen, and unseen does so because it has a divine purpose. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.<sup>4</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” Beloved, these words can be found in Hebrews the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, *“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

Dear reader, Paul wrote in *Philippians 3:7-9*, “but what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is *but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.*”

Dear reader I can be safe in saying that all my years of prayer, study, and experience with God has brought me to a place of worship and I believe this book will provide answers to not only why we were blessed to experience life on this planet but give us a deep revelation of the one who predestined and planned our life to fulfill and accomplish his divine purpose. In this study we will discover that we are spirit beings being blessed to experience life in human bodies that we might come to know what it is like to love and be loved, to hold and be held also to experience for ourselves just how dangerous sin is especially when left unchecked.

# FOREWORD

**By: Arleen A. Fuller, Ph.D.**

*(Goodwill Ambassador, Humanitarian, Master Life Coach, Reporter, Entrepreneur, Radio/TV Network)*

What is the meaning of life? Who or where does it stem from? Since the “**Genesis**” of time, these are the questions that have been posed by many scholars. In man’s feeble attempts to gain enlightenment, there have been numerous theories and hypotheses to explain the purpose of mankind and the meaning of life.

It is paramount that we trace life’s existence to the **Source** of **ALL** creation. Man must settle his vain philosophies that he came into existence from some explosion called the Big Bang Theory or that he evolved from the genealogy of apes into an upright being. Man has pierced himself through with many sorrows in his quest to answer life’s equation only to outsmart himself. Man has become his own arch nemesis as he has destroyed countless families, civilizations, and ethnicities to exact his superiority to become right in his own eyes.

In his futile attempt to become wise, man has not only become foolish, but a fool! The delusion of supremacy to exact his dominance over others has been so ingrained in the psyche of man that his folly has become sheer madness. During the course of history, man has so reduced himself to such an evil nature, that he provoked the *Source* of all existence into repentance for fashioning a creation with such continual wicked imaginations.

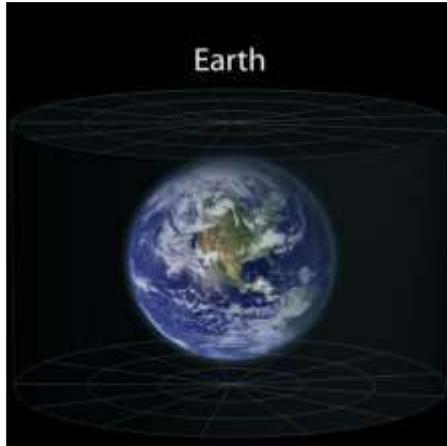
Despite his vanities, man can *STILL* find redemption in his journey to find the meaning of life and to live out the true meaning of its creed that all men are created equal. If man would only humble himself and rid himself of the abhorrent nature of his pride, he can reconnect to the ultimate power *Source* to where the origin of life has always existed. Without a connection to the *Source* of life, it is just an “*Imitation of Life!*” In exploring this masterful work, “*The Essence of Life,*” the reader will come to grips with his vanity and folly to understand that he only plays a cameo appearance in his role to live out his restricted vapor of existence.

Join us in our expedition together as we follow the yellow brick road to find and accept our purpose in *“The Essence of Life.”* As we delve into exploring our purpose and the meaning of life in this revolutionary work, you will find that we are ***STRONGER TOGETHER!***

In closing, let us hear the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing whether good or evil. **THE END!**

## Chapter 1

### WHY AM I HERE?



Dear reader, you are not a mistake but were created to fulfill and accomplish something significant and make a difference in your generation. Out of all the thousands of sperm that was released, God allowed you to make it and become a person. You were allowed to experience life because you have a divine purpose for being on this planet. You were created to accomplish something special that no other person on Earth can accomplish, that God may leave His signature through your life.

Beloved, God placed the plans for our life within us when we were born and that is why we are to delight our-self in him that he may bring these hidden desires into a reality. Dear reader, did you know that every person born on this planet was created to stand out as a unique person. People may be from a different culture or nation, but they have a divine purpose. Beloved, did you know that they could be a dictator ruling with an iron fist, but they have a divine purpose.

Dear reader, they may be a murderer, a rapist or may even be mixed up in their gender but they have a divine purpose for being here and if we view them as to who they are or what they have done then we have failed to see how God sees them and we may have been the very one that God would use to help them discover their purpose. Beloved did you know that everyone that I have been blessed to meet including many in the street gangs has a deep craving desire down inside to know and feel that they are respected and accepted for who they are.

Dear reader, being one myself that was not understood or accepted most of my life caused me to become bitter and suspicious of other people, but dear ones, all that changed when I discovered that I was not a mistake, and I am loved with an unconditional love by my creator who had a divine purpose for my life before I was ever born. Listen, out of all the hundreds of sperm swimming to enter the egg in my mother's womb, God allowed me to make it and become a person with a chosen destiny. Beloved, I was a chosen target of the devil before birth who must have known God's plan for my life because in my sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) month in my mother's womb, my mother was in an accident and fell out of a pickup truck. My father was asked which one the doctors would try and save to which my father could not make that decision.

The doctors decided to take me early by caesarean C-section birth and place me in an incubator. I was told later in life that one of my hands was withered at birth. I did not learn this till after I founded "**Withered Hand Ministries, Inc**".

Dear reader, medical science has proved that no one has your fingerprints, nor do they have your DNA which means that You are special and were created to stand out, not blend in. Beloved did you know that our God knows every piece of matter that is in the universe, and everything seen, and unseen has a purpose for its existence.

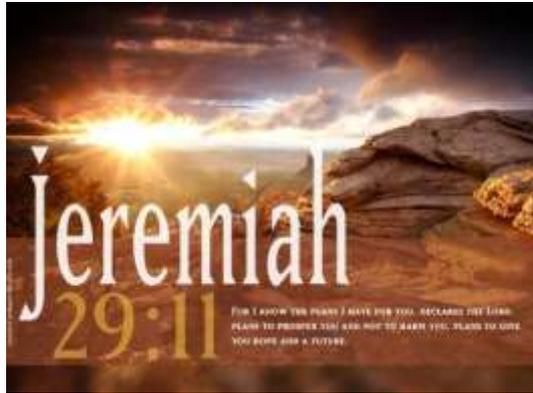
Yes, the living God has carefully taken time to plan each part of our life in advance which I call our moment of time that we will live on this planet. In eternity past, God worked out the course that our life would take, and He knows everything that will happen to us in this life span.

Beloved, we were created to accomplish something special that no other person on Earth can accomplish, that God may leave His signature in our life. God placed the plans for our life within us when we were born and that is why we are to delight our self in Him that He may bring these hidden desires into a reality.

Beloved, every person born on this planet was created to stand out as a unique person, but some just want to go along with the crowd and just blend in. Dear reader, *you are special* and were created to stand out, not blend in. Beloved let me share again that our God knows every piece of matter that is in the universe, and everything seen, and unseen has a purpose for its existence.

## Chapter 2

### WHY ME?



Beloved, in the beginning; the Living God carefully looked down through the ages of time and yes, through every generation that would be born and planned every intricate detail of every life that would live on earth. God had a desire to recover as many as possible from Satan’s rebellion. Dear reader, have you ever asked yourself, *“Why me and why do ministers tell me that I am special when everyone else treats me like dirt?”* Beloved, you are special, and I am going to jump ahead of another book soon to come out and give you some deep revelation that will answer a lot of you questions.

Beloved, Satan did not challenge God on his power and the word speaks of Satan being an Arch Angel (which means one of the first created) that was a worship leader in Heaven. In the beginning the word states that he guarded the throne of God. Now dear reader, how can he guard someone that is omnipresent (everywhere at the same time) and all powerful?

Dear reader, I believe I have the answer to that awesome question. The word teaches through several writers that the Holy Angels are learning our God through the way he deals with man his greatest creation which is man. Just like in the word when Queen Ester came into the Kings court unannounced, she was taking a chance on her life because the penalty for doing so would cause the temple guards to execute anyone approaching the king uninvited. The only thing that could have saved her was for the King to stretch forth his scepter and invite her in. Beloved, I believe in my experiences with God and reading about the testimonies of others that there is always an energy field around God, and it is always moving.

My conclusion is on this wise, if an Angel from whatever planet before the fall were to approach the throne of the Eternal, Holy and all-powerful God uninvited and unannounced do you not think that he could get into some serious trouble because God's Holy Unblemished Character commands respect and we find this when Moses was told to sanctify the people for the visitation of God at Mt. Sinai.

Dear Reader, Satan challenged God in front of all creation as being one that is unjust because he would not exalt him to be like him. He must have been very convincing for he caused a third of the Holy Angels to follow him in his revolt against God.

Beloved, nothing takes God by surprise, and He had a brilliant plan to rescue as many as possible from Satan's camp and gather together unto Himself a people that He would call His family. God had a plan that would show all creation His justice and still retain his Holy nature. This is where we came in as his greatest creation to fulfill his wonderful plan.

God in his divine counsel is going to bring this planet out of its unfinished state and make it suitable to sustain the greatest creation of all which is man made in His likeness and image or you might be safe in saying, *“a mirror image of himself.”* Beloved, in the secret of the Godhead, (divine council not the trinity) the decision was made to make this planet suitable to sustain life and God through his word, spoke everything seen and unseen into existence. God called everything created good, but He got down personal with Adam as he formed him from the dust of the Earth. Beloved, notice that after creating man he not only called his greatest creation man mirrored in his image and likeness good but declared that he loved man.

Dear reader did you know that God placed in Adam a glue-like substance called **“LAMININ”** that would hold his cells together and beloved, it was shaped in the form of a cross, the very tool that God would one day use to pay the price for the sin of all mankind.

Yes, beloved God in his intricate wisdom was placing in man a physical reminder that was holding him together of the day when he would allow the other Adam (Jesus) to hang between the Heaven and the Earth on that old rugged Roman Cross bearing the weight and sin for all mankind. May I remind you that God is the one that set the death penalty as the price for sin, not Satan and can we stop right here and sing **“Oh What a Savior”**.

Beloved, God spoke everything into existence but with this creation, the awesome God is going to get down personal and make him from the dust of the Earth. Beloved here is the answer to most of our questions. God placed a cell like structure in this first Man he called Adam which is like a glue-like substance holding him together.

### **How are you and I special?**

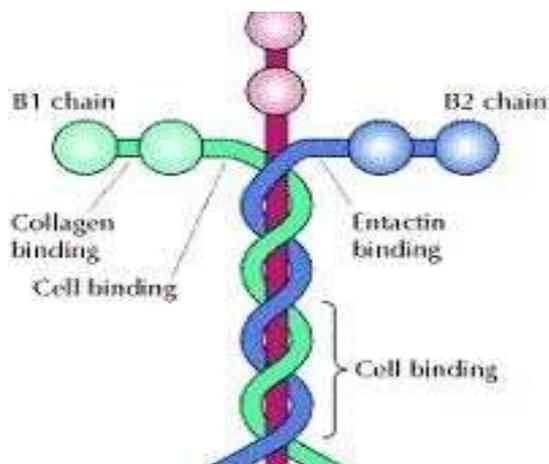
Beloved, we are special in we have this structure called **“LAMININ’** inside us and it is shaped in the form of a cross.

Yes, dear ones, while Adam was enjoying his evening walks with his wonderful friend and creator, God was looking at the cross; the very means he one day on a Galilean hill side called Calvary would become man's savior. I took the liberty to place this picture of what is holding our body together and it should help you realize that we are his greatest creation and through his work of redeeming love and regeneration in us makes us special because the other heavenly beings are learning him through his working with and through mortal man.

Beloved, God loved us enough to send His Son to bear the reproach and shame of our earthly image and pay the penalty of a cruel death on a Roman cross that one glorious day we can bear his heavenly image when we awake to die no more.

**How special are you?**

**Below is a picture of Laminin which holds us together!**



Dear reader, just think about this as we continue (Adam fell into the trap of Satan and sold us out in the garden but we have hope because Jesus overcame Satan and won us back in the garden. We find in the seventeenth chapter of John, the prayer of Jesus before the crucifixion praying until his sweat became as great drops of blood. Here, Jesus was reminding God of his great sacrifice and his plan to make a way to redeem mankind from the fall of Adam.

In this prayer, Jesus was praying that God would receive us in the same way he receives him just like Paul sent a letter to the master of the runaway slave informing him of his conversion to Christ and asking him to not receive the slave as the man he was but receive him like he would receive him (Paul) because he too had been converted under Paul's ministry.

Beloved, this prayer of intercession can be found in the **17<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel**, and this is what Jesus did in the garden suffering in great agony as he was birthing the church because the scriptures state in many places that Christ was slain before the foundation of the world and that means beloved, that before the creation and fall of Adam, Jesus was already slain in the mind and plan of God.

Beloved, God is the one that set the penalty of death for breaking his law not the fallen angel Satan. God took 4000 years to get this planet ready for his Son (JESUS) to come and fulfill his wonderful plan of redemption and save his greatest creation by becoming man's savior.

Dear reader, I will cover more on this later which will open our eyes to the awesome plan and love beyond anything we can imagine that planned our life to fulfill his plan and divine purpose. Beloved, please excuse me but right now I feel his divine guidance as I write to you of His unconditional love for you, yes, you.

Beloved, look at the war waged against God's throne and look at His brilliant plan to give Adam free will knowing he would succumb to the advances of Satan. Look at him as he walks with God in his perfect state in the garden and the whole time God is looking at the cross which would remind him of what it would take to redeem this fallen creation from sure destruction because without thinking it through, Adam had forfeited all his rights as ruler of this planet to Satan in his breaking God's one law in the garden and it was to eat of the forbidden fruit. Beloved one of Satan's names is called the tempter yes, the one we have today disguised as an angel of light is attempting to convince us like he did Adam and Eve that God is holding back on us and does not want us to be like him is the master tempter.

Beloved, as we study the scriptures, we will find that God does desire for us to be like Him and has sent His spirit of regeneration in our heart to conform us to the image of His Dear Son. The first man Adam lost the victory by giving into the temptation when offered the forbidden fruit by Eve who had already broken the law of God when being beguiled by the serpent which had allowed Lucifer to use its body to tempt Eve.

Beloved, this did not take God by surprise because he who foreknows all things now can begin his plan to redeem his greatest creation and provide for himself a family that will call him Father and Savior. *Genesis 3:15 (KJV)*<sup>15</sup> “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel”. Beloved, God is the supreme **Judge of the Universe**, and His plan would be like a judge sitting on a bench ruling with the authority granted Him and everyone that would be brought before Him if found guilty would receive as punishment the full extent the law would allow.

One day his own mother was brought before him, and she was caught in the very act with the goods in her hands. Dear reader, the judge had no choice but to sentence her to the full extent of the law but wait, something happens that disrupts the entire court. Dear reader, look as the gavel falls, this stern judge laden with tears, starts removing his royal robe that represents justice and places his hands out to the bailiff stating there is nothing in the law that forbids me from serving mom's sentence. This beloved is a small illustration to what our Holy supreme judge of all the universe did for you and me, yes fallen man and that dear one is **"why you are special to Him"** because **your life was planned from the end to the beginning in others words he foreknew you before he allowed you to be born and become a person just as the word declares in several places "Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world."** Dear reader, 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.

## Chapter 3

### WHY DOES MY LIFE MATTER?



Dear reader, did you know that the scriptures teach that God foreknew who would choose his plan and he also knew that the majority would reject it and be lost forever. \_Beloved, we were predestined to become his sons and daughters at the cross. He approaches us with the preaching of the cross which encourages us to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our accepting Jesus is the first step in his plan that was predestined for us before the foundation of the world.

God demonstrated a desire to save people by his Love, his Grace, and his workmanship in our doing good works to glorify his name in the Earth. Beloved, we must understand that God's divine plan for us is in the Spirit and his Holy Spirit is in us enforcing this plan as Spiritual law. Beloved, God's wonderful Holy Spirit is the enforcer of Spiritual law. He will take charge and control of the circumstances that surround us and cause natural law to be for or against us. He is called the Spirit of wisdom and we need his classroom. Beloved, His great reservoir of wisdom and council resides within our spirit just waiting to be released. Beloved, we may read God's word, but we will not find a book with our name on it however our purpose and calling can be revealed through the personal inward work of the Blessed Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit knows our purpose and calling for he was in the Father's presence when our life was planned. Dear reader, Jesus fulfilled more than enough scripture that is required to be called an impostor.

Beloved, 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. Beloved, the law was set aside with all its ordinances and sacrifices which put man's sins forward for another year that could never pay the sin debt passed on us through the rebellion of Adam. 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.

Beloved, the wrath of God was satisfied when his Son hung and died on that lonely Roman cross. The other Adam had to be tried, convicted, and executed as a common criminal hanging between the Heaven and the Earth on a cruel Roman cross thus taking man's sins past, present and future upon Himself.

Beloved, God sacrificed His Son that He might have many sons adopted into his family. We are adopted into his royal family by faith when we become sorry for our sins and accept his free pardon offered by God. Beloved, Jesus died in our place as the scriptures declare that “he that knew no sin was made sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 Beloved, accepting his supreme sacrifice brings us into a new covenant with God which is the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Beloved, when we accept (Jesus) dying in our place and becoming our sin substitute, we give up all rights to our life and make Him our Lord and Savior. 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.

1. Realize that God knows us, and we are important to him.
2. Realize that life matters because God loves us.

Dear reader, there is no room for depression and loneliness if we understand that God loved us enough to send His Son to die in our place that we through faith might become the sons of God and be adopted into his royal family becoming an heir with God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

Dear reader, don't you think it is time to enjoy life and come to a life of holiness walking in the light of God's word. Beloved, we as his children need to speak His word out loud into the atmosphere that His promises and benefits are working in us. Beloved, God watches over His word to fulfill it and 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 those incarcerated and serving their sentence for crimes against society including the mother that has a son incarcerated facing certain death without a miracle of mercy from a higher court. Beloved, most importantly, God 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. The Sin of mankind 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 has no sin. We are declared righteous through the blood of Jesus. Beloved, it is time we start living as one that knows God from the free pardon of sin and put the devil where he belongs and that is under our feet.

Beloved again let me say that 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.

It is time to come to God and come out of irons. What is the source of strength and stability in your life? Dear friend, if your trust is in anything but the Lord, then you are walking on unsteady ground.

1. We find in God's word that the Lord never changes.

2. The LORD is the Everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the Earth.
3. He will not grow tired or weary, and His ways are higher than ours.
4. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

*Isaiah 40:31* “But those who wait (hope) in the LORD will renew (exchange) their strength for his. 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”. Dear reader, youths may grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall but now that you feel special and your life has some meaning, do you not think God placed others in your life for a reason? We do not need a physic or horoscope to predict our future, because all we need do is delight in ourselves in the Lord and look at what lies within. Our future is not ahead of us as some would think but it was placed within us at birth by a loving creator that will never leave us but go with us all the way to the end of the world.

## **What If My Life is a Mess and My Plan Failed?**

My, my, my, can I even begin to write on this because from a teen till a grown man I have failed miserably but you know what dear reader; while on my way to minister to some drivers at our Association of Christian Truckers Road Angel Truckers Center located off Interstate 70 exit 68 in Brownstown, Illinois, I had a visitation from the Lord. He spoke in my spirit that he was pleased with me and even through all my life even in the times I was messing up, he was pleased with me because he saw my heart. Beloved, I have discovered through my journey that in order for God to use us fully to be a witness to others, things may come our way that will cause us to question like Job why I was even born and maybe it would be better if I was never born. (Have you been there?). Beloved, I also discovered that on some occasions God will allow severe trials and obstacles to come against us especially those chosen for large ministries.

Beloved, the essence of life proves that God will allow circumstances, peoples and things to come into our life for three reasons.

1. To educate us
2. To teach us
3. To elevate us to the next level

Beloved, sometimes God will allow things to come our way that will take us apart and break our will that we can be put back together to operate in his will especially those chosen for special ministries. We can illustrate this process which does not happen overnight to a crew hired to refurbish a house. Someone driving by every day on their way to work may get the impression that the homeowner hired a wrecking crew instead of someone to restore and refurbish their home. Beloved did you not know that before anything can be restored it must be inspected inside and out. The old must be removed to make sure the foundation and joists that hold the house together are in good shape then the outside appearance can be completed to bring beauty, security, and comfort to the homeowner. (Are you that person?).

Beloved, the book of John chapter four speaks of a Samaritan woman that met Jesus at the well. Do you remember that story? That woman that had to come to the well in the heat of the day made it in God's book. Do you remember after meeting the Lord that she ran and told her story which knowing her past failed marriages caused a whole city to come see the Lord for themselves?

Beloved, this Samaritan woman like some of us in this story had a rough start in life but in the end, she was able to make it into God's book as one who was able to evangelize a whole city. Beloved, the woman was looked down on as being an unfaithful woman but God had a plan for her life because the scriptures declare that although the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans, the needs of Jesus brought him through Samaria to set on that well. The Jewish rabbis of that day would usually tolerate up to three divorces, however this woman has been married five times and was presently living with a man. Beloved, what made this woman stand out was her failed past and no doubt she knew women would be gossiping behind her back? (*Is This You?*).

This Samaritan woman had a slow start in life but made she it into God's Hall of fame. She like some of us no doubt grew up having dreams of someday becoming a happily married wife with a wonderful family and may have even had a hope chest preparing for that day which she would show to her friends. The Lord made the statements in John chapter four that his needs brought him to this woman in Samaria. The people in Samaria were of mixed races of people and the Jews were to have no dealings with them. The Samaritan woman may have had great plans for her life only to see them vanish right before her very eyes. She has said "I Do" to five husbands only to watch her marriages fall apart. **(Is this You?)**. Notice dear reader, because of her past, she is no longer a respected woman in her community. She is dealing with low self-esteem and cannot come to the well in the cool of the day like the other women because now she is living with a man that is not her husband. Beloved, she is a broken vessel who had some knowledge of the coming Messiah and temple worship.

Notice that Christ asked the woman to receive Him and his Gift without any prerequisite change in her life. **(God wants us as we are)**. Dear reader, after talking with the Lord about her situation, she was persuaded and believed that he was the promised messiah, her way of living would be changed forever. (This can be You).

Beloved, I, like many others before me can reflect on my life and find ways to identify with this woman including her failures; however, I have decided that someone's opinion of me does not have to become my reality and they will not be the one that will sign my report card. Beloved, thank God that I am no longer the man I was because my nature has been changed and I have been forgiven. (He Loves Me).

***Prov. 19:21 “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”***

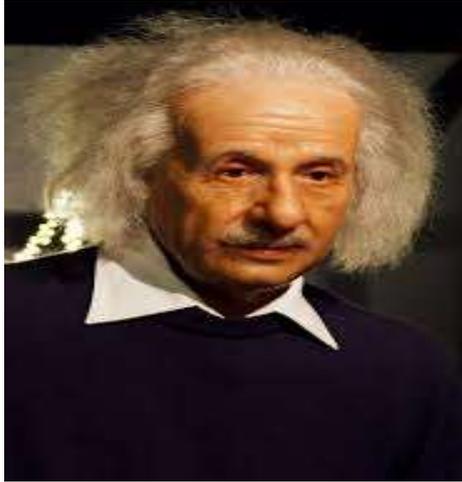
***Psalms 37:4 “Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of Thine Heart.”***

*Psalms 19:14 “Let the words of my mouth,  
and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable  
in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my  
redeemer.”*

*Psalms 37:23 “The steps of a good man are  
ordered by the LORD: and he delights in his  
way.”*

## Chapter 4

### Great Minds Are Developed



This book is about the essence of life and let's begin this chapter by imagining ourselves as an infant looking into our mother's eyes and observing her smile filled with while she holds us gently in her arms as though she is holding a priceless treasure for the first time. Dear reader, can you imagine the thoughts going through her mind as she wonders what kind of person her child would grow up to become?

Beloved, as we grow older and interact with others, we step into an innate position of observing and doing what others around us are doing (Culture). Beloved, as we grow older, we are constantly developing and learning to become individuals. Dear reader, as we grow older, we begin seeking role models to imitate and as we mature, we soon replace them with new ones. Upon completion of our educational tenure (school and/or college), there sometimes develops a desire deep within to start planning for a family.

Beloved, we start planning by obtaining a good job and begin making provisions to provide for the family. There may be others that develop a desire to learn more about the world around them, such persons include the late Albert Einstein. He was known as a professor who compelled others to think outside the box as he introduced them to the unexplained vastness of life itself. He had a unique mind for mathematics such as geometry and algebra.

It is said that he was a troubled student because he suffered with a speech impairment when in reality it was discovered that he was a dreamer and explorer. Einstein would solve a problem while sleeping on it. He would notice things that others would overlook and wonder about. Like many other important men in history who made an impact on our culture, *Einstein desired a secure world with good morals and harmony.* Beloved, did you know that Einstein was fascinated with light and had a wild imagination of what it would be like to travel upon one of its beams and explore an unknown universe. Albert Einstein was a talented great scientist and, had the world as his student. Our own government looked to him for advice and knowledge. Beloved, there were other great men like Einstein that were known to be great thinkers. The Greek scholar Socrates was known to be a great thinker and is given credit for teaching the well-known scholar Plato. Plato was known to be a great thinker having the mind of a genius. Plato like others desired a safe world practicing good morals with peace and harmony.

Beloved, it is said that Plato taught Aristotle who then tutored Alexander the Great. Beloved, even today, world leaders and executives of large corporations use Plato's teachings on being open to new ideas and be prepared to upgrade with a changing world while keeping their productive platform as the role for their success. Beloved, Thomas Jefferson the third President of the United States can credit his quest for knowledge to his studies of Plato and other known great minds. We see some of Plato's teachings unveiled as we read Jefferson's famous words in the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence has a clause written by Jefferson that reads; "We hold all truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these is life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Plato was a great thinker who believed and pursued his love of Wisdom and Knowledge. He believed in the people's rights to be free and able to think for themselves.

Dear reader, Plato was against tyranny and cared deeply for good moral character and justice in those who would be in leadership. He believed in good education and stability for the populace at large thus building a better society. Beloved, this gives us a glimpse of the scene and setting the Apostle Paul found himself in when invited to speak at Athens as recorded in *Acts 17:16*.

Here at Athens, Paul found himself in a city full of idols and the philosophers of that day lived to hear and learn of new ideas and ways of thinking. Beloved, here at Mars Hill, Paul preached an unusual sermon that greatly contrasted and challenged their belief in new age thinking. Like Plato and some of the thinkers mentioned above, these men believed their goal in life was to escape the limitations of physical life. Beloved, the city of Athens was a well-known learning center of that day that produced great minds who were free thinkers. Paul's companions had left him to be alone with these philosophers as he was there to await the arrival of Timothy and Silas.

Paul's message was clear as he preached to these great thinkers about the way to the unknown God. Beloved as Paul spoke concerning the resurrection, most of the city rejected his teachings however he met no physical resistance and was not forced to leave the city. The leaders in Athens had no regard or care for whom or what one worshiped because they believed everyone is entitled to do their own thing. Beloved, looking at the moral decay of our society today that has lost its vision where anything goes with no restraints ought to give us a wake-up call that the end is near. I am talking about a laxed society with leaders in government who wink at sexual sins and allow the production of such songs as ***“If loving you is wrong. I don't want to be right”***. Dear reader, if you are disturbed about the moral decay of our society and its leaders, then you are thinking like some of the great genius minds the Apostle Paul encountered in Athens. Athens was the great learning center of that day that produced such minds as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

Beloved, all these great men desired a free moral and stable society, but they wanted one without a God or creator that after death would require them to stand and give an account of their lives?

Dear reader, this is called human wisdom which states that man *and* his achievements are his salvation or in other words, man is his own Savior. Beloved, the bible states *in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:19* “***For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.***” I will not name names, but did you not know that there have been well known TV celebrities making these same exact statements declaring man to be his own Savior?

Beloved, the world is looking for answers and most of God’s people are asleep in their pews, asleep in religious traditions and lethargy. Beloved, Paul preached his heart out at Athens, but there are no records to be found of a change in the people.

## Chapter 5

### A Look at Man and Other Religions



Dear reader, this book is about the essence of life and I feel led of the Lord to explore the subject of religion. Beloved, did you know that religion is responsible for more deaths than all the wars throughout history? Beloved, most religions claim to have a corner on the market and say they are the way to God. My question is, the way to what God? We never find where Mohammed claimed to be God. Muslims see him as the last and most perfect prophet.

The Muslims believe that the prophet Mohammed was a messenger of God which would place him following the line of Adam, Abraham, Moses, and yes, Jesus. Beloved, Buddha was not God, but a mere mortal man like Mohammed and both Mohammed and Buddha were known to be great thinkers. Like Plato, they sought after something new not shared by others around them. Both men claimed to have had visions that helped found their religions. Now, let's look at Joseph Smith who founded the Mormon Church. In the Journal of Discourses Volume 2 page 40, the statement is made that God was once a mortal man. Joseph Smith also taught that Lucifer and Jesus are spirit brothers who approached God with their plans of salvation and that there were many gods present which he called the Council of Gods. Lucifer wanted to make the people worship God, but the plan of Jesus was to show the people how to worship God. Lucifer's plan was rejected, and Jesus' plan was accepted. He also taught that Lucifer became Satan when he rebelled and was cast out of heaven with a third of the spirits.

The book of Mormon teaches that the spirits were the spirit children born to God the Father and his wives.

**(Doctrines of Salvation Volume 1, J.F. Smith page 61). (Articles of Faith by James Talmage page 430)**

Dear reader, this teaches that God was once man and as God is, one-day man can become like him having spirit children with a planet of their own.

**(Journal of Discourses-Volume 1 page 345 and Volume 2 page 210)**

The book above clearly teaches that Jesus had many wives; possibly being the two sisters of Lazarus and Mary Magdalene. The truth is that Joseph Smith taught that there is only one God and that he is unchanging, so the Mormon Church has shifted in their beliefs since Joseph Smith. It is also true that the Joseph Smith's family was deeply involved in the occult and in 1826, he was arrested for the occult practice called Glass Looking.

Dear reader, when he was killed, he was found carrying an occult talisman of Jupiter in his possession.

*(A Comprehensive History of the Church by B.H. Roberts Volume 1 pages 26 & 27).*

*(History of the Church by Joseph Smith Volume 4 pages 551 & 552).*

Beloved, Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were both Masons, which helps us to understand why Masonic symbols are on the walls of the Mormon temples. In fact, Joseph Smith jumped from a 1st degree Mason to a sublime degree Mason in one day.

Dear reader, I am in no way making a judgment of this way to God, but I believe the facts speak for themselves. This way to God is none other than modern day Baal worship with a mixture of Babylonian and Jewish religions. They claim Apostolic Authority just like the Vatican and even have 12 Apostles in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In the fall of 1838, during the Missouri Persecutions, Joseph's Smith's father became ill and despite that illness, managed to complete the forced exodus from Missouri to Nauvoo, Illinois, where he died on the 14th of September 1840 as a martyr for the cause. Beloved, Joseph, like his father for whom he was named, would also die as a martyr at the age of 38 on June the 27<sup>th</sup> in 1844, when he was assassinated in the Carthage Jail in Carthage, Illinois by an angry mob.

Beloved, free masonry with its secret handshakes and rituals asking to be brought to the light (Satan) through its pagan worship is also a mixture of these false religions. Beloved, their pagan God can be seen on their symbols. They mask themselves in their religion as Shriners by reaching out through their hospitals to help crippled children who need extensive care, but they are still involved in their pagan worship and secret handshakes. Let the facts speak loudly.

Beloved Albert Pike a leading mason was chosen to become the top Mason in America as Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Freemasonry and rewrote the 33-degree rituals still used up to this day. He authored *Morals and Dogma*, the authoritative book published by the Masonic Lodge, quoted often by the Lodge's leaders. In *Morals and Dogma*, the satanic nature of the Lodge is meticulously laid out. Pike asserts that the Lodge's rituals are based strictly on Judaism's occultic Kabbalah. He urges Masons to "seek after light" and touts Lucifer as the Angel of Light to be followed and obeyed by Freemasons everywhere.

## **Chapter 6**

### **The Mind of Man and The Mind of Christ**



Dear reader, this book is about the essence of life which can only be found in Christ. Did you know that most religions claim to be the way to God? Beloved, Jesus stands out above all religions in that he did not come to form a religion or claim to have had a vision, but to bridge the gap of fellowship with the Eternal God that was lost through Adam.

Dear reader, his virgin birth was prophesied and fulfilled as it was written and foretold in the Holy Scriptures hundreds of years before by his holy prophets as they were moved on by God's Spirit.

**(Isaiah 7:14)** *14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

**(Isaiah 9:6-7)** *6For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Micah 5:2) 2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

Yes, beloved, the facts are written in history that Jesus was born on this Earth, lived his life to about 33 and 1/3 years of age and was crucified at the hands of the Romans on an old rugged cross. Listen dear reader, God could not make another Adam with God's blood from the Earth that became under a curse but that is what the holiness of God demanded so that man would not be forever separated from his creator.

Dear reader, to be separated or isolated from our creator would be like a space craft leaving this planet and developing a malfunction in its guidance system which would cause it to be stranded in space unable to make its way back home to Earth resulting in the crew never seeing their families again. These men would be isolated in space until the oxygen level dropped too low to sustain their lives and they would die. The word in Romans 6: 23 says "the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Beloved, because of the fall of Adam, that was the verdict we received from a Holy God. Death both spiritually and physically was passed upon all. Romans 3:23 "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Beloved, because of Adam's sin in the garden, Sin was passed upon the entire human race, and we were cut off and isolated from a Holy God who hates sin and is perfect in all his ways. Beloved, in Adam, we could never have gotten back in fellowship with God, but God had a plan to rescue as many as possible from the rebellion caused by Satan for he would send a deliverer to redeem all mankind. Dear reader, this deliverer would be born of a virgin and have God's blood like Adam.

Beloved, did you know that it was the hope and prayer of young Jewish virgins to be the one chosen to bear the promised Messiah that would bear the sin debt for all mankind.

Beloved, Mohammed and other great men in history that were responsible for founding different religions had to get in line with Abraham and the prophets but beloved, the word of God teaches that Jesus existed as the word before the line was formed. The first book of John states that by him (Jesus, The Word) God made the worlds.

Dear reader, this book is about the essence of life and that life can be found in Jesus the exalted Son of the Living God. The word teaches that Jesus in the mind of God was slain before the foundation of the world.

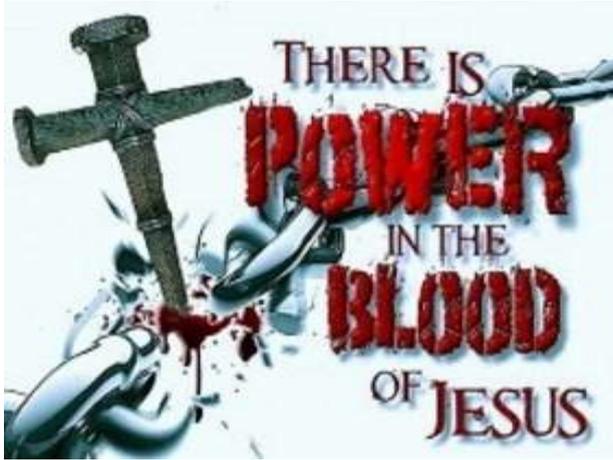
Beloved, Jesus did not come to form a religion but to teach us how to have a relationship with God. Dear reader, there are signs in Italy that says, "All roads lead to Rome". I am here to tell you that not all roads lead to heaven and all religions do not lead to God. The Holy bible states that Jesus is the way to God. Jesus is not a way but "The Way". Beloved, the way to heaven is paved by his precious blood, yes, it was spilled in seven different places as He became a curse for us.

Beloved, God had a plan to show his awesome holiness and justice to all creation with a master plan to redeem his greatest creation from the fall of Adam and make a way for fallen man to be redeemed and adopted into his royal family as sons and daughters of the most-high God. Beloved, in God's plan, the second Adam had to be arrested and tried as a common criminal. He also had to be convicted and executed as a criminal.

Beloved, Jesus willfully took our place as he that knew no sin was made sin for us that we might be the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:21. Beloved, Jesus made the way plain and it is up to us to either accept his pardon for our sin or reject it and be found guilty before an angry God who at death will require his blood on our heads. Beloved, let's face it, **there is no other religion that can take the guilt and stain of blood from a murderer's hands but Christianity.** The scriptures teach that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all unrighteousness. John 1:7 Beloved, This is not a religion like all the others but a way of life maintaining a relationship with a wonderful God who desires a family. When we accept Jesus as our savior, we are adopted into God's family as heirs. Jesus is the only name that God recognizes. **(Acts 4:12)** ***There is no other name under heaven whereby men can be saved.***

## Chapter 7

### WHY THE NEED FOR THE BLOOD?



Dear reader, I am attempting to write this book on the essence of life with an urgency to get the body of Christ to wake up and recognize the late hour we are living in where sin and moral decay is abounding with its dead being left in its wake throughout the whole world especially during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Dear reader, there have been some preachers in the past make statements that they have encountered great opposition with enemy spirits when they would attempt to bring a message on the blood. Beloved, did you not know that some of our bible versions today have omitted scriptures that mention the blood of Jesus from their translations. Beloved, God states in his word that Abel's blood that was slain in an act of jealousy by his wayward brother, cried out from the ground so that tells me that the blood has a voice and God says the land will pay for the shedding of innocent blood. Beloved, I remember one time, God had me minister on this subject and it was at a particular church that seemed to show no emotion during the times I had ministered there before. I informed the congregation that God wanted me to speak on the blood of Christ and related to them that other ministers had related of their struggles with the devil when they attempted to preach on this subject. I gracefully told them that I know what the blood is and what it has done for the greatest creation that God has created and that would be the human race.

I remember referring back to Moses going upon the mountain to die and Joshua coming forth as a chosen successor to lead God's people into the Promised Land. Dear reader, I became a little excited as the Lord had me use as an illustration and relate my message back to the refuge cities that can be found in *Exodus 21:14 and Joshua 20: 7-8*. These cities of refuge are types of being in Christ in whom sinners can find forgiveness and a refuge from the destroyer of our souls. Beloved, I am getting excited as I picture the enemy of our souls chasing me trying his best to slander my name because of past mistakes.

Dear reader, you might ask why the blood, well let me tell you as you read this, I believe you too will find some hope and realize it is not what I was yesterday, but it is what I am today. Beloved, the blood of Christ is a protector and divider that will not allow the enemy in to scare us with death or any of his schemes. Let me now begin to explain to you why the blood and what it means to have a refuge from sin and its punishment of death.

Beloved, it is Christ and his atoning blood that cleanses us that provides a refuge from the curse and condemnation of the law whose penalty is death. Dear reader, as we do this study, we will discover that only Christ can provide a safe refuge and it is to him we must run asking forgiveness for our sins and escape the wrath of God that shall come upon all the world in fiery judgement. Beloved, in order to understand the protecting power of the blood, we need to study how God instructed Joshua to prepare ten set aside cities which would serve as a place where one could flee in case of a wrongful death until they could get a fair trial or would be set free at the death of the high priest because the people of that day were known to be people that would act to revenge someone near to them if they had been wronged.

Beloved, these special cities were to be within two hours running distance and the roads were to be patrolled that they might remain open and accessible. I remember the Lord in my message have me illustrate a made-up scene with two men working in a field with one using an ax and without warning, the ax flew out of his hands striking his friend instantly killing him.

Beloved, although being innocent of his friend's death, the man had no choice but run to one of these cities of refuge. The man began running with all his strength because the relatives of his friend would not understand that it was an accident and would surely kill him in a vengeful rage. Beloved, look at him run, he is almost there but in the distance, he can hear the man's friends and family close on his heels. Watch beloved as he makes a last-minute leap into the protected boundary of the refuge city. The men in hot pursuit had no choice but to stop their advance. Beloved, here he is within distance of his pursuers, he is lying on the grass attempting to get his breath, but all they can do is make threats because they are not allowed to cross the line of the city of refuge. His life is spared because he is safe in this city of refuge until he can get a fair trial or the death of the high priest which would set him free.

Beloved, hear me and hear me well, because this is a good illustration of what the blood of Jesus has done for us his purchased possession. Like the security of the refuge city, the shed blood of God's Son Jesus is both a protecting and dividing barrier that the devil cannot cross.

Beloved let me state again that most religions claim to be the way to God, but Jesus did not come to start a new religion or claim to have had a vision, but he came into this world to bridge the gap of fellowship with the Eternal God that was lost through Adam. Beloved, the virgin birth of Jesus was prophesied as found in the Holy Scriptures.

See *Isaiah 7:14*,<sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

*Isaiah 9:6-7* <sup>6</sup>For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

***Micah 5:2.*** <sup>2</sup>But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Yes, dear reader, the facts are found in history that Jesus was born on this Earth, lived his life to about 33 and 1/3 years and was crucified at the hands of the Romans. Listen dear reader, God could not make another Adam from an Earth that became under a curse but that is what the holiness of God demanded, or man would be forever separated from his creator.

Beloved I know I expounded on this before, but we need to understand the fellowship that was broken through the fall of Adam was restored through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the promised messiah. Beloved, to be separated or isolated from our creator would be like a spacecraft leaving this planet and developing a malfunction in its guidance system which would cause it to be stranded in space unable to make its way back home to Earth.

The men inside would never see their families again. They would be isolated in space until their oxygen level dropped too low to sustain their life and then they would die.

***Romans 6:23*** states the wages of sin is death and that is what we got through the fall of Adam. When Adam sinned in the garden, sin was passed upon the whole human race, and we were cut off and isolated from a holy God who hates sin and is perfect in all his ways.

Beloved in Adam, we could never have regained fellowship with God, but before creation, our awesome all wise Eternal God had a brilliant plan to rescue as many as possible from the rebellion caused by Satan. Dear reader, In the fullness of time, God would send a deliverer for all mankind. He would be born of a virgin and have God's blood like Adam. Beloved, it was the hope and prayer of young Jewish virgins to be the one chosen to bear the promised Messiah that would bear the sin debt for all mankind.

Dear reader, again let me point out that such men as Mohammed and other great men that founded religions had to get in line with Abraham and the prophets but beloved, Jesus is eternal and existed as the word before the line was formed. The first book of John states that by him (Jesus the Word) God made the worlds. Beloved, I heard that there is a place in the Koran that speaks of Jesus speaking life into a bird. Jesus did not come to start a new religion but to bridge the sin gap and teach us how to have a relationship with God. Beloved, Jesus is not a way but the way. The way to heaven is paved by his precious blood. He became a curse for us bearing our earthly nature that one day we that have been redeemed can as sons and daughters of God bear his heavenly nature.

Beloved, Jesus willfully took our place when all sin was placed upon him at the cross of crucifixion. Let's face it; there is no other religion that can take the guilt and stain of blood from a murder's hands but Christianity which is not a religion but is based on a personal relationship with God.

The scriptures teach that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all unrighteousness. You might ask how his red blood is able to make us white as snow. Dear ones, there is a spiritual transformation that takes place in the heart of man when we accept God's free pardon and ask the Lord to become our personal savior and Lord. Yes, beloved through this spiritual transformation we ask him to come into our life and be our Lord giving him free course and free reign in our life and ministry.

Beloved, a good illustration of the cleansing power of the blood could be compared to applying soap and water to wash our body. By accepting his supreme sacrifice and daily reading his word, we apply the blood to enrich our soul. Beloved, one can work in a soap factory and even stand next to it, but it will not clean unless it is applied. We apply the blood in receiving his gift of salvation which is given freely without merit. Dear reader, God chose the foolishness of preaching to save them that will believe in his (Jesus) virgin birth, death, and resurrection. Dear reader, Jesus is the other Adam, and did you know that he was once one of us?

Beloved, the word states *in Isaiah 53:10 that*  
**“Thou shall make his soul an offering for sin.”**

Beloved this means Jesus the other Adam had a soul just like you and me. The word also states in God’s Holy word found in *2cd Corinthians 5:19* that “God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. Thoughts (Reconsolidating the debt into one) (Recolonizing)

Dear reader, Jesus not only had a soul but *Isaiah 53;10* states that his soul (Jesus) was made an offering for sin and verse 11 states that “thou shalt see the travail or anguish of his soul and be satisfied.

Beloved, the reward of his sufferings is to establish his church here on Earth that the redeemed family of God may enjoy fellowship with our father. The true church of God made up of believers in his finished work through Christ is not a religion like all the others but a way of life maintaining a relationship with a wonderful God who desires a family. Beloved, when we accept Jesus as our savior, we are adopted into God’s family as heirs. Jesus is the only name that God recognizes. (*Acts 4:12*). There is no other name under heaven whereby men can be saved.

Dear reader, the Bible takes sin very seriously, more so than perhaps any other religion. Sin alienates us from the presence of God. Sin is rooted in the heart of man. Beloved, Sin cannot be removed by any self-help program. Dear reader, no other religion has any viable help to offer for the removal of sin.

Beloved, I close with a well-documented fact that happened in Chicago which caused a stir among the many world religions that had their representatives there to prove their religion was the way to God. Beloved, during one session, Dr. Joseph Cook, of Boston, suddenly rose and said: ‘Gentlemen, I have sat and listened to each of you attempt to prove to us that your religion is the one that will get us to God and get his attention, but I beg to introduce to you a woman with a great sorrow. Bloodstains are on her hands, and nothing she has tried will remove them. The blood is that of murderer and she has been driven to desperation in her distress. The man of God continued to say, I believe if my mind does not deceive me that he was speaking of Lady Macbeth that was a required reading in school.

Gentlemen, is there anything in your religion that will remove her sin and give her peace as an unexpected silence fell upon the gathering?

**Not a single reply was heard.**

Raising his eyes heavenwards, Dr. Cook then cried out. ‘John, can you tell this woman how to get rid of her awful sin?’ The great preacher waited as if listening for a reply. Suddenly he cried, ‘Listen John speaks; *Chapter 1 verse 7 Quote KJV ‘The Blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.’* Beloved, not a soul broke the silence; the representatives of Eastern religions and Western cults sat dumb as they had nothing in their teachings that would provide the needed answer.

Beloved, Glory to the Lamb of God, now we know why the songs in our worship services bring such a ring of hope as the words have proclaimed the gospel and the plan of God for His Creation. “The Essence of Life”

*"What can wash away my sin? Nothing, but the Blood of Jesus"*

Beloved, the sin nature passed upon the human race that was inherited through the fall of Adam, demanded the blood shed at Calvary be offered for the remission of sins. Dear reader, in the face of human need, the Gospel of Jesus Christ alone could meet the need and I do not care what our past is like or what we have done even to the place of being confined in a prison, the devil cannot hold our past against us as to make us feel guilty because once we have accepted the blood of Christ as God's requirement for our sin, we are set free from the law of sin and death.

Romans the eight chapter says, ***‘For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death that we might become the righteousness (right standing with God) of God in Christ Jesus’***

Beloved, this peace with God will cause a person to be able to forgive someone who has violated them or their family such as a rapist or even a murderer for they now see the real picture and that is that people without a changed nature who have not dealt with the sin problem will act like and serve their master which is Satan.

In closing beloved let us bow our heads in worship and thank God for his wonderful plan that predestined our birth and life for his cause and purpose. Yes, thank God for the blood of Jesus which will protect us from evil, make our life count and keep the enemy from bringing his facts against us.

Beloved, the world has the peace of God but we that are saved have peace with Him because we have been cleansed by the blood of God's precious lamb. Yes, dear reader, the fellowship we lost through Adam can now be restored by accepting the sacrifice of Jesus as God's final payment for our sin. Beloved, now that we have gleaned from this study and discovered that our birth on Earth was not an accident but predestined for His divine purpose, let us fall before Him in reverence and ask Him to forgive our sins and transgressions.

Let us pray, dear Lord, we believe you sent Jesus to pay the sin debt and die in our place. We believe He died and rose again for our justification.

Lord, we accept your free pardon, and ask You to create in us a clean heart and right spirit; Lord wash us in the blood of Your Son and remove anything that we may have inherited from our blood line. In closing, we ask that You make our life count and with our whole heart, we pledge our allegiance to You and Your kingdom for it is in you that we have discovered the essence of Life. **A-MEN**

## MY CONCLUSION



Beloved, I am glad that God knows them that are His and this gives us hope which is called the Anchor of our soul especially in knowing that if this Earthly house we're dissolved (which means our earthly body made of flesh) we have a house in the heavens not made with hands. Dear reader, the child of God may leave their body, but they will never lose consciousness at death. God states in His word that the death of His saints is precious in His eyes. Thank God when this mortal will put on immortality, and I may be sown in weakness but will be raised in his power.

I may be somewhat of a philosopher now and some may think I have lost my marbles but one day I shall be changed and bear the image of the heavenly just as Christ bore the image of the earthly and became our sin substitute which satisfied the law and wrath of God.

*1st Corinthians 8 verse 3* expresses the fact that the man who loves God is known of God. I want to close this book with *Romans 8 verse 37* in plain English ***“Who can separate us from the love of Christ, shall trouble, hardship, persecution, hunger, poverty, danger, or death, “Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”***

Dear reader we ask that you check out our website and leave your prayer requests which we pray over in our weekly meetings. We ask also that you check out the praise report tab on the website and read about God touching people that we pray for. We have received hundreds of reports of God using our anointed prayer cloths to touch and change lives.

Beloved, if this book has been used of God to enlighten and touch your life, we ask that you please get in touch and allow us to share in your blessing. Beloved, there are inspirational books which can be downloaded for free in pdf format from our website: [www.witheredhand.org](http://www.witheredhand.org). We ask that you also gracefully pray about looking our books up on Amazon and them a good review. Beloved, I would now like to close this work of God with a song that I used to sing. Will you imagine this song as you read the words?

***“The Savior gave His life for His Sheep”.***

Guilty, guilty was the plea, that O accuser said to me for the law of God says your as guilty as you can be, but The Shepard gave his life; The wrath of God was satisfied when the Shepard gave his life for the sheep. And I walked out of deaths prison; from my chains set free; I don't have to pay sins awful penalty; for the Shepard gave his life; the wrath of God was satisfied when the Shepard gave his life for the sheep.”

***(This was Me) (Is it also You).***

## MINISTER'S TESTIMONY

### A MIRACLE FROM GOD



### **SCOTT BATES & DEBBY BATES**

*("Don't tithe on what you make, but tithe on what you want to make")*

As a musician, I have been blessed to do over 4,600 concerts and have opened for many top groups in the industry. I used to play gospel music back in the 80's and received many awards plus songs on the charts, but as young kids, we didn't know what we wanted and started playing country music. Thankfully, God continued to watch over and bless me. In 2014, I was inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame and in 2017, the group I played with won America's Got Talent in the Milwaukee, first place video producers' choice.

In 2018, I was inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame with the group I traveled with and received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 2019, we won the International Josie Awards in Dollywood, and the list goes on, but without warning, tragedy struck. I fell ill and was diagnosed with bone and prostate cancer which caused me to face heart surgery this year. With my career starting to look bleak, God showed up in my nightmare and gave me another chance to get it right.

With his love burning in my heart, I've made the decision to go back into the ministry of music for his honor and glory. God has blessed me with many talents, and I believe I need to start using those talents for His kingdom and purpose.

My beautiful wife Debby is so happy after witnessing my miracle, that she is excited to venture in ministry with me and testify to the healing power of consecrated prayer.

*Here's about the miracle...*

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, two doctors approached me and my wife with some grim news. “Sir, we found two abnormal veins or arteries in your heart that are possibly clogged, and we have to go in and do surgery to put stents in them”. One doctor called it and I quote "an abnormal heart.”

Later, two more doctors came in and told me, “Yes, you do have an abnormal heart and we're going in and if we find more than two valves clogged up, we're going to have to open your heart and do open heart surgery to repair the rest of the valves or arteries.” Later one final doctor came in and repeated what the other doctor said. My surgery was set for between 2:30pm and 3:30pm. Now I'm scared to death because of possible open-heart surgery. They came in around 2:40pm bypassing me and leaving me in the dark.

To make a long story short, one hour later, I still don't know what's going on? The doctors go speak with my wife and daughter in the waiting room informing them that they could not find anything wrong with my heart.

Now let me tell you something peeps, everybody in the world was praying for me. The doctors called it a false positive but we that know God know better.

My wife Debby and I call it **A Miracle from God.** People, a weird thing happened that day before I went down to surgery, **I turned on Facebook and a video came on of a Truck Driver- Preacher named Jerry N Augustina Hulse (they call Guardian Angel.)**

**I texted him and he texted me back asking me to call him for prayer. As this trucker prayed, he approached what he called the courts of Heaven and prayed the living devil out of me and said, “you will have no blocked arteries, and everything will be fine don't worry about it”.** People, this is truly a miracle!!! Thank you everybody from the bottom of my heart, no pun intended. People, Prayer works and I'm living proof of it, **this is a miracle.** At one point the doctors were talking about the two blocked arteries to maybe four or five to open heart surgery, to finding nothing.

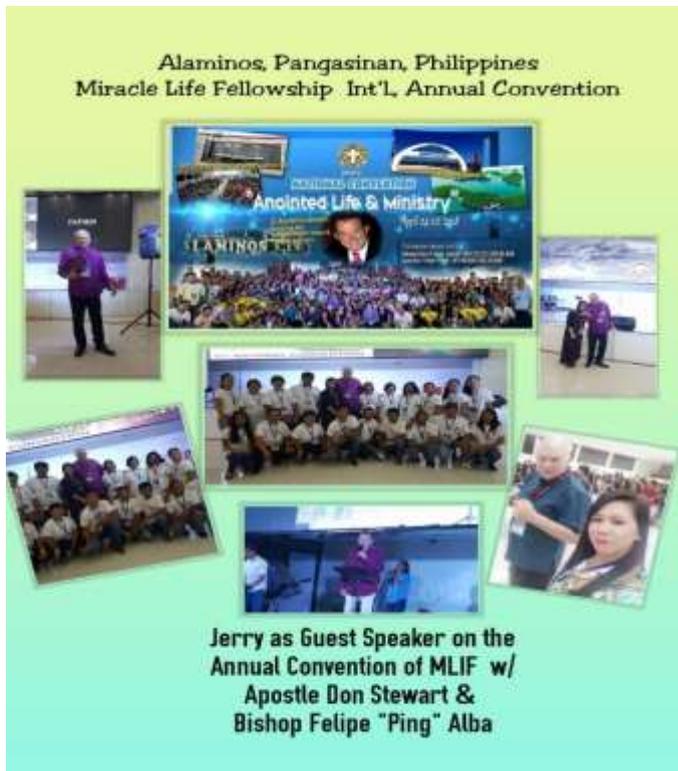
Yes, this is truly a miracle from God. God has been so good to us. We used to tithe under 10%. But when we stated to tithe 10% and more, is when God started blessing us financially. We started finding money, also Debby received bonuses from her work and just this week alone, we were blessed with \$1,800.00 that people sent to us in the mail.

God is so good, and our bills are being paid on time for the first time in years. - **SCOTT & DEBBY BATES**

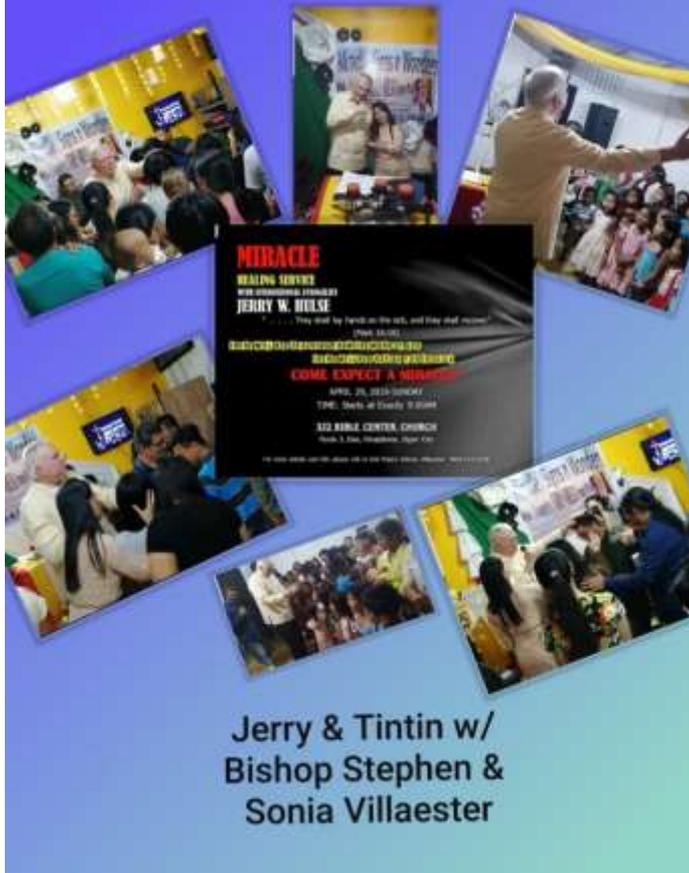
## MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

### Miracle Services, Signs and Wonders

Here are few commitments and engagements of Evangelist Jerry Hulse last 2018 in the Philippines, namely four cities in the Mindanao area: (1) Alaminos, Pangasinan, (2) Iligan City, (3) Cagayan De Oro, and (4) Masbate City.



# Iligan City, Philippines Miracle Services



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AND COMMUNION SERVED BY  
**JERRY W. HOLSE**

... They will be healed on the spot, and they shall receive!

... They shall receive!

**COME EXPECT A MIRACLE**

APRIL 26, 2015 (SUNDAY)  
7PM - Starts at exactly 7 o'clock

**SACRAMENT CENTER CHURCH**  
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**Jerry & Tintin w/  
Bishop Stephen &  
Sonia Villaester**

## Cagayan De Oro, Philippines Miracle Services

**MIRACLE**  
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... They that be baptized in the water, and they shall receive.  
(Mark 16:16)

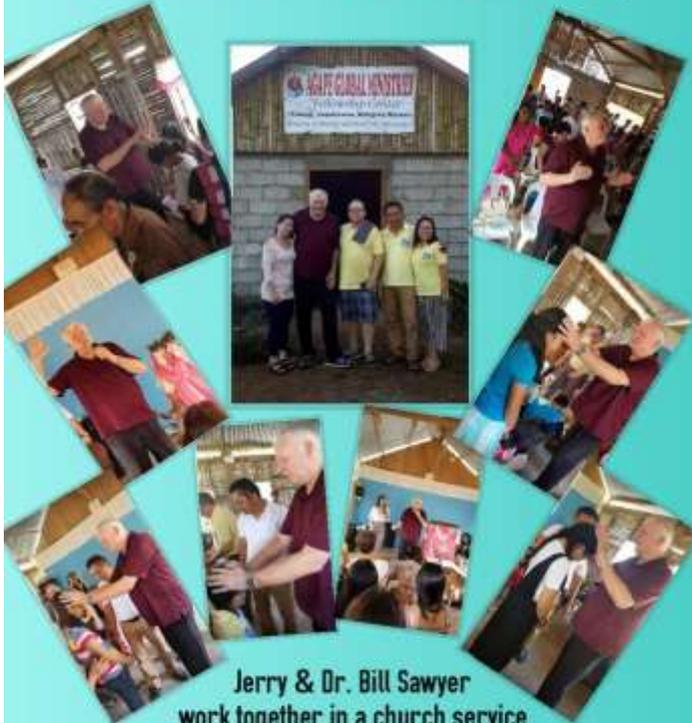
THOSE WHO BE BAPTIZED FOR THE GOSPEL  
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that saved hundreds of lives  
with Pastor Bhong & Cathy Samson  
of Agape Global Ministry.**

## MY CLOSING PRAYER

Father God we come before you in Jesus Name and ask You to give us the Grace of good judgment to keep on making good decisions for we realize that it is a Kingdom Principle. Lord help us to be all we can be for the up-building of Thy Kingdom and give us a life changing revival in our soul, our communities, and our Nation! Dear Lord help us realize that if we have a calling on our life, it is because you choose people that are incapable of producing life qualities on their own that will be acceptable in your sight, but it is possible for You to do it through us when we give You preeminence in our life. Lord, we thank you for loving us and Lord we ask a special touch upon all that will read this book that Your honor & glory be manifested in this work. May Your countenance smile through it: to strengthen the redeemed, and to add souls to Your Kingdom.

LORD, I ask that Your hand be upon it and may Your HOLY SPIRIT'S presence anoint this work. Father, I ask you, to charge Your ministering angels as posted guards, removing any hindrances that would come against this work. God, I pray You use this work to show the people that You are the unchanging God, in Jesus' mighty name I pray, **A-MEN.**

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Visionary Evangelist, DR. JERRY W. HULSE**, is known throughout the world as the Truck Driver Preacher *“The Guardian Angel.”* “The Lord has used Jerry to be both Founder and President of Withered Hand Ministries Inc. Withered Hand is a non-profit **501c3 ministry** chartered in the state of Tennessee.” Jerry is the Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board with **Withered Hand Ministries Philippines; Inc.** Evangelist Jerry preaches and teaches the word of the gospel of Jesus Christ to a broad audience of people from all walks of life. Jerry is a Christian Author of many Inspirational and Spiritual books. His books have been freely distributed throughout many inner cities in the USA and can be found in many countries throughout the free world. Being a Christian Man, Jerry strives to look pass the faults of others and see people with a real need in their life. Jerry both encourages and teaches many he has been blessed to meet how to put their treasured testimonies in a journal including writing their own Christian books.

Dr. Jerry Hulse recently retired from a 43-year trucking career with 12.5 of those years being with Crete Carrier Corporation based out of Lincoln, Nebraska. Jerry began his career with Crete starting on September 09, 2008 and lasted till March 26, 2021. According to Jerry, Crete has proven to be one of the best all-around trucking companies in America. Jerry is a Trucker with 40+ years over the road experience with a clean safety record.

Jerry strives to be a Man of honesty and Integrity. Jerry strives to live a life that will help make a difference in his environment and community. Jerry has formerly ministered and been successful in Radio and TV ministry which caused him to be known throughout the trucking industry by his CB handle “Guardian Angel” including evangelizing and conducting street ministry in the inner cities. Evangelist Jerry is the original founder of “The Call-In Church Ministries” ([www.thecallinchurch.com](http://www.thecallinchurch.com)) which is a conference call in line for truckers to meet and have fellowship by phone. Jerry Hulse is an Evangelist that is known to operate in an Apostolic and Prophetic anointing for the kingdom of God.

Evangelist Jerry is a recognized chaplain with the Association of Christian Truckers which is an outreach restoration ministry that is geared toward truckers. ([www.acti70.org](http://www.acti70.org).)

Jerry maintains a working relationship with ACT Board Representative Mark Hewitt and regularly speaks with him concerning the aspects of the ministry and their Christian retreat center known as The Road Angel that is located in Brownstown, Illinois. The Road Angel is an on-sight oasis for truckers located on I70 exit 68 between St. Louis and Effingham, Illinois.

Over the years, God has used Jerry to found Guardian Angel Ministries, including the Full Gospel Baptist Association in Bristol, Tennessee.

In the past, Jerry successfully hosted numerous Gospel Radio and TV Shows including: "Two More for Jesus", Johnston City, TN. "Live with Guardian Angel", including successful radio and TV in Church Hill, Tennessee. In the early 1990's, Jerry was featured on radio in Rural Retreat Virginia, Tazewell Virginia, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Lafayette, Alabama and other radio stations throughout the nation.

Jerry, being a veteran truck driver, has been used of God to make a powerful impact in the trucking community here and abroad with his zeal to win the lost. The CB handle that Jerry uses is “**Guardian Angel**” and while he travels the road, God is known to use him to perform miracles and lives have been positively affected by the demonstration of the power of God being shown through him.

The non-traditional aspect of his ministry allows him to go into places and retrieve those, who otherwise may be out of reach of other ministries. In this end-time push of the spirit, God is using his warriors, such as Jerry W. Hulse to make an impact throughout the world. His inspirational books have been used of God to touch many and can be found in many countries throughout the world. Jerry W. Hulse is the Co-Founder of Withered Hand Ministries Philippines, Inc. that is based in the Philippines.

Recently in 2017, God made a way for Jerry to be recognized by Don Stewart Ministries and Miracle Life Ministries with Bishop Felipe “Ping” and Nida Alba which helped open doors of opportunity for him in the Philippines.

Withered Hand Ministries, Inc. has received many reports from well-known ministers stating that they were greatly touched while reading one of Evangelist Jerry's books. The staff at Withered Hand Ministries, Inc. has created a special page on their website where some of Jerry's books can be downloaded for free and to God be the Glory for every life touched and changed. **A-Men**  
*[www.witheredhand.org](http://www.witheredhand.org)*.

The ministry has invested in a church ministry app through Withered Hand Ministries, Inc. The app was special made for The Call in Church Ministries and we are working with Google to have our app placed on play-store and apple. The app will redirect those that download it to the call-in church webpage and Jerry's personal blog page including his you-tube videos. The QR code for this app can be found in the front pages of this book.

Thank you, dear reader, for taking time out of your busy schedule to read and study this anointed book on the "**THE ESSENCE OF LIFE**", and we hope it blesses you as much as it has us. We ask that you keep us uplifted in your prayers and we shall do the same for you and your precious family.

## OUR ONLINE RADIO PROGRAM



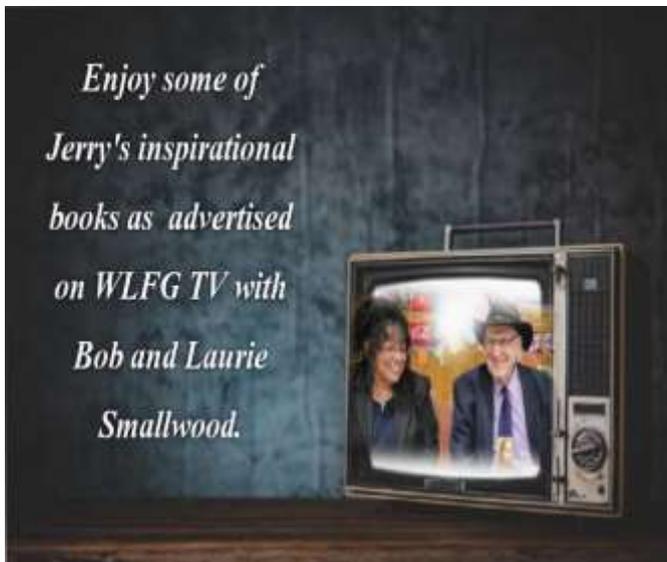
### **Rhema Gospel Express**

Our pre-recorded weekly program is live at 3pm Central and 4pm Eastern Time. You can listen in by downloading the app from play store for the **United Gospel Network**. Give it time to open and scroll through the listed stations and open the tab for Rhema Gospel Express. Most of our programs are recorded live on Fridays at 7pm Eastern on The Call in Church Conference line. [www.thecallinchurch.com](http://www.thecallinchurch.com)

To join the live program, simply use your phone and dial **563-999-1229 No Pin Needed.**

## MESSAGES/ ENDORSEMENTS

Evangelist Jerry's books are very popular and in high demand by Bob and Laurie Smallwood from viewers watching their TV program on Living Faith TV in Abingdon, Virginia "Picken time with Bob."



**BOB AND LAURIE SMALLWOOD**

## **A SPECIAL INVITATION**

### **The Call in in Church Conference Line**



### **Christian fellowship from your phone!**

This is a special invitation to check us out on the web [www.thecallinchurch.com](http://www.thecallinchurch.com) which is a growing worldwide conference line with its own website and live call-in services that can be accessed with local numbers from more than 159 countries throughout the world. We should have an app on play store and apple soon!

Call in Number

**563 999-1229** (No Pin Needed)

Check out the services by pasting the link provided into your browser and get some spiritual help in a dark hour.



**PASTOR/CHAPLAIN MARK HEWITT**

Association of Christian Truckers' Director

“I have known Evangelist Jerry W. Hulse (Guardian Angel) since 1995. God allowed Jerry and I 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. Carefully read this book again and again and you will be blessed to receive what it takes to be all that you can be for the Kingdom of God.”



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. Whether it is for a few hours, day's weeks, or years, we are looking for believers that are called to become involved in a ministry that is making a difference.

**Contact: Mark Hewett**

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Email:*associationofchristiantruckers@gmail.com*

**Website: *www.acti70.org***



**SHELDON LIVESAY**

Director of **ONE ACCORD MNISTRY**  
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“I have read and agree with everything in this book. I have followed both the history of revival and current revival efforts for the last 50 years. Evangelist Jerry and I have talked about what the next move of God will look like, we agree that God will incorporate his gifts, like healings, to be an important part. We have a lost and dying world that is looking for God to demonstrate to the masses that He is real, and His message of love and salvation has never changed. Paul says this doesn’t come through the words of just man’s wisdom, but the demonstration of His power showing the world He is everything the book advertises. I believe in this outpouring; however, God will do it in such a way to bring unity and acceptance among all believers. In our region, many churches are seeing salvations and baptizing literally every service. In this book Jerry encourages you to join us in our fervent cry to keep this momentum up until the explosion comes that spreads it nationwide.”



**DR. BILL SAWYER PhD, MBA**

**Missionary Evangelist**

**“Brother Jerry ministered with and alongside me in the Philippines. I assure you - he loves God, preaches with authority & anointing, and lives what he preaches. I know you will be blessed by this book!”**



**Pastor CALVIN & Apostle VERONICA MOORE**

**Word of Fire Tabernacle Church**

**Los Angeles, California**

“Apostle Veronica and I met Evangelist Jerry three years ago at a Don Stewart workshop in Phoenix, Arizona. There was such an anointing on Jerry that caused us to want to know more about him and we are glad we did. That divine encounter has developed into a beautiful friendship. We count it a blessing to be asked to read and comment on this anointed book dealing with the preparation for life changing revival. We are proud to say that Evangelist Jerry is an anointed man of God with the pen of a ready writer as he takes us into the importance and power of maintaining a close relationship with the Lord through a devoted life of consecrated prayer.”

**Congratulations to the Browder's**  
**Number 1 Hit: You're Not in This Alone!**



**Tommy Browder**

“Jerry thanks for praying for me at Health South in Kingsport, Tennessee 21 years ago. You didn't know it, but I was at death's door and JESUS CHRIST brought me back and I'm still going PRAISE HIS NAME.” I just turned 70 and the latest doctor report was that I have the heart of an 18-year-old.

**Matthew Browder**

“Jerry Hulse prophesied over me years ago how God was going to use me. It's happened and happening! He has been an encouragement to me and my family. I believe he has a heart for God, his people and God's ministry!”



**PROPHETESS KAREN JAGUAR**

“Evangelist Jerry Hulse walks in a powerful anointing of God with signs and wonders following him with strong revelations. Buckle your seatbelt, open your spiritual ears and hear what the Lord is saying to the church (you) in 2021 Revelations 2:29 KJV”



**MINISTER MARK CROUCH**

Former Manager Trinity Broadcasting Station  
With WCLJ-TV42 at Bloomington & Indianapolis

“I’ve been friends with Jerry Hulse now for many years. I’ve also known Jerry to be a devout man of God all those years. Whenever we see each other, our conversation will always center on Jesus and what He has been showing Jerry recently. I’ve never known anyone who represents our Lord Jesus Christ better than Jerry Hulse. I’m happy to endorse Jerry as a true friend, minister, and man of God. May God Bless you, and may God Bless America”.



**CHIEF APOSTLE DAVID A. MUNGO- PhD**

**Founder/CEO/ President at INTENSIVE CARE  
MINISTRIES, INTERNATIONAL  
Founder/Presiding Episcopate at THE GUIDING  
LIGHT INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP, INC.**

“Thank God for a man that knows that you have to have a heart-felt desire for revival in order to have revival. It’s a book that’s written from the heart to the heart. Treasure each nugget, follow its lead, and revival is guaranteed. Be blessed.”



**T. GLEN MOODY, PhD**

**I Love Bookstore & Teas**

**Fort Henry Mall, Kingsport, Tennessee**

“I have known Brother Jerry Hulse for many years, and he is the Evangelist on 18 wheels. He shares the Gospel with people in all kinds of life situations all over the U.S. and the world. You can find his inspirational books here in my store.”



**JAMAL SEYMOUR**

**GodzMessenger**

**CEO FirEscape Music**

“This book is a God divine voice of God’s tool to edify, instruct and teach the people of God. It’s a must eat so get your aprons, knife, fork, spoons, milk. Let us all eat!” Jerry, God is going to get the glory out of your ministry. Fast, pray and study the word and function how you do. To God be the Glory. Remember, I told you a long time ago, when you wanted to give up, that there were more books in you!



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“Let it be known that Brother Jerry W. Hulse is one man we can really thank God for. I personally have known him for about 3 years. I have found him to be a man of faith and he lives his life by faith. If I had to pick someone to be on my team, I would surely pick Brother Jerry Hulse.” Congratulations my friend.



**EVANGELIST BARBARA PITTMAN**

**Jesus in the Morning Radio Show**

“I am writing this correspondence to endorse Evangelist Jerry W. Hulse as a Preacher and Author. Evangelist Jerry has been a guest on Jesus in the Morning radio talk show, which broadcasts internationally every week. The listener’s response was great. I support Evangelist Jerry W. Hulse by sharing his anointed works as an Author and Evangelist.”



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**DR. ARLEEN A. FULLER, Ph.D**

*(Goodwill Ambassador, Humanitarian, Master Life Coach, Reporter, Entrepreneur, Radio/TV Network)*

**CEO at Arleen Fuller Entertainment Worldwide, Inc.**

**CEO at Miracle Deliverance Field Prayer Center  
Goodwill Ambassador at Kingdom Ambassadors  
Global Institute, Inc.**

**CEO at It'samay Coaching and Consulting  
CEO/ Holistic Health Coach at Transformed to  
Your Fuller Life**

“Evangelist Jerry Hulse has been writing books for over 30 years. He has traveled and done revival all over the world proclaiming the Good News. I have known him to be a Man of God, who knows the Word of God and knows how to teach others so that their faith will be increased. God has commissioned him for the End-Time Harvest of Soul, to empower and equip the field workers. I am proud to have him receiving his honorary doctorate degree in my ministry.

We need revival to break out all over the world. It is time for the Remnant of God to connect with one another and build a strong team to annihilate the enemy.”- **DR. ARLEEN A. FULLER**



Tony Malone &  
Leila Malone with  
Dolly Parton



Tony Malone with  
Charlie Daniels

“I met Jerry W. Hulse in 1994 after singing a song I wrote about him in Illinois called “18 Wheels and Jesus”. This recording can be found on YouTube. One of Jerry's friends was at that event and ran to call him about a singer writing a song about him. Jerry lived five miles from me in Tennessee, but I had to go to Illinois to get introduced to him. I heard about his ministry from an 18-Wheeler through a radio & TV personality Bob Smallwood. Lately in 2021 I have been out of work with nerve damage in my hand and arm. Jerry came by ministered to me and my hand regained mobility.

Later around 3am, the scar tissue that was pressing on the nerves in my elbow is gone. God woke me up a short while ago around 3am and I rubbed my elbow, no pain, no thickness, nothing but a normal feeling elbow. I woke Leila up to make sure I wasn't dreaming, and she agreed. Much praising in this house this morning for his goodness. I can put my arm on my chair with no pain nor nerve trouble. This is different from the hand movement. Yes, I'm thanking him even though it doesn't feel like thanks is enough it's what I can do. My inward spirit and soul rejoices and shouts his praise. Here is one of your first healing miracles in this new direction God is taking you. Jesus thank you for Jerry and Tintin for their faithfulness prayers and Godly love toward me and my family. GOD BLESS YOU TWO!! Just had to tell you. Love in Christ. You're welcome to share this story with others if it will help someone. -**TONY and LEILA MALONE.**



**CLIFF BROWN**  
**VISION- Gospel Rapper**  
Real Street Ministries, Inc.  
Fresno, California  
*<https://realstreetministries.com/>*

I met brother Jerry Hulse docking his truck at our warehouse at work. We both shared we were in ministry, He told me about his Truck Ministry, and I told him I'm also ministered through rap and, we been friends ever since. God has blessed this brother with his ministry, and he is what he says he is, a Mighty Man of God. Many blessings brother, may God continue to use you to reach people for the Kingdom. Be blessed.

## AFFILIATED MINISTRY



## THE END TIME ASIAN MINISTRY WITH VISION AND PURPOSE

**Withered Hand Ministries Philippines, Inc.** was birthed from a vision God gave our Co-Founder Jerry W. Hulse in the early nineties. In the vision, God informed Jerry that he had plans in the future for International Ministries to rise through his ministry. Withered Hand Ministries Philippines, Inc is a registered life changing ministry that is making a difference throughout the world. Our leaders are filled with [purpose](#) and [vision](#) to be an [influence](#) in an ever changing world.

**Dear reader, we have prayed that God will send people like you to this ministry, and we are thankful that He has answered our prayers.**

## **OUR VISION**

**Our vision is to acknowledge those who according to today's church may have sinned, fallen away, then later repented and come back in fellowship with the Lord. We believe that they still may have a calling on their life and are capable of being used in the Lord's work. I feel a stirring in my spirit that God is going to use the International Ministry in a mighty way, and I get chills just thinking about the opportunity afforded to me that will allow me to use the gifts the Lord placed in me. I never dreamed that God would entrust me to be a leader in a well-known ministry not in a lifetime but that is why he is the Creator, and I am His Child. I am also thankful that God brought Evangelist Jerry W. Hulse in my life. Words cannot describe the joy and motivation this true Man of God has brought to me.**

This has been like a dream to me, and I am eager to see where the Lord will take us. I love all of you and covet your prayers as I embark on this exciting journey. I want to personally thank again my home covering Withered Hand Ministries Inc. for believing in me and seeing the call of God upon my life. I would like to congratulate my Man of God, my mentor, my best friend and my husband in one, for this great work of art, his "masterpiece and life." He invested a lot of effort and time on this book which describes his whole dedication upon his calling. All the experiences (bad or good) made him what he is and where he is right now. There are several things in my life that I am grateful for. I have never been that expressive when it came to saying thank you, so today I am taking this opportunity to say "Thank you God" for bringing Jerry in my life. "Thank you, God," for using this Man of God, your "Chosen One" who is very gifted and anointed and continue using him in Miracles, Healing and Wonders as he stepped up in full ministry after 43 years in trucking industry. He is like a walking encyclopedia of spiritual thoughts. His works and talents are impressive and incomparable.

*I never thought I would ever fall in love with this Man of God, but I did. I believed with all the cultural differences we would face a lot of hindrance getting married, but we didn't. He always made things easy for me in all aspects. Thank you for giving me your name despite of the pandemic that the world is facing. To all friends, families, and constituents in ministry here and abroad, thank you for your support and inspirational messages. To God be the Glory!*

*Dear reader, if God has used this book to touch and enrich your life, please get in touch with us and please look the book up on Amazon and give us a good review. Remember most of our books can be read and downloaded for free from our website*

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