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DEDICATION



I want to dedicate this book with love, gratitude and appreciation to;

My Lord Jesus Christ, who I pray is glorified through these pages and the lives who read these pages are touched by His Love.

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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

When the world seems crazy, when it's hard to make sense of things and the walls seem to be caving in on all sides, you need an answer now! I want to share with you what I've found to be one of the greatest weapons to combat chaos and offer comfort at the same time. Do you need joy? Patience? The fruits of the spirit? Do you want the love of God operating in your life? If you want all these things, the Lord gave me the answer for you. What is it? It is the very gospel we are to preach, PEACE!

Most Christians know the verse John 3:16. There has even been American football players who have worn this verse on their faces during televised games for all to see. This verse is regarding God's love for all people, not just Christians. God no longer holds any trespass against a person. Jesus has taken the brunt of all the world's trespasses on Himself by dying on the cross for the sins of

the world.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17

This love that we have for God must be greater than anything else; greater than family, finance and anything else this world has to offer. The peace that you have with God grows alongside with your love for Him. Fun Fact: Do you know that in the King James Version, love is mentioned 310 times, but peace is mentioned 429 times?

Jesus spoke to His disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit in John 14. What I find remarkable is that right after He mentioned this, He spoke about His peace and gave it to them. Putting on the armor of light, which is Jesus, is much easier when you are at peace. Nothing can shake you when you have the peace that is beyond all understanding.

“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with

you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

John 14:25-28

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.* *Romans 13:11-14

Jesus paid the price for our sins, yes, but there is much more to what He did. He is the Mediator between God and man. We can pray to Father through Jesus Christ and He will hear us. You can't be in sin and be in Christ. That's like mixing oil with water. They just don't mix well together. By accepting the receipt of what Jesus paid for sins, you can use that receipt and redeem it for a free gift. This free gift He gives you is His righteousness which gives you an all access pass to the Creator of the Universe, your Father, 24/7 through the King of Peace, Jesus. Remember, Jesus was once the Prince of Peace, now He is the King.

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 2:5

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. Hebrews 8:6

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Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:14-17

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For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the

government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Hebrews 7:1-3

This gospel which we preach, the gospel of peace, empowers us to exercise Jesus' authority here on earth. This is why when we lay hands on the sick they will recover. It's God's love for the person that allows this to happen. Because Jesus is the Mediator and you are in Him, you get to exercise all that Jesus paid for. God doesn't hold back on anything. Let me repeat that. God doesn't hold back on anything. He is just waiting for yielded vessels that He can work through. These submitted servants are at peace with God and have no anxiety, depression, stress, or other things this world has to offer. The more you give up of this world, the more the Kingdom of God can work through you, so cash in your receipt!

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they

will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. Mark 16:17-18

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36

This wrestling match that we are in is the kingdom of darkness against the Kingdom of God. If you are on the side of the Kingdom of God, then you are at peace with God. If you are not at peace, the Kingdom of God in you cannot stand on your behalf. You are in a wrestling match against God and yourself then. This is the very struggle that many are facing. You can't straddle the fence between the kingdom of darkness, which is sin, and be in the Kingdom of God, which is righteousness. You have the free will to choose where you want to live from. Your life lived demonstrates what kingdom you are from.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand

against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:11-12

Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.” Luke 11:16-23

You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of

righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. *Psalm 45:6-7 & Hebrews 1:8-9*

There are many who still struggle with this concept of a wrestling match rather than a war. The war has already been won when Jesus rose from the dead, making a spectacle of the devil and all principalities and powers. We now are enforcing His win from a place of victory, but there are those who teach that we struggle from a place of defeat. The church often teaches that you are a sinner, that you are a defeated foe, that you can never win over sin. It wants you to believe you will always be a sinner and you will always suffer from depression, anxiety or stress. The truth of the Kingdom is that you are free from the law of sin and death, that you are a new creation and old things have passed away and all things have been made new. Your enemy is the defeated foe! You are a victor in Christ! Jesus came to give you life and that more abundantly. Don't believe the lies. Believe the truth of the good news of the gospel! If you only understood what you really have, you would always stay in a place of victory.

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in BAPTISM, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the

working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:11-15

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 2 Corinthians 2:14

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Let me give you a couple of examples of peace. Look at Paul through his whole ordeal.

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul

and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.” Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. Acts 16:16-24

How would you react to this? You have just been wrongly accused. Would you take things into your own hands? Would you argue your own case or would you leave it for God to handle? Let's take a look at Paul's response.

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison

were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household. Acts 16:25-34

Because Paul stayed in peace, the jailor and his family were saved. The church today may have answered differently when the jailor asked, "***Sirs, what must I do to be saved?***" The church likely would have responded, "All you have to do is say this sinner's prayer with me." However, that's not how Paul and Silas responded. Did you notice that the jailor and all his family were baptized immediately? This is faith in Jesus with an action.

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show

me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! James 2:18-19

Let's look at the greatest example of all, Jesus. What was Jesus' reaction when His cousin, John, gets his head chopped off? What would your reaction be? Would you stay in peace? Everything that comes against you is a test to see what you will do and how will you react. Let's look at this great example.

But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter." And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her. So he sent and had John beheaded in prison. And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus. Matthew 14:6-12

Notice what happened when Jesus stayed in peace.

When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they

followed Him on foot from the cities. And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a DESERTED PLACE, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus loved John and gets this news. His reaction to learning his beloved family member was just put to death, was to go out among a multitude, bless them, and perform miracles. This is how we fight the enemy, by repaying evil with good. John may have lost his head, but Jesus didn't. Peace is a weapon that will allow you to walk in supernatural things if you can understand the power of it. As long as you stay in peace, your peace will grow.

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go

before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." Matthew 14:22-33

You may say to yourself that this doesn't happen today. Well, let me tell you that it does! I was about to walk into a circumstance where a man was with my wife. The Lord warned me ahead of time to prepare my heart. When I entered the situation, jealousy couldn't even jump on me. I had so much peace, I can't describe it.

I know any other man would have freaked out. My wife and I were separated at the time, but the Lord still called her, “*your wife.*” As you grow in peace, you grow in the spirit because peace is a fruit. This is the gospel which we are to preach. People must see it and experience it. When they do, nothing can ever change a person's mind. You can easily change a person's belief system, but you can't change someone's mindset once they come to know something through experience. This is why I say that I don't believe Jesus is Lord, I KNOW Jesus is Lord.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! *Psalm 34:8*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. *Hebrews 13:8*

COVENANT OF PEACE

In the scriptures, the covenant of peace is only mentioned four times; once in the book of Numbers, once in Isaiah, and twice in Ezekiel. We will look at where this covenant is mentioned in the scriptures and in what context it was written. There is more to this covenant than we may know. As we begin this journey together, we should remember that peace is a fruit of the spirit and Jesus is the King of Peace.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25

***For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.* Hebrews 7:1-3**

Before we dig into this, let's investigate where peace was taken away from man. This happened in the garden of Eden. Adam walked in the cool of the day with God. There was peace between the two. When Adam sinned, God's peace was removed from him and fear took its place. You can see how fear replaced Adam's peace by the way he answered God after he ate from the tree. Many don't think like this, but Adam was in the flesh when he walked with God. Adam was made of the flesh in Genesis 2:7 and fear replaced peace in Genesis 3:10.

***And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.* Genesis 2:7**

***And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.* Genesis 2:25**

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

Genesis 3:9-11

The first reference where the covenant of peace is mentioned is in Numbers 25. We see here that Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, was zealous for his God and did what pleased Him. Phinehas was rewarded with the covenant of peace that was given to him and his descendants.

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.’ ”

Numbers 25:10-13

Let's continue this walk with the Lord in this covenant of peace. In Isaiah, the Lord's mercy will not be removed like it was in the time of Noah. Instead, He will continue to show His promise with men.

Later in history, God proves His promise by sending His Son.

“For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” Says the LORD, who has mercy on you. Isaiah 54:9-10

The Lord has been trying to make a covenant of peace with His people ever since Adam ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Men tend to choose what is evil rather than good. It appears good in their own sight, rather than in the sight of the Lord. In general, man just wants what he wants, when he wants it. He likes comfort and his own pleasure. Sometimes, these choices lead us down a path to sin and away from the Lord of Righteousness. In Ezekiel, the Lord mentions this covenant of peace with David. David had already passed away. Here, the Lord is pointing to a descendant of David, Jesus.

I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them —My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from

the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. *Ezekiel 34:23-25*

And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the Lord swore to your fathers.
Deuteronomy 6:18

All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the spirits. *Proverbs 16:2*

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts *Proverbs 21:2*

Ezekiel 37 is known for the passage regarding the vision of dry bones. When Ezekiel prophesied to the lifeless bones, they came together and the breath of life was given to them. There are many today who choose to live from the flesh rather than the breath of life, which is of the spirit. This is the mystery that the enemy does not want you to know. You would have victory over him if you lived from the spirit. This covenant of peace is for all men who choose to live from the spirit. Sadly, most will choose to live from the weakness of their flesh, rather than the strength of their spirit. The sanctuary today is within you.

“David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all

have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.” ’ ’ ” Ezekiel 37:24-28

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

The covenant of peace has been hidden from satan so he could not figure out any of this. If you are seeking God, you must search the scriptures with the Holy Spirit. He can open the words so your eyes of understanding can be enlightened. This will not just be

given to you or heard in a church service. You must search this out with all your heart. Father loves to reward those who diligently seek Him.

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:15-23

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter. Proverbs 25:2

Are you fully convinced that what God has said to you will come to pass in your life? Is God your healer or is medicine? The word pharmaceutical comes from the Greek word pharmakeia, in the Strong's Concordance, it is number 5331 which means; the use of medicine, drugs or spells, magic, sorcery, enchantment. So, who or what are you fully convinced in? Abraham was one who was fully convinced in what God had told him.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Psalm 103:1-3

And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being FULLY CONVINCED that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Romans 4:19-22

Paul experienced Jesus and was fully convinced. Notice how the enemy came against him and he never moved from that place of

peace. You see very few people today that will endure what Paul went through and stay fully convinced. This is why the evil spirit knew who Paul was.

And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” Acts 19:15

I say again, let no one think me a fool. If otherwise, at least receive me as a fool, that I also may boast a little. What I speak, I speak not according to the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast. For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. To our shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern

for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

As we read through all of what Paul went through, we see that the enemy will come against all that is dear to our hearts to see if we will love what we have more than God. Job lost all of his wealth. He lost even his family, but he would not give in to accuse God for anything. All Job could do is bless the Lord. The Lord has called us to do the same.

Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshipped. And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.” In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong. Job 1:20-22

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Have Peace With God

Walking in this life out is to walk in the spirit. When you do this, you will NOT react like the world does. You won't need religious prayers as some have been taught because Jesus is always with you. He has answered questions even before I ask. I don't pray to Father, I talk with Him all day long. It's a relationship. This walk is a love relationship and it started in the beginning in the spirit. This is the covenant of peace that we have. All that is mine belongs to Jesus and all that Jesus has belongs to me.

May the grace and Love of Lord Jesus be with you all.

THE PLAN

Many of us know that God has a plan for our lives. For some, He tells them from the beginning. For others, He will have them walk through His plans without revealing the plan to them. Let's take, for instance, Joseph. He received a dream twice of what the end result would be, but he didn't know where the plan would go and how to get there. We know that Joseph could interpret dreams. He had an idea of what he had to walk through. That's why, in the end, he told his brothers that although they sold him, this was God's doing, not theirs. Paul was told of his plan. Jesus told Ananias that Paul would suffer for His Name, and he did. Has the Lord revealed the plans He has for you? He might not be ready to share His plans with you because you might not be ready to receive them.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a

hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13

I want to share my testimony with you. This is His plan. I chose this plan before I was born. He showed me this in a vision. I stood before Him and He asked me, ***“Which path do you want, the easy path or hard path?”*** I chose the hard path. I am understanding now, that this path is one you walk not knowing what is to come and where you are going. This plan is all about trust.

***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.* Ephesians 1:3-6**

***Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.* Proverbs 3:5-8**

This plan that I have been walking through was just revealed to me at the end of writing, *Defeating Sin from the Inside Out*. I had no clue about any of His plan. Around six years ago I heard Him say, **“Unforgiving heart.”** I had no idea what that meant. I have taken everything that He has ever told me seriously. The first thing He said to me was to, **“Know My Word like you know your referee rule book.”** I was an ice hockey referee for approximately fifteen years and I knew the rule book very well. I actually came up with a situation that was not in the referee rule book. The next year, this was added to our recertification class. The very situation that I questioned a supervisor on was added to the updated rule book. I faithfully spend 3 to 4 hours a day in the scriptures. I do this to get to know Him. I actually have the entire Bible in a document on my computer desktop where I've added all of my many notes so I can have quick access to it all. I did this because of all the notes I have. As I pour myself into knowing Him, He reveals secrets to me. I've shared some of those secrets in my last two books, here in this one and twice a week on my blog, [Zealous for the King](#). One thing I did not know early on, was that the Unforgiving Heart word He gave me years back would become the title of a book series.

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do

them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” Matthew 7:24-27

One day, He did tell me part of His plan when my wife Gail and I were still living in the same house, but separated. He told me, ***“You and Gail will be back together and it will be better than before.”*** That was about seven years ago. I have held onto this regardless of what I see or feel. I have kept this close to my heart and I have not turned from it. The enemy has tried in many circumstances to steal what the Lord told me, but like a lion with its prey in its mouth, I will not let go of what has been said.

Just before Gail and I separated, the Lord told me to pray for her. I did this twice by laying hands on her and praying. Right after this, she told me that we were splitting up. I was confused and had no idea of what was going on. All I knew was that this was witchcraft. This whole ordeal started when Gail became anxious due to the responsibility of caring for our disabled daughter. She was going to be home full time with really no outside help from anyone. This opened the door for the enemy to walk right in. I remember when she would bang on the bedroom walls asking the Lord to take this away from her. I also recall the first time that Gail was admitted to the mental health part of the hospital for trying to starve herself. The second time she was put in there was by the police. She went

out in the middle of January with minus 30 degree weather wearing just pajamas and slippers saying that she is the only one who can save the world. Another time, while I was trying to cast the demons out of her, a demon spoke to me and said, *“You can't have her and I am not done with her yet.”* Yes, that was what had come out of her mouth. I was shocked that it spoke to me that way. Now you know what I have been up against.

I want to share another incident that was so amazing. I was out with a group of people in downtown Toronto just loving on people and seeing them healed. As the day was starting there, a man who came up to me asked if I had any money as he was hungry. I said, “No” because I had no cash. I heard, ***“Look around.”*** As I looked around, a convenience store was highlighted to me. I told the man to come with me. We went into the store and I told him he could have whatever he wanted. He took a bag of peanuts and a drink. I mentioned to him that he could have more, so he took two of each. I paid for them with my credit card and asked him if I could pray for him. He said, “Yes,” so I did. Towards the end of the day, two African-Canadian men approached me and one said, ***“There is something about you I like. Can we get our pictures taken with you?”*** I had no idea who these two guys were. We were at Yonge and Dundas square. Everyone who walks by always has their head down or they won't make any eye contact. Well, I got my pictures taken with them and asked if we could pray for them. One of the men asked if we were Christians and I answered, “Yes.” He did

ask if the prayer would cost any money. We replied that it didn't. I got one of the other guys from our group to pray for them and they were healed. On my way home the Lord spoke to me. He said, ***“You know those two guys who were downtown? They were angels.”*** I could not stop crying. I realized that this all started when I gave a man some food with no strings attached. He reminded me that when you do it to the least of these, you do it to Me. That is an experience I have never forgotten.

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ *Matthew 25:37-40*

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. *Hebrews 13:2*

As I've been out praying for people, I have seen cancer healed, arthritis leave bodies, legs grow out, scoliosis healed, demons leave bodies and many more things. The Lord has done this for His good pleasure through me. I am not a person who likes to be in front and center of all the attention. I prefer to not have any attention. I would rather please God rather than men. The Lord did

ask me a question. When He speaks to you, you never forget what He says. He asked, ***“Are you willing to lay on a dead body as My servant Elijah and Paul have done?”*** What?! I couldn't believe what I heard. Of course I will, but I had to look this up in the scriptures to see of this was Him speaking. It was Him. I would love to glorify Your Name whenever You give me the opportunity.

Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, “What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?” And he said to her, “Give me your son.” So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?” And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, I pray, let this child’s soul come back to him.” Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives!” Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is the truth.” 1 Kings 17:17-24

Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came

together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted. Acts 20:7-12

When you understand that we are in a wrestling match with the enemy, this next adventure will help you with some insight to His plan. I had made a big mistake going to a hospital back in 2014. Yes, I said a mistake. God is our healer, not medicine. Anyway, I was admitted to St. Michael's hospital in downtown Toronto regarding my eye. Not knowing the issue with my eye, they informed me that my retina was detached. Because of what I know now, I still would not go to the hospital today. I was admitted to the 15th floor where the maternity ward also is in the hospital. One night, about one thirty in the morning, a skunk smell entered my room. I said to the demon that I was tired and had no time for it. What happened next surprised me. This spirit entered into my dream and tried to kill me. It was like I couldn't breathe. I yelled,

“**Jesus!!**” in my dream and the thing vanished. I woke up and the smell was gone. This has happened to me before where I can smell a skunk inside the house, but no smell outside. I also observed the same odor on a 5th floor stairwell of a building. I told it to go and the smell was gone. It's hard for me to explain all of this. All I know is that something big is coming and the enemy wants to stop it.

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their SENSES exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:12-14

Like I said about this plan, it's all starting to come together. My heart has never changed towards my beautiful wife. My life is a living epistle on how Jesus loves the church and gave Himself for her. The Bible tells me that I can divorce my wife, but my heart says NO! Jesus could have easily walked away from His bride, but that's not His intention. His Love for you is more than you could ever know. When, not if, Gail and I are back together, this will be a platform on which we will glorify the name of Jesus. It doesn't matter what she has done. What matters is that Jesus died for her. Who am I to stand in the way of God's love for her? It had to be

done this way to get all of my feelings and emotions out of the way, so He can love her through me. There is no greater love than to lay one's life down for a friend. Gail is not only my wife, but she's also my best friend. To this day, we have never had a fight. You never leave a loved one behind. In this struggle, we can not afford to live by our feelings and emotions. This is the enemy's territory and he will play havoc with you in that realm. He will challenge you at every aspect of your life. Like Jesus said to Peter, ***“satan has asked for you. To sift you as wheat.”*** This is done to see what is truly in your heart. The Lord did say to me that I would be sifted as wheat as Peter was. This is not for the faint of heart, but if this is what the Lord has called you to do, then do it. Live by faith. If He has called you to it, He's already equipped you for it. When you live by faith, nothing will be impossible for you.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17

Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:4

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her. Ephesians 5:25

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



I am here to show you how good God is and how He loves His people. There is no love like His. The devil is here to misrepresent Him but I am here to change that. Writing this series of books is His idea, no mine. I would never have thought of doing something like this. I am not here for fame or glory but as an ambassador, I am here to represent the kingdom of God.

