

I SAW HIS GLORY



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PREFACE

It is 12.35 am and I am writing this preface from my home office in the stillness of the night. My wife Cecilia has just gone to sleep and our son Alan who is Autistic struggles to get to bed tonight but now is sound asleep. As I write these words my mind returns some 32 years to the past when I was just 11 years old.

The year was 1977 and it was the most important moment of my life. I had just heard the Pastor preach the gospel that Sunday night and Jesus opened my heart as I listened to the message. I felt the weight of sin in my heart and clearly understood my condition before God. I was lost and needed God to save me. The Spirit of God was so forceful upon my heart that when the preacher made the altar call, I struggled for a few moments in my chair holding on for which appeared to be an eternity but on the last call to stand and come forward to receive Christ, I leaped out of my chair and immediately the weight of sin left my soul and great joy and tears filled my heart. I will never forget that day. Jesus Christ came into my life and washed away my sins with his precious blood and saved me!

Two years had passed when the next great eventful day came when I was 13 years old. I felt the call of the Lord to serve Him. The Lord impressed upon my heart, after reading Hudson Taylor, the great Missionary to China, to dedicate my life to serve Him in the Harvest for His Kingdom. This calling was as real as my conversation two years earlier. Once I was completely sure of God's working in my heart to serve Him, I asked permission from the Pastor of my church to share my calling with all the church so they may pray for me. This I did one Sunday night in a packed service and they began to pray for me and for God to prepare my young life to serve Him fulltime one day.

The following year was to be one of the most dramatic of my teen years for I encountered three major powerful realities; prayer, demonic activity and an angel that came to my aid. This

altered my life significantly in more ways than one; that was 1980.

1988 would also be another encounter that also impacted my life to the core. I was in Melbourne training a group of Christians in personal evangelism as we handed out gospel tracts in a park in the city centre of Melbourne. In both occasions angels surprised me while I was witnessing.

Lastly, in 2009 songs of heaven and a vision of the glorified Christ was my latest grandest encounter.

The purpose of this record of live accounts is not just to stir your curiosity nor do I pretend to convey the idea that this must also occur to you. I believe that God works in each life specifically with the common goal to form us into the image of His Son Jesus Christ.

I did not write these encounters in book form before because time has a way to mature one's thoughts and expressions without delving into sensational and exaggerated notions. These are real accounts that I share with you as I have a dual purpose in mind for the reader. Firstly, so that together with me, you may look at the clear teaching about demons, angels and Jesus Christ in the scriptures and secondly, so together we may glorify our coming King as we serve Him by preaching the gospel and edifying the Body of Christ which is His church and declare His infallible Word to others.

1. A Boy Called By God

God's call of salvation is an echo that resounds throughout each generation throughout history. Millions upon millions have come to the foot of the cross to receive forgiveness of their sins and eternal life. This is only possible because God has taken the initiative with man by rescuing him from eternal punishment and eternal separation from His presence not for a hundred years, not for millennia but for ALL eternity.

God showed His love for me by sending His only Son to die on the cross, be buried and rise on the third day for my sin and justification and this was overwhelming for an 11 year old, and as my ears heard the resounding text in John 3.16, I was flooded by the wonderful love of God. God came to my rescue and saved me yet this was too much to hold in my heart.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have eternal life. " John 3:16

Allow me to expand this text for you so you may understand its richness and understand its application. Let's expand this outline.....

The Love of God

1. The Maker of this love - "For God so loved the world...."
2. The Measure of His love - " For God so loved the world....."
3. The Manifestation of His love - "that He gave His only Son..."
4. The Mediator of His love - "that He gave His only Son....."

5. The Motive of His love - “ should not perish but have everlasting life”

What a message of hope this was for my life! I understood and embraced Christ with a simple childlike faith. This I knew, I had begun a new life because I had the Author of Life in my heart. I asked Jesus Christ to forgive me of my sins and come into my life and be my Saviour. He forgave me and gave me eternal life. That God called me by His Spirit to save me is amazing to my mind and heart.

Born in 1965 in a city called Temuco, in Chile, and later raised in Australia was nothing more than God's perfect plan for our family. I well recall my early years in Chile and the wonderful days of my childhood spent in my grandmother's farm in the holidays and at home with my brother David. Those first eight years of my life were filled with fun excitement and adventure, playing, growing and having my first encounter with God as we started to go to church.

God used two elderly Christian folks who lived in front of our house to one day approach my father and him if it was ok to take us to the Christian Alliance church just 5 streets away from where we lived. Without my father knowing it, this was the beginning of God's work in our lives at that young age. It was my first encounter with God's word one Sunday morning as we headed to church and sat down in Sunday school. I believe we had been going to church for two years when the political crisis got to a boiling point in our country. In my eyes, I only knew fun, games and spending time at my grandmother's house but I do recall a traumatic moment one evening when for the first time I saw a helicopter flying very low over my grandmother's house and the noise was overwhelming to me. I saw my grandmother yelling out “Lord” at the people in the helicopter as she was holding a shotgun in one of her hands. I later understood that many people were ransacking farms and properties that were given freely to them by the acting government. Many were raiding homes and killing people to take over such properties but God was protecting us through this difficult time in our nation.

One day I heard my father speaking about leaving the country and looking for a better future for the family in Australia. I would again be reminded of this trip one day when I was walking with my father and a friend of his in my grandmothers farm as he pointed to a jet stream in the air and said "Look John we will be travelling to Australia soon. " Soon after, this became a reality and after staying with relatives in Santiago, the capital of Chile we travelled to the International airport and boarded a plane heading to Australia. It must have been the longest trip I my life because we stopped in Lima, Peru, then went to Acapulco, Tahiti and then Sydney.

The amazing thing is that we boarded the first plane and left Chile after the uprising of the military in the nation, and to top it off, we travelled with the Pastor and his family who had been invited by a Spanish church in Sydney, Australia. What a great God we have! He orchestrates everything in detail and no matter how impossible things may seem to us He surpasses all expectations.

Having arrived in Australia with my father, mother and my brother David and sisters Jacqueline and Carmen, we started a new life by being in a new country and by being transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ one by one. I give my Saviour all the glory and praise for saving me from eternal separation from His presence, for He saved me and made me His child.

I look back now, some 32 years, to that moment in time when Christ came for me through the presentation of the gospel. I was eleven and although I had felt in my heart Gods irresistible grace drawing me to Jesus, I had also resisted to take that step of faith until one day I could not hold myself down to my chair by the grip of my hands. The love of Christ was overwhelming and once I publicly stepped forward to make my way to the altar, the load of sin fell from my life and peace reigned supreme. Oh what glory Divine that Christ's love would be so immense, flooding my heart and giving me freedom from sin!

You too could be saved if you have not totally surrendered your life in the arms of Jesus. If you cling to a religion or rituals or

even think that being a member of the church secures your place in heaven, then my friend, you are wrong. Your faith must only be placed in Jesus Christ and nothing nor no one else. Recognising your condition before God, repenting of your sins and receiving Christ as your Lord and Saviour is the only way to receive forgiveness of your sins and eternal life. Why not stop and receive Jesus in your heart right now, before you continue reading this book.

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3. Where Do Demons Come From And What Is Their Activity

There is so much misunderstanding today on the subject of demons or technically, the theological study of demonology or Satan. Myriads of articles and books are found in bookstores and the internet is full of information regarding the supernatural. Even many TV series are directed to speak of the supernatural with programs such as medium, supernatural and the like. These are hit shows that draw millions of viewers on a weekly basis around the world. Never as before are we inundated with all sorts of subjects about angels, demons, witchcraft and the occult. Even cartoon delve openly on the supernatural, bombarding the mind of our young generation today.

Yet so much is speculation, and at times it is desensitisation to the occult and the demonic invasion in our generation. To create a free awareness of evil while making it as the norm for people today as well as desensitisation of demons and demonic activity is Satan's trap for our world to lull itself to sleep on the lap of the prince of this world. *"And we know...that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one"*. (1John 5:19)

Satan had the world in his lap and plans to take as many souls to hell as possible. He is the destroyer, the adversary, and not content to face final judgement in the lake of fire, prepared for him and his hosts of fallen angels that rebelled against the Creator and followed their chief and captain of celestial sinners. He also endeavours to plunge as many souls to eternal torment as he can.

Where do we find the truth concerning Satan and demons? It is not on folk law or some sensational stories but only in the Word of God. The bible gives us the infallible truth concerning angels, Satan and demons. We will look into the creation of angels, their classification and their ministry in chapter 3, but sufficient to say, that Satan and demons are fallen angles that rebelled in heaven and now war against the believers defying the authority of their Creator who is the only one and true God.

We must begin to say that both the Old Testament and the New Testament affirm the existence of angels, Satan and demons. Through the revelation in the bible we learn that Satan rebelled from God Almighty with one third of the angels in heaven following him. We learn that Satan was called Lucifer originally, created by God as the most beautiful and highest ranking angel in heaven but because of his beauty he did not give God the glory, and sin was found in him when he desired to be like God and rule over the heavenly sphere. Two passages clearly points this out (Isaiah 14:12-17 and Ezekiel 28:11-19).

Satan's original state as Lucifer was some of privilege, splendour, honour and beauty. He was the anointed covering cherub...the star of the Morning and the Son of the Dawn. When Lucifer falls in rebellion he becomes the chief adversary of God who is cast from the presence of God (Ezekiel 28:16) and this so because of pride that was found in his heart which corrupted his wisdom and every facet of his being (Ezekiel 29:17). His ultimate aim was to dethrone God and rule over the universe and all creation (Isaiah 14:13-14). For this action he was cast from the chambers of heaven along with one third of angels that followed him (Revelation 12:7). So by these two passages we understand that Lucifer was a created high ranking angel who rebelled against God and influenced one third of the angels of heaven as they followed him from the presence of God Almighty. Lucifer became Satan with some other 17 references that characterise his activities on earth (Matthew 4:10, Matthew 4:1, John 17:15, Revelation 12:3,7,9, Revelation 12:9, Revelation 9:11, 1Peter 5:8, Matthew 12:24, Corinthians 6:15, 2 Corinthians 4:4, John 12:31, Ephesians 2:2, Matthew 13:28, Matthew 4:3, John 8:44, Revelation 12:10).

Demons are also angels but fallen angels. Some believe that they are the spirits of departed souls that roam around in the world yet this is proven false since the bible states that men who depart this world go without Christ to Hades after death, a place of torment and suffering awaiting final judgement at the Great White Throne and then to be sent to the lake of fire. (Luke 16: 23, Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 20:11-15).

The Bible clearly teaches that demons are fallen angels that followed Lucifer's rebellion against God Almighty and that they are host of lower ranking angels (Matthew 12:24, 25:41, Revelation 12:7). Out of the innumerable number of fallen angels

that became demons, some are confined in hell (2 Peter 2:4) and another group of fallen angels are kept confined in the pit. (Luke 8:31, Revelation 9:2). These are the ones that will be released during the tribulation to afflict people (Revelation 9:3-11).

When we draw even closer to the New Testament, particularly in the four gospels, we are confronted by a plethora of demonic activity. Starting from Matthew chapter four, where we see Jesus the Son of God being tempted by Satan, and throughout the gospels, we see accounts of demonic activity and demon possession. We see demons inflicting disease and possession. (Luke 13: 11, Matthew 4:24, 8:16, 28, 33, 12:22, 15:22, Mark 1:32, 5:15, 16, 18, Luke 8:36, John 10:21).

Demons are not things of the past but are presently working through false religion, false teaching and false teachers (1 Timothy 4:1-3, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 2 Peter 2:1, Jude 1:4). But there are other activities that demons are involved in....

1. They oppose the purposes of God
2. They execute Satan's plan and strategies
3. They afflict damage to man
 - some cause madness (Matthew 8:28, 17:15, 18)
 - some cause deafness (Mark 9:25)
 - some cause immorality (Matthew 10:1, Mark 1:23-26)
 - some cause dumbness (Matthew 9:23)
 - some cause epilepsy (Matthew 17:15-18)
 - some cause blindness (Matthew 12:22)
 - some cause suicidal mania (Mark 9:22)
 - some cause physical deformity (Luke 13:11)
 - some cause personal damage (Mark 9:18)

These fallen demons and Satan will be judged by the Living Christ at the final Judgement where they will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 19: 19-21, Revelation 12:9).

4. My Encounter With Demons

The year was 1980 and I was fourteen years old. That year we moved to live in Patterson Rd Concord. Like all moves in those years, to my brothers and me it had an element of surprise and fun but it also meant starting a new school. New beginnings were our motto every two or three years.

I can recall the excitement I felt when I arrived to our new rental house. As a matter of fact, I had visited that house previously since close family friends of the family lived there. We were all attending the same church with them and I remember spending long Sunday nights after church with many other Christian families singing and having fellowship for what seemed all night to us. What a fantastic time to be together in Christian fellowship!

It was not until we arrived one Saturday morning with a trailer load of furniture that I realised that this was the same place where we had had such blessed time with many families of our church. Walking into the entrance of the house was a thrill that only a teen boy could feel in those days. I quickly headed to the back of the house as I could see the back yard from what seemed a second story building in height. Not that it was that high at all but in the eyes of a teen, everything seems big and spacious. I quickly opened the side door of the house which led me straight to the backyard. To the right of the house, I could see the garage, what seemed an unused space since it was quite filled with cobwebs, dust and a few pieces of metal inside. As I looked towards the back of the yard there were two great trees with a separation between them of three metres, more of high grass and on one corner a mountain of piled up grass. I turned looking back towards the house and said to myself, "Perfect! I have just the right space to build my high jump area and a stretch of land to do my pole vault".

I was already very keen in those early years to practice high jump and pole vault. Mind you all the equipment I used was

literally made by hand or invented by things I found around the garage or things my father had brought from his work place.

My father did not have the means to buy expensive athletic equipment in those days. With four children he had his hands full providing for the family, rent, food and school uniforms. We would go to McDonalds once a year to basically celebrate all of our birthdays all at once in those days; so if I wanted to train, I would have to create something from what was available. This was achievable in my mind and I did it. Every day after school I would spend a couple of hours building the equipment I needed. Within a month, my backyard was set up with a high jump area and a pole vault area and its homemade equipment. I asked dad to weld a stand with two pieces of metals that I had cut up, which each had a height of 1.8 metres, and I would use a cylinder metal bar to put across the two side bars. We welded two contraptions that I could use to rise and lower the bar so this could be the horizontal bar. I used three old mattresses and covered it with a blue tarp to make it look good. Then I would get my cassette recorder and jump to the rhythm of Grease Lighting. It worked! Then I placed two three by two wooden poles beside the two great trees and placed about twenty nails on the opposite side from where I was approaching to jump, for the simple reason so when I hit the bar with my leg as I jumped, the horizontal bar would fly away from me. My pole vault was simply another light metal cylinder to which I taped some rope around the top end to have good grip. This was not a fibreglass pole vault but something similar to the ones they used in the very first Olympics but I was jumping at a great height of 2.75 to 3 metres - without a mattress to land on!

This activity plus play free kicks with my brother were my highlights every day after school. Then on Saturdays and Sundays I would be at church with my friends.

The first few months in the house were very pleasing. I was going to a new school and meeting new friends. My relationship with the Lord was growing steadily as I was learning so much at church.

A few months later as we were approaching Christmas and as usual, we started to set the Christmas tree one month before

Christmas. My two sisters, my brother and I had placed the tree in the corner of the living room.

We had just finished placing the decoration and we all stepped back to watch it when suddenly, the tree was pushed towards us and we quickly moved out of its way. We all looked at each other and my eldest sister Jacky said, "What happened?" Of course none of us knew. We just picked up the tree and collected some of the decorations from the floor and placed them back on the tree. Nothing more was said of the incident. Without realising it, this would be the beginning of further manifestations of something that was present in the house.

Christmas had come and gone and we had spent vacations with mum and dad at a campsite in Lake Munmorah called Kiwi Ranch. This was the highlight of the year for us. Together with many others from our church, we would spend 7 days of fun, games, bible study and a camp fire. I realised that at that particular camp, the Lord was working in my heart more than ever. My sense of His presence was so becoming so much tangible and my desire to know Him more intimately was growing tremendously. At the same time, I was struggling with the assurance of my salvation. I had received Christ three years ago but I was deeply concerned for my eternal security in Christ. Many nights I would ask Jesus into my heart again and again and again. This was solved years later in a youth class at church and even in a clearer way when I went to Bible College at Word of Life Fellowship at St Albans.

Things really started to escalate one night when about 1a.m. I awoke from sleep and could hear noises that were coming from the kitchen; it was as if someone was shifting pots and pans, and the cupboards were also opening and closing. I could only think at that time that my mother was still in the kitchen so I was not alarmed at all. I fell back to sleep. The next morning I did not even ask my mother whether she had been working in the kitchen that night. It was only years later that my mother told us that in that particular night she had heard the noise also and got up without waking my father and went to the two rooms where we were and when she saw we were all asleep she ran back to her room and woke my father and said, "David, somebody is the house in the kitchen! Quick! Go and see what is happening".

My mother told us that dad quickly got out of the bed and headed past our rooms, entered the living room and saw sitting down on one of the couches a black figure that stood up and ran into the kitchen brick wall and disappeared through it. Can you imagine this? My father then knew what he had seen. This was a demon that was coming to the house every night for three months and was creating supernatural disturbances.

Of course my father did not tell my mother what he had seen because this would have been too traumatic for her at that moment. They themselves would be confronted by this demon soon enough.

During those three months I would often hear running footsteps coming from one end of the house to the other extreme, opening the back door which was locked and sometimes opening the front entrance door, opening and closing as if someone would slam the door with anger. I would hear this during the night and by now I knew something was not right but I never imagined what it could be.

As this intensified, the Spirit of God also intensified my quest to deep prayer and I began to pray for many nights since the incident began. I can only express the prompting of the Holy Spirit as something was moving me into prayer. I would sometimes wake up at 12 midnight and would kneel beside my bed and began to pray. Sometimes what seemed minutes, in reality would be two or three hours. On occasions I would get up at 1 a.m. and pray till it was 6 a.m. and would wake up for breakfast and then go to school and yet I was not tired at all. All day long I would sense the presence of the Lord and a deep peace. This was God working in my life to prepare me for what was coming: a glorious spiritual look at my sins forgiven in Christ, as I was eternally belonging to my Saviour; a demonic confrontation and an angelic visitation, and all of these realities within the space of two nights.

It was a Thursday night at around 1 a.m. when I awoke and knelt beside my bed. I cannot recall how much time had gone by. To me, being in the presence of God in prayer seemed like time had no relevance. I cannot explain it but I did not know I was praying that night asking the Lord how I could know that I truly belonged

to Him. This was on my mind during my prayer and I truly believe it was the Spirit of God interceding for me at that point.

What happened next was something so wonderful and mightily real that I was blown away from the reality of the experience. While I was praying, suddenly I noticed that I was leaving my body. As my hands were clasped together and elbows resting on the mattress while I knelt next to my bed, I could literally see my spirit withdraw from my body slowly and I could still see myself praying. As I was moving away from my body going straight up above my body, I could see my body glow with a radiance I have never seen in my life.

Like pure snow radiating from my body, all I could see was that I was pure through and through and refulgence was glowing through my body. I was lifting slowly towards the ceiling and then I stopped for a moment. It was only then that I realised that my body was still kneeling next to the bed and I was conscious of my spiritual state. In this state, for about what seemed three minutes, I could see that I was in another dimension. I started to see my surroundings and saw everything but with different eyes. I could still see myself praying. I started to see my hands and arms as I saw myself suspended for a few moments and they were white and glowing. I did not speak yet I fully realised that I was in my spirit and there was perfect peace and no fear at all. I saw myself return to my body as if my spirit had re-entered normally in the body which carries it. The moment this process finished its course, I simply got up from kneeling down and went into bed and almost immediately went back to sleep. Total peace and answered prayer in a miraculous way. I then knew I truly belong to Christ.

I would like to make something very clear to you as you are reading up to this section of the book. Firstly, I did not seek this experience myself. I did not even know that this dimension was even possible to experience. Secondly, I can only say that the Lord allowed this in my life because He chose to and not because I demanded it from God. God is Sovereign and He knows what is necessary and what will bring Him most glory and Honour. Thirdly, I never shared with anyone this experience and the other experiences until years later. The sheer experience was awesome and too wonderful to even share it with others because although I wanted to say something, I felt I was not allowed to because words could not come out of my lips. Thirdly, there

should never be any boasting for such working of Christ in our lives. Such experiences humble the heart and lead us to give glory to Him.

This happened a night before I was confronted by a demon. The next night, at about 3 a.m. without any warning I was awakened by an evil presence that was so near me. I was covered by the sheets and blankets when suddenly I could sense someone looking at me. A cold sweat ran on the back of my neck and all the hairs of the back of my head stood up, because I was sleeping on my side as I slowly moved the sheets and blankets and turned my head to see what was happening. I then saw a black figure standing at the doorstep but it did not enter the room.

The countenance of this figure was complete blackness, red eyes and a hideous vengeful expression on its lips. This being was fuming with rage and staring straight at me. At that very moment I froze and could not move. I wanted to call my parents but no words came out of my mouth. I was paralysed by what I was seeing. My brother, who was sleeping in his bed was opposite me but was sound asleep. He heard nothing and saw nothing. I was staring at this demon and then I was able to pray. It was not me praying but I believe the Holy Spirit crying out within me, "My God, help me!" No other words came out. Immediately the demon turned around and left my room and soon after I heard one of the doors slam open and close in the back kitchen. This all happened in less than 30 seconds and I again hid under the covers. I was shaken at what I had seen and scared that it would return.

As soon as I hid under the covers, I sensed somebody looking at me. Unlike what I had just felt and what I had seen, I sensed a rapid change in the atmosphere. Before I sensed evil and the back of my hairs sprung up, but now I felt total peace and security. As I looked towards the door again, I saw another being. He was tall as the doorframe but with a glorious tunic that reached to the ground and there was a refulgence emanating from him. He was looking at me and I sensed total peace in the whole room. I kept watching without blinking and this angelic being was making sure that I was protected and fine. It stayed there looking at me with a peaceful smile and would walk away from the door as if it was going away and then turned around to

see if I was OK. He did this twice, and then he simply disappeared before my eyes. I can only express that the room was brightly shining and all presence and vestige of evil was gone completely, leaving the peace of God in my heart. I had such immediate peace that I simply turned around and went to sleep. Again, the next morning I did not tell anyone of what had happened the night before even if I wanted to. I was awestruck by this dual manifestation. It would be years later that I would be able to share these stories and even 28 years later for me to put them into print.

One thing was sure at this very stage in my young life; I completely realised the reality of demon activity and the protection of God through the manifestation of this guardian angel. I also learnt the importance of Spiritual warfare.

Prayer and much prayer is required, plus the direct aid of the Holy Spirit, and at special times, the manifestation of His holy angels intervening in a visible way. Angels are always protecting the children of God but rarely do we see them with our very eyes and the times they do show themselves, it is because God so wills it for a special purpose.

Please understand that nothing that you are reading or that you will continue to read of my encounters are things looked for or particularly prayed for the Lord to show me. Only the last most glorious encounter in chapter seven is the answer to a petition that God allowed to become reality. All other encounters were a working of God in my life just like He is working in your life. We cannot force God to something for us that is not according to His purpose. God is not a genie to give us our three wishes or to cater to our every whim. No, God is almighty and He is God. We submit to His rule, purpose and action in our lives.

You may be asking what eventually happened to the demonic manifestation at the end of those three months. I only got the full picture when my youngest sister told me of her encounter with another demon that had appeared to her in two occasions. The first one appeared to her at around 1 a.m., the same one that I had seen before. It sat on the corner of her bed, it was watching her for some time and then ran away. The other appeared when she decided to drink her Milo just outside the front entrance of the house. Suddenly, she saw a huge figure coming from the side

of the house and bumping her while it entered the house. The shove made her lose her grip of the glass of milk and it smashed just next to her feet on the concrete floor, causing a laceration on one of her legs. She screamed and mum came to attend her bleeding yet my sister explained nothing of the demon she had just seen, due to being in shock. We would share our stories years later, as I believe she tried to block this from her mind for quite some time.

The great deliverance came one night when this demon that had been entering and leaving the house, opening and closing locked doors entered my parents' bedroom one night and almost broke the door of its hinges as it enter the room. The demonic presence had permeated the room and only one thing would ultimately deliver us from its tormenting presence.

My father looked at this demon and said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ and by the power of His Blood I command you to leave this house!" These were the words that my father had told me he had said at the moment when we could talk about our encounters years later. The demon heard these words, turned around and ran towards the front entrance, which was locked and opened the door and slammed it behind him. This was the very last time we ever felt any more manifestations at all in the house. Total peace reigned in the house for all the rest of the time we were living there.

There was one last thing dad had not told us. For some reason he could not park the car in the garage during the night. He would sense a very strong demonic presence in the garage, because there was a driveway that would lead into the garage He was able to park the car along the drive way on the side of the house. I had entered the garage during the day and some late afternoons I would put my high jump equipment there and did feel a dense cold eerie presence there but I would just leave the things there and then go into the house.

For many years I did not understand why God had allowed me to go through these traumatic experiences. I say traumatic because one thing is to hear footsteps or see things move. This can cause panic in some and paralyse others, but it is a whole new perspective to see a demon face to face. I must clarify that I was not hurt physically at all by this demon for he stayed his distance

from me, nor did he speak to me but I could sense immediately its evil presence and hatred.

Years later I understood the importance of God allowing this experience in my life. As I went to Bible College in St. Albans and then travelled to Argentina to study at Word of Life for another two years, I got a clear biblical understanding of the teaching of Angelology (the doctrine of angels) and studied the creation, fall and activity of one third of the angels which became demons. Apart from my bible training, I began to minister to young people that were involved in some way with the occult as well as drug, binge drinking and rampant sex.

Throughout the years, I met young women who were witches; demon possessed people and haunted houses.

Allow me to clarify some very important things for you. Firstly, I do not believe that under every rock we will find a demon. Nor do I believe that we should only focus on the demonic realm. We must be aware of it and face the enemy with the spiritual warfare resources that are ours in Christ (Ephesians 6: 10-20).

Becoming simply “ghost busters” is a detraction that Satan uses from really pursuing holiness, Christ likeness, reaching others for Christ and building the Body of Christ. If all we see are demons then we have a problem. If our time is only to focus on “witch hunting”, then we will find ourselves in dangerous territory. Now, the enemy will come for us at some time in our Christian walk. I mean manifestations that are demonic in nature, but even this does not mean that you will necessarily see a demon. Our focus should be on Christ at all times and when we are attacked by the enemy, we must face him in the power of the Holy Spirit with the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, and prayer.

Secondly, the demonic phenomena we experienced in the house we lived in were caused by previous activity that was done in the house or garage. What do I mean by that? Sometimes a house is invaded by demonic activity by the consultation and bidding via clairvoyants, séance, occult, board games to call spirits, occult rituals, animal sacrifice or even human sacrifice in the extreme cases. Other times, it's simply a chosen abode for demons to live in.

Thirdly, Christians are not exempt from demon manifestations or the oppressive nature of demons, without their personal

manifestation. In other words, they can move things in the house and we can even hear their footsteps or yells or strange voices without having to physically show themselves so when this happens it is best to speak to the church leaders, someone close to the family or even a Christian friend so they may be aware of your spiritual demonic confrontations. Sadly and tragically to say, many Pastors do not believe this could happen to people in their congregation and it is seen as just some crazy notion of the victim. What is worse, many Pastors and leaders do not believe in demons at all and therefore do not know what to do with people that are going through such problems or just ignore them altogether, hoping that the manifestation will go away somehow. This plays a huge advantage on our spiritual enemy because we are left stranded on the battle field and we are left alone and disillusioned by the lack of comprehension and Pastoral spiritual help that is needed. In my case, I had the visible protection of an angel sent from God to aid me as a young boy.

Fourthly, the Lord showed me two realities that my eyes could not perceive before. On the one hand, He showed me the reality that demons do exist and that there is spiritual warfare for believers. Gloriously, He showed me Angels that watch over every believer and are at the beckoning call of the Lord for our protection.

God is Supreme and no demon or Satan can withstand the authority of Jesus Christ and the power of the Blood of Christ that was shed for us on Calvary's Cross. He delivered me then and He also delivers us now!

Now that I have the opportunity to minister as a Pastor/Evangelist to families in their homes, I can very well sense immediately if there is an evil presence in the house because of what I went through. Many families have complained to me that they are dramatic experiences of blood running down the wall and being attacked and held down by a demon.

Such things are happening in Australia everywhere. Young people are very susceptible and attracted to the occult when delving in the supernatural. Many are simply attracted by other friends that get together at a house and have a seance just for fun. What they do not realise is that they are opening a wide

door for demonic oppression and all kinds of manifestations. I once counselled a teenager that was having severe demonic oppression. She was into gothic music and its lifestyle. She was suicidal and she would shut herself in her room and listen to three particular songs that only spoke about suicide, death and all sorts of horrors. She could not sleep because she could see demons surrounding her and following her constantly. Her mother knew nothing of it and was absolutely shocked at her daughter's dilemma when I told her. I also met a young woman whom I will call Sally (not her real name) and she was submerged in the occult under the disguise of white magic and visitation by an angel. She was offered by her grandmother to Satan when she was a baby and ever since she could remember, she knew of a demon that was with her everywhere she went at night. Other young people that were also mixed up in the occult would leave this young woman alone because they knew that what she had was powerful and could do harm to them. As I spoke to her about the deception of the angel and her occult practice she became very upset at first yet she was going to be confronted by her reality.

I opened my bible and preached the gospel but she was very agitated when confronted with God's Word. She went back home that night and returned the next day for more counselling and prayer. She had been attacked by her supposedly "good angel" who turned to her that night and told her, "I want your soul and I want to kill you". Sally herself told me her horrible satanic ordeal.

Sally came back just once more but refused to listen to the gospel and told me that she should not return because she could do something to us. I told her "Greater is He who lives within us than he that is in the world". With that, she left never to return! How tragic!

There is hope for anyone who is actively delving in the occult. Only Jesus Christ can deliver and give us new life, purpose and direction. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can break the shackles of sin and satanic oppression and bondage!

5. Angels Sent By God And Their Ministry Amongst Us

Throughout history people have the notion that we have visitors from out of space. When they see such manifestation, it is called unidentified flying objects or simply UFO's. Now, there are unidentified flying objects of the spiritual and celestial kind. What are they and who are they? The bible calls them angels. This is a fascinating study in the Word of God. God has created angels who are spiritual beings that move in another dimension than human beings do yet they are as real as we are in our earthly sphere. We are created to live, breath and move on earth, surrounded by nature and all creation suited for our needs by our Creator Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1: 15-17).

A careful study of the Scriptures on angels will give us much material digest and mediate upon this vast given ministry of angelic beings. The bible plainly teaches the existence of angels as we notice that 34 books of the Holy Bible mention angels, which means that they are mentioned some 108 times in the Old Testament and 165 in the New Testament.

First of all, like man, angels were created by God (Psalms 148: 2,5; Job 38:1,4,7). But unlike man, they do not die and their number of creation is fixed for they do not procreate (Matthew 22:30; Luke 20:36) and they exist to serve God (Psalm 103:29; Daniel 7:10).

Secondly, the nature of these beings is sixfold.....

1. They are spiritual beings (Psalm 104:4, Hebrews 1:7,14)
2. They are invisible to man (Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10)
3. They are vast and innumerable in number (Job 38:7, Psalm 148: 1-3)
4. They have their own individual personality (Daniel 9:21-22, Jude 6)
5. They are superior to man (Psalm 8:4,5 Hebrews 2:6-11)

6. They are inferior to God (Daniel 10:12, Jude 9, Matthew 24:36)

Thirdly, angels have a ranking within themselves and each ministers before God to fulfil God's will in the affairs of man in history and the heavenly sphere. Some angels are classified as Archangels and in this category we see two specific angels that are mentioned in the bible - Michael (Daniel 10:13,21: 12:1 Jude 9, Revelation 12:7) and Gabriel (Daniel 8:16, 9:21, Luke 1: 19,26, Matthew 1:20, Matthew 2:13, Luke 2:9).

Others are Cherubim, and these again are a special classification of angels. We meet the first one protecting the Tree of Life after Adam and Eve had fallen into sin in Genesis 3:24. Then we have two Cherubim facing each other with extended wings covering the centre piece where blood was poured on the Arc of the Covenant which was placed in the Tabernacle in the Holy of Holies (Exodus 25: 18-20). Then we see that these Cherubim's appear to Ezekiel in chapter 1 verse 10. They seem to be protectors of God's Holiness and presence. Satan himself before his fall was a principal Cherubim (Isaiah 14:12 Ezekiel 28:14). Another classification of angels are the Seraphims who are mentioned in Isaiah 6:1-7. They are mentioned only in Isaiah and their description and function is the following:

1. They have six wings, with two they cover their faces, with two they cover their feet and with the other two they fly
2. They proclaim the Holiness of God in worship and adoration (Isaiah 6:3)
3. They protect the inner circle of the Holiness of God

Then we have another classification of angels, similar to the Archangels and Cherubim but different at the same time. The living creatures are mentioned in Revelation 4:6-9, 5:8, 6:1,3,5 and 7. Although they seem similar to the Cherubim yet they are seen standing before the crystal sea that comes from the Throne of God and they surround the Throne. They are covered with eyes all around, front and back. All four have the face of a distinct character: One has the face of a Lion, the other the face of a Calf, the third the face of a Man and the fourth the face of an Eagle. The Cherubim has a four sided face: of man, of lion, of calf and of eagle. Some theologians have suggested that the facial image of these special angels will be a reminder for all eternity of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ while He was on earth.

Matthew depicts Jesus as the lion of Judah, Mark depicts Jesus as the humble working calf, Luke depicts Jesus as the Perfect Human and John depicts Jesus as the divine eagle.

There are other classifications of angelic beings in the New Testament (Ephesians 1: 21, 3:10, Col 1:16, 2: 10, 1 Peter 3:22). Although this description of angels is a clear explanation of their rank and well organized position, we know very little about their details. Man's curiosity and instinctive disposition under such knowledge would drive him to worship angels in some way and such veneration is prohibited by Scriptures (Colossians 2:18, Rev 19:10, 22:9).

The general aspect of angels is also clearly stated in the Scriptures. In the apparition of these celestial beings we can see that they are dressed in white radiant linen, as white as snow (Matthew 28:3, Luke 24:4, Revelation 15:6).

Their aspect is also like lightning with great splendour (Matthew 28:3, Revelation 18:1). The presence of some angels cause great fear and trembling (Daniel 8: 15-18, 10:2-13, 28:1-4). Other angels are seen associated with chariots and white horses in appearance (2 Kings 2:11, 6:17, Psalms 68:7, Zechariah 1:8-11, Revelation 19:14).

The bible also tells us that angels are titled as ministering spirits (Psalm 103:20,21, 104:4), Sons of the Mighty (Psalm 29:1, 89:6), Sons of God (Genesis 6:2,4, Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7). Holy ones (Psalm 89:7, Daniel 8:13, Zechariah 14:5), Stars (Job 38:7, Psalm 148:2,3; Revelation 12:3,4). Each one of these names describes their spiritual and military service quickness, supervision and watchfulness, power and strength. Angels are set aside to do God's bidding, and their names also describe their splendour as well as their innumerable, unfathomable number.

Tracing the pages of Scripture, we encounter angels worshiping God in heaven

(I Kings 22:19, Psalms 29:1-2, Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8, 19:4), actively involved in the affairs of men to fulfil God's purpose and will (Daniel 7:16, 10:5,11, Zechariah 1:9,13,14,19, 2:3, 5:5-10, 6:4,5, Luke 1:11-17, 1:26-33, Matthew 1:20, 2:13,19, Luke 2:9-12, 24:4-7, Acts 1:10,11, 8:26, 10:3-6, Revelation 17:1, 21:9).

Angels are also active in executing the purpose of God and his judgements (Numbers 22:22, Psalm 103: 21, Matthew 13:39-42, 28:2, John 5:4 Revelation 5:2, 2 Samuel 24:16, 2 Kings 19:35, Psalm 35:5-6, Acts 12:23, Revelation 16:1).

Angels also aid Christians in a very special way by protection (Psalm 34:7, 91:11, Genesis 19:10:11, 2 Kings 6:15-17), they comfort (1 Kings 19:5, Acts 27:23-24), they rescue (Acts 5:19, 12:7), they rejoice when a non-believer becomes a Christian(1 Timothy 3:16, Revelation 5:11.12) and they usher believers into heaven (Luke 16:22).

Angels also ministered to Jesus Christ in a very special way by announcing His birth (Luke 2:9-13), they protected Him (Psalm 91:11, Matthew 2:13), they aided Him in the desert after His temptation (Matthew 4:11). They assisted Him in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:43), one moved the stone from His tomb (Matthew 28:2), they announced His resurrection (Matthew 28:6), they prophesied his second coming (Acts 1:10-11), they will return in glory with Christ to earth (2Thessalonians 1:7,8), and they are totally subject to Him because He is Lord, Creator and Master (1 Peter 3:22).

What an amazing ministry of the unseen celestial beings called angels! The most incredible reality will be that we who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour will reign with Christ in Heaven and we will be higher than the angels yet both them and us will be worship the King of Kings and Lord of Lords for all eternity.

We must be aware that God has chosen not to have the visible manifestation of angels around us all of the time yet they are there and their existence is as real as ours. When God does allow for an apparition of one or many of these angelic beings it is only to fulfil a special purpose of God and not for us to worship or venerate them in any way. We are made a little lower than angels (Psalms 8:5) because we move in this sphere limited by time and space, but one day we will enjoy the presence of our God and forever worship Him and serve Him.

6. My Encounter with Angels

My very first encounter with an angel was when I was confronted by a demon when I was 14 years old. Since then I have had at least three other encounters with angels.

The year was 1987 and I had been invited to a church in Melbourne for some meetings with youth of a Spanish church and for evangelism. I recall going at mid-day to a park to help some young people learn how to hand gospel tracks and witness to others. We arrived to one of the parks in Melbourne with about 6 other young adults that would evangelise. As we arrived in the park, I wanted to instruct these volunteers on how to briefly share the gospel with complete strangers.

With one gospel track in one hand and my bible in the other, I was looking to see who would be the first soul to share the gospel with. I looked for a while and nobody was near enough for the group to observe at a short distance so they may learn. Suddenly, I saw a man in his late sixties walking pass me at a very slow pace with a small portable radio on his right hand. I just had a quick glance at him and I turned to look for someone else to start our witnessing training with the group of young adults. As I was waiting for a few more seconds I was praying to the Lord so He could place the first person with whom to share the gospel. Suddenly I saw the elderly man sitting on a park bench some 25 metres form where I was and I had the strong urge to talk to him. I told the youth to wait for me but to observe my approach to this elderly man although they would not be able to listen to our conversation because we were at a distance from them. I then started to walk my way to this elderly man. While I was walking I was also praying that the Lord may give me words to share with this man for the Lord to open his heart to the gospel. I quickly noticed that the bench where he was sitting was isolated from anything else nearby. I also noticed that this man was listening to his radio but with low volume. He seemed focused on what he was hearing and yet waiting for me to go to him. I sensed that he knew I would go to him.

By now I was right in front of him and I simply said, "Good morning Sir. My name is John and I would like to give you some very important news. This is a gospel tract that speaks about the

love of God". While I was introducing myself, he looked at me without saying a word and slowly, with his right hand he turned off his radio. He did not seem surprised at all by me going to him, and abruptly introducing myself, speaking to him about the love of God.

He was saying nothing as he was looking at me for a slight moment and then looked at the gospel tract for a few seconds and stared back at me. I then sat next to him on the park bench. As I did this I quickly stared to see if the young adults were watching but to my amazement, they were talking within themselves and not watching at all. I was not going to leave this man and run back to tell the guys to stop talking and watch what I was doing. Even if I wanted to, it was too late. I quickly focused back on his elderly man, forgetting what the others were doing and the next word that came to my mind was: "I don't know where you come from". To which he immediately replied, "I know you don't ". I began to share with him the gospel of salvation. The only thing he was doing while I was sharing the gospel was to gently smile in approval of what I was saying. The more I explained the greater the sense of peace he would display and I would sense that peace at the same time. There was a point where I could not say much more because there was no objection or disapproval from his part. For some strange reason, I did not even ask him if he wanted to receive Jesus Christ then and there. Those words did not come from my mouth and I sensed that something very different was happening right there but I never thought I had been speaking to an angel. As I finished this time with this elderly man I gave him many thanks for his time and I simply said, "God bless you" were my last words. As I got up from the bench, I was looking to see where the group was and they were still talking amongst themselves and had been oblivious to what I was doing. I started to walk towards them and after five steps or so I turned around to see if the man was reading the gospel tract. He was gone out of sight completely! I was shocked and quickly approached the group and asked them if they had seen the elderly man that I was speaking to. They turned around looked at me and said "yes". I quickly asked "Where is he?". "He has disappeared!" They looked at me with surprise and I got them to start looking around with me in the area because it was impossible for him to have left the park bench so rapidly since I had seen him walking a very slow pace. We searched everywhere. I even sent one of the boys to check the men's toilet which was some 50 metres away from where he

and I were, he found no one. This was a mystery but not the last one of the week.

Another encounter I had was in the same week in Melbourne. I went to the city by myself to hand out gospel tracts at a busy street. I do not recall the name of the street because I live in Sydney and this was the second time I had been in Melbourne.

As I was patiently handing out gospel tracts near a corner, I did not realise that there was another man around the corner dressed in a black hood, handing out occult literature. I knew this because the pastor that picked me up came from this man's side of the street and saw what he was giving out. Unaware of this, I was giving out gospel tracts when at one moment about three people came pass at once and I managed to give away two tracts only. Then another person came immediately after those three, received the pamphlet, gently bumped into my shoulder and as he took the gospel tract from my hand I followed him with the corner of my eye. Suddenly, as I fully turned around, he disappeared before my eyes within the crowd. Nobody else saw him and everybody kept on walking by as if nobody had seen anything. I said to myself "That is two in one week". Lord I know you are watching and encouraging me".

The third encounter will be the one you read in chapter 7 as an angel stood by me letting me know where I was and who I would see.

There is no doubt in my mind that angels aid us during our life time. Most of their activity is unseen and when God allows, some of it can be very visible both to us and to others and on other occasions, it may visible to others and not to us. There are many testimonies from missionaries and Christians that have been aided in a visible way by angels when there have been life threatening situations. In my case, God's care and protection over my life was confirmed by their presence and manifestation.

Throughout the records of the bible we see angels come to announce, declare, protect, fight for and execute judgement as ministering spirits. I also know that even at death, angels are present and aid Christians in preparation to enter in the sphere of heaven. I have personally witnessed this on various occasions when believers have parted this world and given testimony of

heaven opening up to them, angels present and Jesus waiting to receive them with other believers who have parted before them.

My father's parting from our family took place some seven years ago. One week before he left us he came to each one of us and wanted to say his goodbyes. When he approached me, I asked him what he means when he said, "I come to say goodbye to you". He told me that he sensed that he would leave us very soon so he wanted us to know that.

During the week before his death and departure to glory, we spoke about many wonderful things as we prayed together and he would encourage me to serve the Lord all of my life. In one true account of his experience, he told me about the time when he was in hospital and one angel sent by God healed his pain. For many months on end, my father would have a dreadful pain in his body. He did not know what it was yet but we believe he had some kind of cancer. One night, while in hospital, my mother was staying with him that night and she could hear my father's prayer to God to remove this incessant pain from his body.

He was praying for some time that night and my mother was hearing him without saying a word. Then suddenly, he stopped praying and within a minute, she heard him say, "Thank you my Lord. I feel better. I do not feel any more pain". My mother astonished at these words but did not ask my father then immediately because he went to sleep.

The next morning my father looked at my mother and asked "Did you not see the person that was with me last night?". My mother responded "No, tell me what happened". So my father began to explain to her that in the very hour that he was in so much pain, an angel appeared on the right hand side of his hospital bed and gently walked through the bed passing through his body and he sensed that as the angel passed by the pain was being taken by the angel. His pain left him completely and this was an amazing work of God.

7. Who Is Jesus Christ?

There are so many ways we can answer this all important question. It is the most crucial question men might ask, because the totality of eternity for the individual hangs on the answer to this question. If we come to the wrong conclusion then we forfeit heaven and we doom our souls to an eternal hell, separate from God forever.

If we come to the right conclusion, the one that God reveals in His Holy Word, the bible, we shall truly come face to face with His majesty and splendour, as we embrace Him as our only sufficient hope for salvation and eternal life.

Who is Jesus Christ? Some have said that He was a great philosopher in time pass. Others say He was a great prophet with a message from God. Even others have said that he was a great teacher that came from God. Even today, people see Jesus Christ as a great example to follow or one of the many gods amongst others that can lead us to some kind of heavenly existence.

All of these conclusions fall short from Jesus Himself claimed to be. As a matter of fact, he did not leave us with the luxury of coming to any other conclusion than to see Him as He is - HE is GOD.

All of Christ's declaration about Himself leaves no room for other opinions. They will face the reality that He is God. His life, works and word demonstrate that He is the eternal God that has come in the flesh to our world some two thousand years ago to bring salvation to man and conquer sin, death and Satan, and to impart eternal life to all who believe in Him.

He is the only true and living God that rose from the dead on the third day and reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will return to bring judgement upon our world that has rejected Him, as well as to those who have believed in Him, ushering all the saints to a new heaven and a new earth to live with our glorious God for all of eternity.

What evidence do we have that Jesus Christ was not an ordinary man. Who was the man who walked amongst mankind two thousand years ago? Did Jesus claim to be God?

No other religious leader who ever existed claimed to be God! They all point to some divine deity or god but none ever claimed that they were God. Buddha did not claim to be God nor Mohammed identified himself as being Allah.

Even great leaders in the bible like Abraham or Moses did no such claims. Yet Jesus Christ told his disciples that he who has seen Him (Jesus) has seen the Father (John 14:9). He even shocked the religious Jews of his day when he declared to them. "Before Abraham was "I AM" (John 8:58).

This outstanding and shocking claim for the religious elite who were hearing Him meant clearly to them that he was saying he was God. These Jewish leaders did not accept this fact therefore they wanted to stone Jesus. John 10:33 records for us the reason of their furious and deadly reaction as we read "For good works we do not stone you but for blasphemy; and because you been a man, make yourself out to be God".

There was no question in the mind of these religious leaders and their claim that Jesus was making. Without any hesitancy or pretensions, Jesus was saying, "I am God". Now, how will you respond to this fact?

In another occasion, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me" John 14:6. In this declaration Jesus is assuring some crucial and fundamental eternal facts.

Firstly, He is exclusive and not inclusive. What do we mean by that? Jesus Christ is the only person to take us to the Father of heaven, God's abode. He excludes all other gurus, prophets and spiritual leaders.

No one gets on the band wagon with Jesus because no one else can save mankind from sin, death, Satan and eternal damnation in the lake of fire. Jesus is not a way to heaven! Jesus does not simply grab you by the hand and lead you to some other guru or spiritual leader. Jesus does not sit with Mohamed, Buddha, Hari-

krishna and thousands of human deities and then says to us, "I am one more amongst so many to lead you to Nirvana".

No! And a zillion times No! Christ alone and none other can lead us to heaven. All others fall impotently short to lead to any other existence but this mere life.

Secondly, Jesus HIMSELF is the Way, Truth and Life! HE HIMSELF is the essence of life. He is not pointing to some other for us to follow, but in essence is saying, "Do you want to know the way? Do you want the truth and life? Then, I am the very source of all of that".

You will only find heaven, life and truth in Jesus Christ because He is God and has created heaven and the whole universe; the heavens and the earth and the zillion galaxies and everything that lives & exist because He is God and Creator (Colossians 1:15-17) of all.

Thirdly, there is no religious system whereby we may reach God but only through the Person of Jesus Christ. Religion is man's way to reach God under self-achievement and personal merit. Salvation is God coming down to man to rescue him from his lost and depraved condition through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:23).

It is through Christ and not via rituals, laws, commandments, or any other means or way that we can enter into heaven. Every attempt from man's religious systems pales into nothingness in the darkness of eternity because he has nothing to offer God to gain His approval nor can he accumulate merit to gain heaven by his own efforts.

The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of God's Glory" (Romans 3:23). The Bible says, "There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one" (Romans 3:10-12).

As a matter of fact, the Bible says that, "By the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes

the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20). This means that two basic shattering realities are clearly taught in the Bible.

The first one is that all of us are sinners before God. Every person that has ever lived and will live is born a sinner which means we have missed the mark of God’s holiness and glory. Without exception, our condition is absolute loss and spiritual death before our Creator God.

We are living and breathing and walking in this life but our relationship with our God is shattered and broken and nothing that we do by our own means can change this reality. Even our “moral” attempt to keep the Ten Commandments condemns us because we cannot keep the Law perfectly and good intentions do not change our lost condition before God.

So it is not our good deeds and works that will take us to heaven or as so many believe, the scales of the good and bad will somehow lean towards our good efforts on earth and this will be the deciding factor for our entry into heaven. Such conclusion is delusional. Self-deception! Only the perfect work of Christ at the Cross and His resurrection is acceptable before God the Father, and all who come to Christ and receive Him as Lord and Saviour of their lives will be saved and will enter heaven (John 3:16-18).

Now let us look closer at the names, characters and attributes of Jesus Christ, which we find in the Bible, as evidence that Jesus Christ God of very God.

Firstly, we find the titles and names of Jesus Christ which clearly leaves us the evidence that He is no mere man but God. He is called:

The Almighty (Rev1:8)

The Amen (Rev 3:14)

The Alpha and Omega (Rev 1:18)

The Angel of the Lord (Ex 3:2, Judges13:15-18)

The Apostle (Hebrews 3:1)

The Blessed and only Potentate (1Timothy 6:15)

The Bread of Life (John 6:35)

The Captain of Salvation (Heb 2:10)

The Chief Shepherd (1Peter 5:4)

The Counsellor (Isaiah 9:6)

The Deliverer (Rom 11:26)

The Door (John 10:7)
The Eternal Life (1 John 1:2)
The Elect One (Isaiah 42:1)
The Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)
The First and Last (Colossians 1:15)
The First born over all Creation (Col 1:15)
The First born from the dead (Re 1:5)
The Forerunner (Heb 6:20)
The Glory of the Lord (Isaiah 40:5)
The Good Shepherd (John 10:14)
The Holy One of God (Mark 1:24)
The I AM (Ex 3:14, John 8:58)
The Just One (Acts 7:52)
The Lamb of God (John 1:26, 36)
The Life (John 14:6, Col 3:4, 1 John 1:2)
The Light of the World (John 8:12)
The Lord of Glory (1 cor 2:8)
The King of Kings (I Timothy 6:15)
The Last Adam (1 Cor 15:45)
The Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)
The Messiah (Dan 9:25, John 1:41)
The Morning Star (Rev 22:16)
The Prince of Life (Acts 3:15)
The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)
The Redeemer (Isaiah 59:20, 60:16)
The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
The Ruler over the kings of the earth (Rev 1:5)
The Saviour (2 Peter 2:20, 3:18)
The Son of Man (John 5:27, 6:37)
The Son of God (Luke 1:35, John 1:49)
The Son of the Highest (Luke 1:32)
The Son of Righteousness (Matthew 4:2)
The Only True God (1 John 5:20)
The Way (John 14:6)
The Truth (John 14:6)
The Word (John 1:1, 14)
The Word of God (Rev 19:13)
Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23)
Heir of all things (Hebrews 1:2)
God (Isaiah 40:9, John 20:28)
Lord of All (Acts 10:36)
Lord God Almighty (Rev 15:3)
Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6)

True Light (John 1:9)

Each name identifies without a shadow of a doubt that Jesus Christ is God and that He gives no other option of choice for mankind.

Either He is deluded, a scammer, or He is LORD and GOD over all. Jesus Christ is God by His identity and by what the Bible has to say concerning Him which demonstrates that He is over all things. Christ is not just someone to be remembered for Easter and Christmas. You cannot escape His very identity.

Secondly, as we draw closer to the Bible, concerning the Person of Jesus Christ, we can see His Divine Attributes, showing that he was no mere man but God of every God. We can read from the records of Scriptures that Jesus Christ is Holy (Luke 1:35, Acts 3:14,27, Rev 3:7) Righteous (Isaiah 53:11, Heb 1:9), True (John 1:14), Sinless (Isa 53:9, Matthew 4:1-10, 27:4, John 8:46, 2 Cor 5:21, Heb 7:26, 1 Peter 1:19, 2:22), Eternal (Isaiah 9:6, Mic 5:2, John 1:1, Col 1:17, Heb 1:8-10 Rev 1:8), All Present (Matthew 18:20, John 3:13), All Powerful (Psalm 45:3, Phil 3:21, Rev 1:8) All Knowing (1 Kings 8:39, Luke 5:22, Ezekiel 11:5, John 2:24-25, 16:30, 21:17, Rev 2:23), Unchangeable (Mal 3:6, Heb 1:12, 13:8), The Object of Divine Worship and Adoration (Acts 7:59, Heb 1:6, Rev 5:12), The Object of Faith (Psalm 2:12, Jer 17:5, 17:7, John 14:1, 1 Peter 2:6) and we are to Conform to His image (Romans 8:29).

As Lord and Saviour He came, "To seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10), therefore His primary mission and purpose was to become a sacrifice for the sin of the world and save all those that come to Him totally and spiritually bankrupt, embracing Christ as Lord and Saviour completely for the forgiveness of sins and therefore, receiving eternal life. Yes He did heal many and by doing so He showed that only God can bring about miracles, yet there is no salvation without the Cross of Calvary!

Miracles do not save but they do show God's miraculous power over sickness, disease, death, demon possession, blindness, deafness, leprosy, muteness, paralysis and many other ailments.

That these miracles display the glory of God is obvious to all, yet Jesus Christ came to cure the greatest of all ailments in man, to

deliver him from sin, eternal damnation and to deliver him from the grip and shackles of Satan the prince of the power of the air. Such deliverance was only possible if God Himself did the delivering, and that is what He did in the person of Jesus Christ, who is God.

Only God can forgive sins and only He can take us from the kingdom of darkness and place us in the in the Kingdom of light. Only He can bring us form death in sin to life in Himself! What made this possible? The Cross of Calvary! Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection conquered SIN, DEATH and SATAN.

Jesus Christ made the most amazing declarations about Himself. He has not left the option so man may conclude that He was just a good teacher, or miracle worker or even a great Prophet. Such conclusions negate the very identity of His Deity and Godhood.

If our conclusion is that Jesus was just a great example for us to follow or even just one of the many ways to heaven, then we have missed the whole written record of His person in the Bible. Or simply choose not to believe He is what he said He was and still is. He is the Son of the Living God, the God of every God and Creator of the world and Saviour of the World.

What conclusive Biblical evidence do we have to back this eternal truth? Plainly and clearly, the Bible

There are nine main features that clearly show that Jesus Christ is who He says He is and deserves our worship, adoration, honour, obedience, devotion and full surrender.

1. Christ is Eternity - with this we want to say that Jesus Christ is God and existed in eternity before His birth in Bethlehem (John 1:1,15,30, 3:13,16, 6:33,42, 50-51, 58,62, 7:29, 8:23,42, 9:39, Ephesians 1:3-5, Col 1:16-17, 1Peter 1:18-20, Hebrews 1:5-14, Revelation 1:8).
2. Christs Amazing Birth - the birth of Jesus Christ is like no other because of its Unique and Divine reality.
 - His Birth was foretold thousands and hundreds of years before (Genesis 3:15/Isaiah 7:14)
 - His Birth was announced by Angelic Beings (Matt 1:18-25/Luke 1:26-56)

- His miraculous conception brought about by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)
- His Birth was a sinless birth (Matthew 1:20/Luke 1:35)
- His Birth Announced His unequivocal Mission and Purpose (Matt 1:21/Luke 1:26-33)

3. Christ's Amazing Life - throughout the brief life of Jesus Christ we behold the God-man amongst mankind who had come in a specific time, entering into a Jewish custom and culture as well as displaying His Godhood throughout His ministry.

- Apart from His birth and all that encompasses those events explained to us in Matthew and Luke, we have a very brief record of an incident when Christ was 12 years old (Luke 2:39-52).
- 30 years of Obscurity (Matthew 2 - Luke 2).
- The Start-up of Christ's Public Ministry which covers His Baptism, Temptation, Election of certain disciples and His first miracle (Matthew 3:1 4:11, Mark 1:1-3, Luke 3:1, 4:13, John 1:19, 2:12).
- His Divine Authority that displayed the Divinity of Jesus Christ before those He ministered to.

4. Christ's Amazing Mission (Luke 19:10, Hebrews 2:9, 10:4,5,10,12, 1John 3:5, 2Corinthians 5:19, Timothy 2:5,6, Hebrews 2:14, 1John 2:8, Luke 4:18, John 10:10, John 13:31, 17:4).

8. Christ Amazing Death (Matthew 27:32-66, Mark 15:21-47, John 19:16-42, Romans 5:6, 1Corinthians 15:3, 2Corinthians 5:15, Revelation 5:9)

6. Christ Amazing Resurrection (Isaiah 53:6,8,10, Daniel 9:26, Zechariah 13:7, Matthew 20:18-19, 27:22-23,26-35, John 12:32-33).

7. Christ's Amazing Ascension (Mark 14:62, Acts 1:9-11, 5:31, 1Timothy 3:16 Hebrews 1:3)

8. Christ's Amazing Present Ministry (Mark 16:19, Rom 8:34, Hebrews 8:1 John 14:2 Hebrews 4:14-16, 1John 1:9, Revelation 1:10,3:22, John 14:12)

. Christ's Amazing Return (Daniel 7:13, Matt 16:27, 25:31, 24:30,44, 26:64, Mark 8:38, John 14:3, Acts 1:10-11, 3:20, 1Thessalonians 4:16, 5:2, Peter 3:10, 1Timothy 6:14, Jude 1:14.

7.A Vision of The Glorified Christ

“Show me your glory” was the heart cry of Moses. As I pondered in prayer and meditation in our church while on my knees at the altar of the church, I began to have a yearning to be in heaven. I had read of many accounts of believers speaking of being taken to heaven and back. Many had been accounts of people who had near death experience in diverse circumstances.

In one of the nights that I would spend time alone in prayer with my Saviour, I told my wife Cecilia and Alan, my 9 year old son, that I was going to be at church to pray. It was 9:30 p.m. and I went to church and knelt by the altar of our Baptist Church and began to pour my heart out to God. Heaven had been on my mind for over 3 weeks and that night I told the Lord to show me His glory as He did to Moses.

I was in such a passionate place that I would stop at times and walk up and down between the pews and return to prayer. My desire to be with the Lord was so great that at times I pleaded for Him to take me for a while so I may fall down and worship Him in heaven.

Three hours had gone by and it would seem like five minutes had gone past. As I prayed, I could hear the trucks and cars passing down the Cumberland Hwy outside and I wanted to escape from all of that and be in deep fellowship with my Lord. At the end of that night, I finished my prayer with a tremendous peace in my heart and full of spiritual strength from the Lord.

I returned to my office that same night and was writing one of my evangelistic booklets. I then went to bed by 2 a.m. and again knelt by my bed and praised the Lord for everything he had done that day. As I finished my prayer, I went to my son's room and checked that he was fine and checked again that my wife was fine. They were both well asleep and then I went to bed, turned off the light and in a matter of minutes I fell asleep.

The next thing I remember was that I was in a place that I had never seen before in my life. As I opened my eyes, I could see a multitude of people with white robes in a vast area. There appeared to be someone beside me but I could not see him.

The first words that I recall saying were, "Where am I?" The one who was me said. "You are in Heaven." Again I looked around and I could see a sea of people in white robes that shone with brilliant splendour.

At the same time I kept asking, "Is this heaven?" The one standing next to me said "You asked the Lord you wanted to go to Heaven." I asked the one standing next to me, "Is this Heaven?" He said, "Yes, and you will see Jesus soon." I was stunned at this revelation but very much filled with expectation and godly fear.

To the right side from where I was standing, I could see the glorious Shekinah emanating from what seemed like a sun which radiates its beams of glory.

My eyes could see the splendour of the Shekinah glory but I could not see through it. At one moment everything in heaven stood still and the attention of those in front of this brilliant glory and the one who stood beside me said, "Here comes Jesus." As he said these words, someone like the Son of Man came gently walking out from amongst this brilliant glory which lit up everything around it.

I looked carefully at the brilliant shining glory and out of it came Jesus Christ. How did I know? Everything was telling me this is Jesus. There was no mistaking it. Only Jesus could come out of that glorious brilliant light. In that moment I realised I was truly in heaven. I could not see the one who was explaining where I was but I knew it was an angel. He seemed taller than everyone else that I could see and he was the one that had been explaining to me where I was and who was coming to see me.

I can only explain that I was fully conscious but in a glorious and majestic Place. As I observed my surroundings I could only see a sea of glorified saints around me and a brilliant shining light that was brighter than anything I had known or seen on earth.

I knew that this was nothing that I could have imagined myself for it surpassed anything my mind could conceive or perceive. Nothing can compare to the sight of being in heaven and all my senses were totally sharpened to the nth degree. My sight was

clearer than ever and my awareness was fully and completely heightened.

Although I was fully surprised by being in a place I had never imagined, my questions directed to the angel that stood to my right were questions of unbelief and absolute surprise with wonder. I kept on asking whether I was in heaven. Although it seemed that I doubted, but in reality I knew where I was, for I remembered praying for this moment, yet I wanted to be assured somehow that what I was seeing was not just a dream.

The angel simply responded twice that I was in heaven and did not rebuke my initial questioning but assured me that I was before the presence of God. I did not see a throne in heaven nor pearly gates. No one approached me as the angel talked to me about where I was and who I would soon see.

As I was in this heavenly state, I did not think about my wife or my son or my congregation or any earthly thing for that matter. The splendour and majesty of the moment dissipated any and absolutely everything I knew that has any relation to earth. The only thing that my senses focused on was to understand that I was now in heaven and I would see my King, Saviour and Master, Jesus Christ.

This thing I knew, that I had been praying to be in heaven and see my Lord. My intense yearning in prayer the night before was more than I could bear and now by God's Sovereign choice and will, He took me to heaven to see a glimpse of the heavenly glory, but above all to see my beloved Saviour face to face. What glory divine! Who am I that He should grant me this heavenly visit? Nobody special! Yes, I am His child because I received Him as my all sufficient Lord and Saviour. I have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb and been placed into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. Yet I glory not in myself or my achievements but in Christ alone.

As I centred my gaze in the shining, radiant glory before me, I could see that all eyes were fixed with anticipation on the One that would step out from that unapproachable light and glory before me. I have no words to describe the essence of the glory that shone like billions of suns yet so much more glorious.

I clearly heard the angel telling me, "Here comes Jesus!" As his words came out of his mouth, I saw the glorified Christ come from within the unapproachable radiant glorious light.

This Shekinah glory was in front of me yet all around, encompassing heaven, I spoke no more but just simply gazed as Christ walked approaching others on my far right side but I did not move from the presence of the angel beside me. It was as if every soul in heaven stood still to receive the Living and glorious Saviour. I could see that He was wearing a brilliant, pure radiant tunic with a blue sash that came down from His shoulders, down to His waist and running to the right side down to His feet. Those colours that I saw have no relation to colours I have seen on earth. I cannot express it but by using the language that I have with what we see on earth.

The Angel repeated, "You wanted to see Jesus. He is coming to see you." At that moment I saw my King approaching from my right, walking gently towards me. I did not say a word. My eyes were seeing the Risen Lord. He approached me and stood before me with a peaceful gaze that I will never forget.

A face to face encounter and just one metre if not less in front of me. He saw me and it was as if He could see right through me. I heard nothing else and He said nothing but simply came directly to me and with His gaze, nothing else was needed.

One look and all was said. One deep, penetrating gaze satisfied my soul so completely that it will suffice until I see my Redeemer again when I am taken to heaven. As Job said, "My eyes has seen the Lord." But what could be more glorious, Jesus Christ has seen ME. No heaven, Angel or Redeemed in heaven can compare to the inner satisfaction of the soul and the complete knowledge that we exist because He made us. Seeing my Creator, Saviour and Lord has turned my whole life around.

For one moment Christ stopped to look at me and that seemed like eternity. Then He said three things to me. He did not have to talk verbally yet he spoke from his heart to mine and I could hear him clearly. He said, "I know everything about you, you can hide nothing from me", " My favour is upon you" and "Go and preach the gospel to the nations".

I found myself awakening from this heavenly vision with a sensation of awe and total amazement. As a matter of fact, I could not speak for 3 days because of the vision I had of heaven. I got up that morning with a sense of the presence God like never before. I was dumbfounded and although I wanted to shout to the four winds of what I had seen, I was not able to.

That morning I approached my wife while she was in the kitchen and I wanted to share the heavenly vision with her immediately. I forced myself to speak and simply told her, "I believe I was in heaven last night." As I said these words I watched her reaction but she kept on doing what she was doing as if my words did not even reach her ears. I stared at her and repeated the same words but she did not pay attention at all as if I was not even there.

I gently stepped back and headed for my office and kept silent for the rest of the day. Three days had passed by and I needed to let my wife know what had happened. I approached her again and repeated the same words to her and she was amazed at what I said. We sat down and all the words I used to explain my experience to her were insufficient to describe what I had seen. Even now that I am writing this, I cannot find words that express the full nature of my visit to heaven.

Now I can understand the difficulty for John the Apostle, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and others who had a glimpse of heaven, glory and the presence of God on the Throne, to find words to describe the enormity and vastness of what one sees. No human words can fully express it and no one who hears such accounts of the beauty and majesty of heaven and the glorious Person of Jesus Christ, can imagine it.

What lessons have I learnt from this glorious vision?

1. I must bow down in adoration, worship and total surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ for the rest of my life.
2. I have nothing to boast except in the Cross of Jesus Christ.
3. My holy resolution is to reach as many people as possible with the gospel of Jesus Christ, for Heaven must be populated with the souls of men

4. I will walk under the Power of the Holy Spirit and the Unction of the Spirit to be a mighty instrument so my Master and Lord may use me as He wants for His glory and purpose.
5. I will uplift His name around the world as I share the glories of heaven. The Majesty of Christ and the gospel of hope to every church I visit.
6. I will walk with my Lord in deep fellowship, totally depending on the power of His might as Enoch walked with God.
7. I will build the Gospel Glory Ministries for the glory of Jesus Christ as we pursue to preach Christ all over the world through all means possible to reach millions with the saving message of Hope.

8. Healing and Deliverance

My face to face encounter with Jesus Christ changed everything in my ministry. It dissipated my long standing belief of the cessationists of the Supernatural which I was taught in Bible College. As I mentioned previously, I was taught that miracles, healing, deliverance and the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit was a thing of the first century and since we have the Bible with us, we cannot expect to minister to others as the disciples did. This whole notion was absolutely shattered into a million pieces when Jesus called me to be with Him in heaven.

After my heavenly encounter with my precious Lord Jesus, I had the fire of His presence on my very flesh. Every time I would speak about my encounter with others I would feel an invisible fire surrounding my being. I would also feel fire on my hands but I did not know that this was an anointing from the Lord to minister to others in prayer, healing and deliverance.

My very first time I ministered deliverance was in a traumatic moment for a woman who knocked on the door one afternoon with great desperation and fury. When I opened the door, I saw someone I knew from our very suburb, Canley Heights, although I had only seen her shopping in this area. I was surprised that she asked me if I could open our church so she could pray before she would go home and kill her partner as she had just found out

that he had had an affair. The situation was explosive and there was something evil dominating her rage as her very resemblance showed signs of absolute hatred and determination to finish his partners life in that very hour. She shared with me later that she had a firearm at home and that she planned to murder him.

This lady came together with a Catholic friend and she was very worried for her friend but what a friend...in the worst of moments she was there as support for her. I told her to wait while I went back inside to get the keys but as soon as I arrived back at the front door they had gone to the church which was walking distance from our house.

I hurried my steps and opened the door of the church and she literally pushed her way and entered first, heading to the front of our church and knelt down before the alter and began to pray in the way she thought best. This went on for a few minutes and she would turn towards me and repeat the words, "I am going to kill him ...I am going to kill him!!"

After a few moments of her repeating this same sequence, I knew I had to take action. I was standing some three metres away from where she was and I abruptly stopped her repeated panic. I stared intently to her eyes and I said, "Stop right there! I am going to pray for you right now and whatever is in you it will leave".

I could clearly discern that she was influenced by a demonic force. It had taken full control of her faculties and she needed divine intervention right there, in that precise moment. I immediately knelt down where I was and said, "Lord, whatever she has inside of her leaves right now in the name of Jesus"

Now, I want you to know that this was my very first time that I had prayed against a demonic being that was in a person. I saw the situation and I knew that only Jesus Christ could deliver this women. I also knew that the Name of Jesus is above all names and that devils tremble and flee when a Christian confronts demonic forces with the authority of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ.

What happened next was supernatural and wonderful and it happened right in front of my very eyes! As soon as I finished my prayer, I opened my eyes (after this I always pray with my eyes

open to see what God is doing in the person I am ministering in prayer), and I could see that Sally was astonished and shocked as she would be touching her chest and back simultaneous and looking around as if someone was around her very body. I asked her, "what happened to you?" She said, with great wonder, "something just left me and it is gone!!!" Glory to God for His mighty power to deliver a tormented soul as her countenance changed in an instant and total peace inundated her soul.

That afternoon I could not stop wondering about those whom the Lord had delivered from the devils clutch by the power of the Holy Spirit. I had been part of seeing Jesus power break the shackle of bondage and the instant transformation from darkness to light. I knew it was not my power or name that prompted the demon to leave but the mighty name of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in action. I was the spectator and they did the deliverance. Glory to His mighty Name forever more!

As you read the four gospels, you will clearly notice the healing, miracles and deliverance ministered by Jesus Christ everywhere he went. From the very beginning of His ministry, he would teach in the Synagogues, preach the gospel of the kingdom and heal the sick (Matthew 9:35) and cast out devils (Mark 1:39).. Time and time again, he would manifest his kingdom power by healing the sick and cast out demons. But this was not just something that Jesus was doing but he charged his disciples to do the same by given them authority over demons and to heal the sick (Matthew 10:1-8/Mark 6:7-13).

My eyes began to open to the reality of healing and deliverance! As I read and re-read the four gospels, it was an inescapable fact that the church of Jesus Christ today should minister in the same way.

My old religious theology would limit even Jesus to do the miraculous through us by the Holy Spirit and I had to ask the Lord for forgiveness as the Holy Spirit brought to my memory the many times I mocked others who would minister with healing, miracles and deliverance. The Holy Spirit would bring to my mind the times I mocked these gifts believing that those who were moving in these gifts were not genuine or real. I wept before the Lord confessing to him how I limited his working in my life and

ministry. This was a painful but deep process that the Holy Spirit took me so I may start afresh and really be used by Him. It was not until I confessed this to the Lord that little by little I began to see the power of God manifested in and through my life as I would pray for healing, miracles and deliverance.

My very first prayer for healing was when I prayed for my mother-in-law. She and her husband German were visiting us from Argentina staying three months on vacations. Marta, my mother-in-law, had twisted her shoulder and arm and her tendons that ran from her shoulder to her elbow were twisted and this cause severe pain.

One morning before breakfast, Marta came to the kitchen and I could tell she was in extreme pain. I told her that I would pray for her and that the Lord would heal her. This time I did not close my eyes to pray because I wanted to see what Jesus was going to do.

I gently placed my right hand on her left shoulder and specifically rebuked the pain in her shoulder and asked for the tendons to return to their normal place in the name of Jesus. As soon as I said this, I saw with my own eyes the tendons move sideways, swaying from one end to the other and returning to its place. I was so excited to see this and praised the Lord because he was doing this all along.

I finished my short prayer and Marta took a few seconds to open her eyes. I asked her how she felt and she said that heat ran down her shoulder through her left arm and that she felt great relief. She had no more pain because it went immediately as the Lord was taking away all pain and putting things into place.

This started in 2011 and ever since then the Lord has healed and delivered so many for His glory. Now when I speak with people, I am led to pray for them on the spot and I just stand back and see what Jesus does with each person.

When I am evangelising now, it is power evangelism and not just declaring a message but Proclamation and Power!

When Phillip went to Samaria to preach, he did not just give them a nice sermon with great illustrations. No, no because he

proclaimed the gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons and there was great joy in that city (Acts 8:5-8).

Stephen did great signs and wonders through the hand of the Lord in his ministry prior to his martyrdom (Acts 6:8).

A summary of Paul's miraculous ministry is stated in Acts 19:11 where signs and miracles were done by God through the hands of Paul.

Then Christ gave gifts to His church so we can minister those gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of healing and miracles are part of the Supernatural working of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:9-10).

The Great Commission given to the church is one of Proclamation and manifestation of Power (Matthew 28:18-20/Mark 16:15-18/Acts 1:8). The Church should be a powerhouse of God's mighty presence and power as we proclaim the gospel with Healing, Miracles and Deliverance to a dying world captured and shackled under darkness by the Prince of the Air, Satan.

For so many years I ministered without power from above. I would preach and teach but I was missing power in my ministry. Praise the Lord I would see many, many come to Jesus for salvation but when it came to praying for the sick and casting out demons, I did nothing about this. I believe so many Christians today believe that Jesus did heal people and can possibly do something today in extreme cases but we tell people that we will have them in our prayers but we do not know how to pray for healing in that very precise moment.

I was one of these Christians who would also doubt anyone praying for others for healing or deliverance. I can understand your resignation to believe that God can use you so others may have a touch from heaven. I was the biggest anti-supernatural guy in this planet. I would just stick to my expository preaching and when I came to the passages that spoke about healing, miracles and deliverance, I would say to the people this was for the Apostles of the first century but now that we have the Word of God with us, we did not need these gifts. I still did not know how my Lord Jesus could put up with my arrogance and grieving the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, *"truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also and even greater because I go to the Father"* John 14:12. Now you can either believe this text or you try to interpret it to suit your comfortable doctrinal denominational view. Well the Lord had news for me when I had the heavenly encounter because I tell you Jesus is NOT a denomination! He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! He will not be caged in into our denominational framework and beliefs. He is beyond all of this!

So I had a choice. I would either believe God's Word and learn to do the works of my Saviour and Lord or I would justify my unbelief before others with nice theological declarations to soothe my mind.

Now this is the devil's trap. Deny God's Word concerning healing and deliverance and let unbelief soak within while you can still preach and teach God's Word to a hurting community. You can comfort yourself by simply brushing off the supernatural and declare that it was done in the first century but those gifts have not ceased from operation for the church today.

My dear reader, I can understand your stance upon this issue because I was there myself - denying as a strong advocate of the Cessationist theological group. By the way, if you did not know, in Christian Theology, cessationist or better still cessationism is the view that the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues, prophetic utterances and faith healing, ceased being practiced early in Christian Church history.

My Professors in Bible College would say, "There are only three periods of great miracles in the Bible...Moses and some of the Prophets, Jesus Christ and the Disciples and the first century church." They would add that there would be miracles in the time of the Tribulation as well.

I was in this camp of thought for many years of my life although I had experienced the miraculous since I was 13 years old but I did not develop my amazing walk with God in the mighty working of the Holy Spirit because I did not have anyone to share my experiences with. Even if I had shared them, I was scared that no one would believe me. Then when I went to Bible College, I was

taught the cessationist view and that is where I firmly stood. I was absolutely convinced that the miraculous was a thing of the first century until the Lord changed all of that one glorious night!!!! Glory to His Name!

You see, the problem was not the Lord or His Word. The problem was my putting the Lord in my comfortable and attractive theological framework. Once all this was taken away by the Lord, I could clearly see and understand the TRUTH!!! JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER.

Unless church leaders of the Lord do not repent of their unbelief concerning the mighty working of the Holy Spirit in their very congregations, they will continue to replace the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit by other methods and practices to try and solve the deep issues of people's problems in their life.

I point first of all to church leaders because change must begin at the top. If the leader is not transformed by the mighty person of the Holy Spirit regarding doing the works of Jesus Christ in our present time, we will continue to have dead churches where the presence and life of the Holy Spirit is absent. There may be Christians who move in the Spirit in our churches whom God is using but if we want to see the river of God's presence flow mightily in our congregations to impact our communities with the Glory of God, it will be a great struggle for it to happen. I have seen this myself as I have visited many, many churches where their Pastors and Ministers do not move in the Anointing power of the Holy Spirit to see God heal and deliver people.

People today come to church with great challenges and we leaders do not minister in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit to allow the Presence of God to touch their lives. We much rather listen to their problems and give them some logical advice and send them home. And yes, we sometimes pray for them with general words almost feeling sorry for them. This is not the power of God in action. People are looking for real solutions to real problems and in the area of healing, miracles and deliverance. So little is done in our churches in Australia and in so many others around the world.

Our churches are full of programs and lights look great in the eyes of our community but we have gravely quenched the Holy

Spirit and the heart of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ because His church today in the western world has become self-sufficient and void of the Supernatural power of God in her midst. We have organised the church in such a way that it become an event for people to attend and to criticise if it is not cool enough or trendy in its approach. By this I am not saying that our churches need to look like run-down sheds because I believe the Lord deserves the very best. I am talking about PRESENCE, POWER, HOLINESS AND GLORY in the church. I am talking about entering a church building and you can feel the atmosphere of the presence of the Holy Spirit. You can sense the glorious presence of angels sent from heaven to shield that place of worship. This is real because PRAYER, PRAYER, PRAYER IS AT THE HEARTBEAT OF THE CHURCH.

It is when Jesus Christ is the CENTER of our church service and the Holy Spirit moves powerfully within the congregation bringing repentance, holiness, love and a broken and contrite heart that we can begin to see the miraculous in our service.

Isaiah 66:2 says, *"...these are the ones I look on with favour; those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my Word."*

This is one of the key principles that the Lord establishes to draw close to our life so he may use us powerfully. It is a heart attitude energized and moved by the Holy Spirit. Our flesh cannot produce a humble and contrite heart. Only fellowship with the Holy Spirit can produce this in our lives.

But let me take it a step deeper. I have been learning to ask my Lord Jesus for Him to disciple me. I mean for Him personally to disciple me regarding healing and deliverance.

Now that may appear incredible for some or farfetched but for several weeks I was praying to the Lord for Him to teach me in these specific areas. I had read much on the subject and watched many hours on Youtube healing and deliverance take place. It got to a point that I told my Lord Jesus for Him to show me some way so that I could learn as a disciple.

In October 2013, after six weeks of prayer, the Lord appeared once more in a vision. While I was resting, the Lord interrupted my dreams and I had an open vision. In that vision, I saw the

Lord standing next to me wearing a glorious white kingly robe. I was standing next to him and we were in an open but indoor area. There were many people there with different ailments.

Immediately Jesus said, “all these people are sick” as he stretched out his hand. I looked at the people in front of me and I knew they had several problems; some more severe than others.

Then the Lord said, “Do you see this woman?”

I said; “Yes Lord” then he said, “extend your hand towards her and pray for her healing.”

I stretched out my hand and gently touched her shoulder and declared, “Be healed in Jesus Name”. As soon as I declared this upon her body, I immediately saw her body react to the healing power that was flowing into her body and she stood up with great joy, praising God for her healing.

Then the Lord said to me, “Do you see that man standing in that corner looking at us? He has an unclean spirit. Cast it out!” I looked at Jesus as he was standing on my right and he said, “Stretch out your hand and rebuke the demon in that man.”

I immediately stretched my hand, holding it towards the direction where the man was standing and I said, “You unclean spirit, come out in the name of Jesus!” I was observing to see what would happen but because I saw that nothing happened, I lowered my arm and looked at the Lord.

He said again, “Raise your hand towards him and rebuke the spirit”. This time I repeated the same command and waited to see what would happen when suddenly the man began to violently shake where he was standing and fell to the ground and I saw the evil spirit leave him. He got up from the ground and raised his hands and worshipped the Lord for his deliverance.

This is what I learn from the Lord’s teaching concerning healing...

1. That I asked the Lord to reveal this area to me as I would be his disciple and having Him come and show me how...is the very first amazement and holy wonder for which I praise Him forevermore.

2. The manner in which Jesus teaches is seen in His absolute and mighty meekness, humbleness, authority and compassion. All these characteristics are present with Him and much more.
3. He only speaks what is necessary. His instructions are direct, clear and to the point.
4. He made me feel His compassion first before I would pray for the people. This was so surprising and words cannot express His compassion when you're overtaken by it. It is not sadness but it flows like a deep well from within me and I felt His amazing love for each person.
5. He lets you know what you need to do but he gives you the space to declare the healing in your personal way. He respects your personality and greatly enjoys to see you learn next to Him.
6. He taught me to speak to the problem in the person or declare healing over the person. There was no long extended prayer but a command for healing.
7. Above and beyond all of this, the greatest reality is to see how Jesus has great love and compassion as he approaches people today to heal them. We only have to totally depend upon His person and power as we pray for others.

Jesus says in his word, "Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in me the works that I do, he will do also, and even greater, because I go to the Father."

John 14:12

The question is....Do you believe this?

As I read the New Testament I am confronted with the reality of how Jesus and the disciples ministered healing and deliverance to the masses of people they came across during their service to God. Offcourse the preached the gospel of the Kingdom and taught the Word of God to believers but a great percentage of the ministry was in healing and deliverance.

If healing was not important, Jesus would have just taught the masses throughout the three years of his earthly ministry and simply leave untouched the decay that sin brought about man - sickness, demonic possession and death. But clearly we see that

at least 60% of his ministry was in the area of healing, miracles and deliverance. As we read the 4 gospels it expresses the very essence of Christ ministry is found where we see that he preached the gospel of the kingdom taught the multitude and healed the sick and cast out devils.

In the training of the 12, Jesus also followed the same pattern for his disciples in Matthew 10:1, 8. The disciples duplicated what the Master was doing.

Then Jesus sends out 70 disciples, two by two to preach the gospel and heal the sick and cast out demons (Luke 10:1-9).

Then in the great commission in Mark 16:15-20, Jesus clearly and definitely states that the disciples and church are to go with mighty working power, as they would reach the world with the gospel, to heal the sick and cast out demons.

And again in Acts 1:8 the Risen Lord Jesus Christ declares that when the Holy Spirit would come there would be mighty, holy power to witness for Jesus. We only have to read the book of Acts to realise the great working of God in the preaching of the gospel accompanied by healing, miracles, signs and wonders.

So many have concluded that this was only a reality for the first century believers because they did not have the complete bible in their hands but that very poor conclusion limits God's mighty Holy Spirit in the church age and we offend the Holy Spirit. We become so short sighted when Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever!

Everything about our very salvation and Christian life is Supernatural. The very gospel is Supernatural because it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone who believes. The full Godhead; Father, Son and Holy Spirit have orchestrated our very salvation and all that entails in it. The very gifts given to the church are supernatural in nature and must be operated under the person and power of the Holy Spirit. Within the gifts are the gift of healing and Miracles! Praise His mighty Name!

T. L. Osborn states some crucial steps to receive your healing.....

1. KNOW that physical healing is part of Jesus' ministry TODAY.
2. KNOW that God has already promised to heal YOU.
3. UNDERSTAND, God wants you well: Only Satan wants you sick and tormented.
4. UNDERSTAND that bodily healing is part of YOUR salvation.
5. TAKE God at His Word, ASK Him to heal you, and believe He hears you.
6. BELIEVE you have received what you asked.
7. ACT on your faith, and thank God for healing you.

I would highly recommend reading his book called **Healing the Sick** by T.L. Osborn.

. Walking in the Supernatural

I just want to conclude with you on this note. God has called us to live a Supernatural Life on earth. He wants it to be naturally supernatural. This is what I was yearning! To learn to walk with Jesus in such a way where I would feel and know that he was next to me all the time. A walk where I could be used by him anywhere he would have me serve others and know that he was leading me to speak with people at any given moment.

I want to share with you the principles that started this revolution in my life and I am sure you will be mightily touched by Him personally and used for such a time as this.

5 Principles on How to Live a Supernatural Life

Dissatisfaction

All deep change come when you say to yourself, *“there must be something more”*. It all started with me when I felt desperately dissatisfied with my walk with Jesus Christ. As a Pastor I was

doing everything a Pastor should do; visiting the congregation, teaching, preaching. All of this was ministerial service but something inside of me was missing. I was busy and active but I lacked spiritual power. There was no active power of God operating in my ministry how I wanted and I knew what I lacked. I do not mean that the Holy Spirit was not living in my life but I wanted the tangible flowing power and presence of the Lord in my life. This was very frustrating for me. I had already been reading books about great men and woman of God who were used to impact the lives of thousands. Reading material on past revivals and moves of God and I felt altogether desperate, frustrated and empty. I knew the Lord was with me but I also knew that I could walk in His presence with power and sense his presence and leading like never before. I would even visit some churches where I would sense the presence of the Holy Spirit so powerfully and I would wonder why this was not happening in our church, in my life.

Now, dissatisfaction, despair and frustration are a good thing when it leads you back to God. Only God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit can turn you spiritual apathy into a full passionate walk with him with the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit. But you must end up at the end of your self-sufficient efforts and have a total abandonment in Prayer to seek the Lord with all your heart.

If you feel frustrated right now and you know that something is missing in your life then do what I did and so many others are doing - go to God in prayer and seek Him with all your heart. This kind of change does not happen overnight but through closeness with Jesus Christ. Your first barrier must be overcome and do not let discouragement and frustration keep you away from prayer because that is what Satan wants to do to you - distract you from the solution.

A Total Abandonment in Prayer

The sense of frustration grew in my soul for many weeks until I decided that I needed to pray. The Lord said, "Call upon me and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3)! So until you make a true decision to begin to seek the Lord with all your heart, you will stay in the quit-sand of despair, spiritual apathy and dissatisfaction.

Well, prayer started for me in slow momentum. Although I told my wife that I was going to be hours in the church praying, it only took me 15 minutes the first day in prayer as I began to seek God. When she saw me back in the house after just 15 minutes in prayer, she was not impressed. Please be aware that you may start a few minutes in prayer the first day but you started. Why only 15 minutes the first day? I was still frustrated and could not put my words together before the Lord. I took a list of things to Him, complaining why things were not happening in my life and why our church was not growing. In other words, I went to the Lord in a carnal, natural way and wanted answers.

Remember, when we begin to seek the Lord in prayer the Lord already knows what has been happening with your life. Nothing has escaped His watchful eye. I would soon realise that my approach was completely wrong yet the Lord would wait patiently until I would learn how to enter His presence. He is such a wonderful Lord and Friend.

For three months I prayed in my church alone seeking the face of King Jesus. Every day of those three months was a school of prayer. I was learning how to pray and I would abandon myself in learning to trust the Lord absolutely. It was a step by step learning. The very first thing was to show up every night alone in my church and close the doors behind me and begin to pray. I got a blanket and a prayer shawl and I would kneel down at the Alter and begin to call upon the Lord. Oh prayer moves heaven itself and when the Lord sees us really seeking Him, all of heaven takes notice and also hell itself. It is spiritual warfare when we pray yet it is also heavenly when we learn to enter into His presence.

Prayer is that spiritual exercise that leads you into the presence of the Lord. At first it is hard work to break away all resistance but when the Lord sees you striving in intense prayer He so greatly pays attention to every tear and cry and comes so gently by your side to comfort you and lifts you up. When we pray we are solely depending on God.

James 5:8 says, *“Draw near to me and I will draw near to you”*. Draw near to Him it says. Do not pray so you can get something out of Him or to just feel some emotional buzz but draw near to Him so you can know, adore, worship and just be with King Jesus.

Repentance, Confession & Renunciation

The next vital step that will change you dramatically is what happens in the school of prayer....repentance, confession and renunciation. Now, there is a very special place in seeking God when the Holy Spirit begins a deep cleansing in your life. First he reveals, then convicts followed by confession and renunciation. This was a truly revealing and most powerful work of the Holy Spirit when all the dust settles and He gets down into business with your life. If you really want a supernatural change, you must be broken first before you can rejoice in His presence. First we must see sin for what it is in our lives and allow the Lord to heal us and wash us with His precious blood so we can then take pleasure in His person.

As I began to pray at our church, I started to tell the Lord all about my frustration and would give Him a list of things that was not happening at church. For the first week I would approach the Lord this way because I was frustrated and discouraged. But I was awakened to the fact that I had much to repent of and confess and renounce. True prayer will always lead you to repentance and confession of sins (1 John 1:9). This is vital because when we confess, we are recognising that we have not pleased the Lord in motive, attitude, word, action and activity.

Sometimes we carry sins of the past that have not been confessed before the Lord and they become a barrier for our spiritual growth. Repentance, confession and renunciation is a spiritual cleansing which the Holy Spirit leads us in so we can then, and only then, begin to have a deep fellowship with the Lord.

As I was praying at church, suddenly there were outburst of weeping before the Lord, produced by the Holy Spirit in my heart soul and spirit. I would ask the Holy Spirit to bring to light any hidden sin in my life or anything that had not been confessed in the past. I would wait in prayer and then suddenly flashes of images would flood my mind of unconfessed sins in my life. This process would take hours and I was broken before my Lord Jesus Christ. Broken to be healed!

This step is crucial for you to walk in the Supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. You need to take time in prayer and be very honest and open before the Lord and ask Him to reveal the hidden unconfessed sins in your life so you may begin the process of cleansing and inner healing. You see, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all confessed sin and the Holy Spirit gently begins to heal us. Then we can also begin to renounce, in the name of Jesus Christ, all strongholds in our lives and all hidden habitual sin that entangles us. We must renounce, in the name of Jesus Christ, all sinful habit from our life.

I make it a daily practice to check my walk with the Lord and keep my heart pure before Him. Having said that, I am also aware of the constant struggle with the three constant battles we face every day: the world, our flesh and Satan and his demonic hosts. Keeping yourself obediently in the Word and prayer will revolutionize your life on a daily basis (Psalms 1:1-5).

Worship and Adoration

Now begins the greatest outcome of your seeking the Lord in prayer – Worship and Adoration. Off course, when I say, “seeking the Lord”, I am not at all implying that he plays hide and seek with us or that He is lost somewhere. No, no...it is us that have strayed away from the Lord and we need to draw to Him to be by his side.

So the natural glorious outcome of repentance, confession and renunciation is to worship and adore King Jesus. This was also a process for me. Let me explain. After my third week of prayer at church, I would walk into the church at 8p.m. and begin to pray. Then it dawned in me to take a CD of worship music and play that for the duration of the whole music track, about 55 minutes. I would just kneel down by the Alter and just listen to the words of the worship song for the whole 55 minutes and then I would continue in prayer. Sometimes as I was listening to the worship songs I would fall asleep but then I would wake up at the end of the worship song and would be upset at the fact that I had fallen asleep. But soon I began to realise that the Lord was giving me rest while I was listening to the worship music. This happened a few times and great peace would invade my heart.

So every night I would listen to worship music before I would begin to pray. What this did to my prayer life was amazing! By now, I would begin to focus only in the Lord. My lips would just adore His name and would elevate the beauty of His name. I would also read the Psalms and find in them the expression of worshipping God for who He is. My heart would leap with joy as I would just focus on Him. I was singing a new son to my Creator and Master and I could not contain my joy within me. By now, I knew the Lord knew everything that I needed so I would first confess and then worship Him. I was learning to know the heart of my Lord. I was learning how to enter into His presence with a song in my mouth and a heart that just wanted to worship Him. You see, we were created to know God and enjoy Him forever!

As I began to worship the Lord, the very atmosphere where I was would change. The rarefy air of heaven would invade our small sanctuary and for the first time I would feel the TANGIBLE PRESENCE OF THE LORD in the church!!!! Wow...I was amazed and could not believe that by the second month of prayer, I would open the door of the church at night and I could feel the atmosphere of heaven in that place because the Lord was waiting for this special time I was having with Him.

You see, one thing is to sing a few quick songs at church and listen to the sermon and the service is over but it is a whole different atmosphere when we worship King Jesus in spirit and truth. When we are thirsty and hungry for his presence we feel the presence of the Lord. Throughout my Christian life at church, I would rarely sense His presence in our service. At times yes but many of the other times it would be almost a ritual every service. We would sing cheerful songs and happy songs but no presence of the Lord in the worship in our service. Our church was like this for many, many years until the Lord began to change me, the Pastor, so then the river of His presence would invade our services. You cannot imagine my absolute amazement and outright joy when I began to feel the tangible presence of the Lord. For the first time in my life, I was surrounded by God's presence and this was because my absolute worship was placed in Him and only Him.

From worship I would begin to adore my Lord Jesus Christ. Every night, I would bow down and adore Him and I would be absolutely lost in Him. Jesus wants us to adore him and just worship Him. All our attention on spending time with Him and to know Him intimately should be our focus. This means to the point where nothing and nobody is more important than Jesus. An absolute abandonment in adoration to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords should be your aim. There were nights where I would enter my church and pray from 7:30p.m. till 3p.m. and even that time went to quickly because I was in His presence. I would be flat on my face worshipping the Lord and at other times I would walk around in our church, with hands lifted up, praising

His name and lost in wonder in His beauty. Every night I would say to the Lord, *“If you were here physically, I would bow down in adoration and kiss your feet and wipe them with my tears because I love you so much.”*

A face-to-face Encounter with Jesus Christ

What happened next was far beyond my wildest imagination and broke everything I was taught in Bible College and Seminary. I am a Baptist Pastor and although I had a supernatural encounter with the Holy Spirit when I was 14 years old and also saw demons and angels, I never told the people in my church for fear of ridicule and simply because many did not believe in the supernatural working of God in the life of a child. Yes they could believe in the bible story miracles and healing but that was a thing of the past, for believers of the first century.

You see, it is easy to say that you read it in the Bible than to realize that the Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever even more so now than before as we are nearing His glorious return, the Lord will manifest His person and power to many who are hungry and thirsting for Him so His purposes may be fulfilled in us.

I had read many Biographies of servants of the Lord that were greatly used in revivals and moves of God and they all had a common denominator – they had a personal encounter with God in a special way. Right throughout the Bible we see this with men like Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, the disciples and Paul – all were touched and called by God in a unique way. It was apparent to me that God wants to use us in a mighty way because He called us for a global work as we obey the great commission by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the last month of intense prayer in our church, the Lord took me to meditate on Exodus 33 and 34. It was in this passage that a greater dimension was being open to me by the Holy Spirit. The same yearnings that Moses had was now my heart cry - SHOW ME YOUR GLORY. This flooded my mind and heart as I was asking the Lord the same as Moses not really knowing that it was possible. My theological limiting mentality was my spiritual barrier to believe that Exodus 33:18 would be possible. But praise Jesus Christ that He would change my world in an instant because of his great love and favour. As I finished my last night of my three months of prayer, I went to sleep at 3a.m. and immediately found myself in heaven, standing before the Throne of God, surrounded by myriads of saints and angels as the Lord Jesus Christ came to see me.

So what was the outcome of this Supernatural Journey?

- I was Supernaturally Transformed
- I had a new purpose and a clearer destiny given by Jesus
- The river of blessing was now flowing in our church
- Healing, miracles and deliverance are part of my ministry
- The powerful presence of the Lord is at every meeting
- Revival is breaking out at our church
- Our church is growing every week
- Angelic worship has been heard in our prayer meetings
- The gifts of the Spirit are flourishing
- Mighty prayers are being answered
- Lives are being touch by the Holy Spirit in our services
- We are reaching the nations with the gospel

YOUR LIFE CAN BE TRANSFORMED TOO BY THE MIGHTY PERSON
OF JESUS CHRIST. ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE

10. Show me Your Glory

I want to take some time now and take you to the passage that the Holy Spirit was dealing with me during this spiritual quest.

Now it all starts with spending time alone seeking God with all your being. Off course, there are moments when God takes the initiative and comes in a supernatural way over someone that he chooses to use for a specific purpose. We see this in the life of Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Gideon, Daniel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, etc. But I am talking when we so desperately need to approach God with all our hearts. Even this approach is synchronized by God himself as He works deeply in our lives.

Please remember, we are all individual and the way that God moved me may be so differently than the way He will direct you. But what does not change?... the principles of seeking Him, prayer, His Word and the working of the Holy Spirit. Everything else; circumstances, timing, books and people will be different for you in your journey. Now this is good because that means that He approaches you in a singular and special way. You are special to Him and loved by him. Praise His name for that!

So let me open my heart to you and encourage you.

Because of my great dissatisfaction in my spirit, I began to read books about men and women of God that were used greatly during their lifetime. So I began to read biographies of the life of David Brainerd John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, D.L. Moody, and many others. Then I began to read about Smith Wigglesworth, Maria Etter Woodworth, John G. Lake, A. A. Allen and others. Then some contemporaries like David E Taylor, Good Morning Holy Spirit by Benny Hinn, Charles and Francis Hunter, T.L. Osborn and many more. This was producing a great hunger in my soul as I would read time and time again of their great battles to seek God until...God would touch them.

Here was my first barrier to overcome. Could God really touch my life like one of the people I have mentioned above? Could this really happen? This was my first question. I decided to start seeking God! Now this meant that I would have to pick a special time to begin my quest. I knew that there was a price to pay

because in every encounter that I had read...they all paid a price. As I look back now, it really was not a price at all because the glorious benefits surpass any and all sacrifice.

Then I decided to go to church at night and I would begin with my bible open next to me and just begin to tell the Lord why I was there. Once I began to take the steps that I have mentioned in chapter 9, the Lord guided my reading to Exodus chapter 33. This was the pivotal point of change in my journey. Here is an outline of this passage.....

SHOW ME THY GLORY

I. 33:18A BOLD Petition

A. **3:10Moses' Task**- Moses' task was to lead the people of Israel to the Promised Land. This was a gigantic responsibility and he knew it.

B. **33:1-3Moses' Distress**- The people had rebelled against the Lord again in chapter 32, and as a result, the Lord wanted to destroy them at worse and remove his presence at best. This cause distress upon his life and he was almost about to give up.

C. **33:18Moses' Desire**- Moses had a heart to know and experience God and this moved him deeply to seek God.

1.**His Ways**- 33:13 - he wanted to better understand God's way so that he might serve Him fully.

2.**His Person**- 33:13 - he also wanted to understand the Person of God so that he might enjoy a deeper relationship with Him.

3.**His Presence**- 33:15 - he really wanted to see a manifestation of God's presence. We all need this desperately.

4.**His Glory**- 33:18 - above all he wanted to see the glory of God which will transform him.

II. 33:19-23; 34:5-7A PROPER RESPONSE

A. V. 19-20**A Promise to hold**- God tells Moses that He will grant His request. Why? The answer lies in verse 17. Moses had found grace in the eyes of the Lord! In other words, Moses hadn't earned this experience, it was the Sovereign choice of Almighty God.

B. V. 21-23**A Place**- God tells Moses that there is a place by Him where Moses can stand and see the glory of God as it passes by. That place is a cleft in the rock.

C. 34:5-7 **A Presence to experience-** God did exactly as He promised and visited Moses with His manifest presence

III. 34:8; 29-35 **THE BLESSED RESULTS**

A. V. 8, 29 **Produced Humility in his life-** when we see the Lord as He is, we cannot help but see ourselves as we are

B. V. 8 **Produced Worship in his life-** When Moses saw the Lord as He really was, it caused Moses to fall before Him and honor the Lord

C. V. 29 **Produced An Outward Transformation-** The evidence of spending time with the Lord was all over Moses! What I see in these verses tells me that Moses was never the same

D. V. 34-35 **Produced a Face-to-face Relationship with God-** There was a closeness between the Lord and Moses that could not have existed otherwise.

After having studied this passage on my knees for a few weeks, the Lord was speaking to me so powerfully that the only thing that I desired was to see His Glory. This was my heart cry. I just wanted Jesus and to worship him above anyone or everything else. This was a consuming passion; to know Him so intimately.

Now here is the most important key and until you do not get to this, you will not experience Him truly. What do I mean? Well, we often come to Him to see what we can get out of Him- Right? I mean, if we are honest, we have a long list to show the Lord and tell him what we need. I know that myself because I had that list myself and things really began to drastically change when I learnt how to approach the Lord.

It was all about Jesus and the wonder of His person. We start selfishly and in the strength of our flesh (our self-sufficiency) but we end up just wanting Jesus. We only desire Him and we learn to adore and worship Him as we approach him in prayer. First Jesus, then the rest will come. First desire Him above all things not because of what he can give you but because you want to spend time with Him and to know Him.

When I realised this in my time of prayer, I began to feel his very person waiting for me to have fellowship with Him. By not getting to this point we would be living in a very selfish relationship. It's like you been married and arriving everyday home and not talking too much to your wife and you just expect the dinner to be made and eating in her presence without a word until you finish and head off to the lounge to watch TV until it is time to go

to sleep. You head to the bedroom without saying a word and go to sleep, while all the time your wife wants to be with you. This type of relationship would not last very long and it would fall apart.

So many have the same attitude with Jesus! They barely read the Bible; go to church once or twice a week and pretend they know our Lord and Saviour.

My friend, Jesus is not a Genie who comes out of the magic lamp to fulfil our three wishes. He does not live to simply fulfil all our wishes that have no relationship to His will. Jesus is not even a denomination but he is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When we approach him we must come under His terms and in total abandonment as we seek His face. Because he knows us, we cannot deceive Him with our pretence nor can we stand before Him without his glorious eyes seeing everything in us and he knows everything about us. We are transparent before his gaze and nothing is hidden from him. Pride will be crushed in his presence and all self-reliance has no meaning before him. What really matters is who He is and what he wants to do in your life. All other notions and ideas will quickly dissipate before His presence.

When Moses was 40 days in the Glory Cloud with Jehovah, his mind was not drifting into the mundane things of life because being in His presence separates you from this earthly sphere and you enter into the spirit world to perceive the Supernatural. He sustained Moses those 40 days without food. His very glory was sustaining Him and doing naturally the impossible, making it possible.

You can only begin to walk in the sphere of the Supernatural when you draw so close to God. This does not happen in the snap of a finger but through time where self must die and we draw so close to His presence just to be with Him.

This Supernatural walk is a daily walk. It is daily being filled with His Holy Spirit, abiding in His Word and steadfastly walking in obedience to His will. It is living in His presence 24/7 and learning to depend on Him. It means talking to the Lord about everything and asking Him to lead you on a daily basis. With this I am not saying that you will not do your daily tasks that we must all do. We all have responsibilities and duties and they must be performed. Some have mistakenly gone to the extreme of thinking that they will wait for God to speak to them if they are

to go to work on that given day or if they should shower! It sounds really bad but so many take things to extremes and it is when these things happen, others are turned off in walking supernaturally.

Let me give you an example that will help us understand what it means to walk supernaturally.

The Bible gives us testimony that Enoch walked with God and this relationship pleased God (Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5). What a powerful testimony. Now Enoch did not hide away in a mountain and lived there by himself for years on end in order to have a relationship with God. He was married and was a family man with many responsibilities as well as a prophet of God proclaiming the Word of God in his generation (Jude 14,15). Enoch was a family man and a mighty man of God who learnt to walk in the sphere of the Supernatural while having Fellowship with God.

Why do I emphasize all this? Because you need to get the idea from your head that only those who live in some deserted area, alone, with no cares in this world can develop a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Wrong!

The Lord will meet you where you are at but the key is YOU seeking Him! It may mean during your busy day that you set aside 30 minutes a day, alone in your room, garage, office, park, beachside...wherever... and begin to focus on Jesus Christ. As time goes by you will increase your special time with Jesus Christ until you have a breakthrough and you have an encounter with Him.

Jesus Christ LOVES YOU so much that he desires to be with you daily. He wants it more than we do yet He waits for us to come to Him.

It is your turn now. This is your year to have an awesome encounter with Jesus Christ. Now is the time to draw so close to Him and the rest is His Story living through YOU!

LAST VITAL AND LIFE CHANGING WORDS

My life had a Massive Turn-around when I came to God for Salvation! It all starts there!

You see, God loves YOU so much that He gave His only Son so that if YOU repent of your sins and believe with ALL YOU HEART that Jesus Christ is the ONLY Saviour, you will not perish but have everlasting Life (John 3:16).

Life starts right there; the moment you give your life to Christ! The moment you realise that you are at a dead-end in your life and God has brought you to read my story to encourage you and for you to be saved because only Jesus Christ can change your destiny.

Why don't you read this prayer with all sincerity out loud, right now...

Dear God. Thank you for loving me. Thank you because Jesus took my sins on Calvary's cross. I know I have been living ignoring you but now I REPENT OF MY SINS because I know I am a sinner. I give my life to YOU. Come into my life and be my Saviour and Lord. I give my life to you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit so I may serve you forever more. In Jesus Name, AMEN.



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