

The **MISCONCEPT** *of* **SPIRITUAL REALITIES**

The
Truth
Revealed



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Mandate

“Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king’s words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.”

[\[Nehemiah 2: 17-18 KJV\]](#)

The Lord gave me this portion of scripture to study one day while I was fasting and praying; seeking direction to fulfill my God-given call. With the understanding of the verses above, the Lord further led me into the study of the entire book of Nehemiah; which led to the first series articles: [‘Entering the Presence of God’](#) on the [Gospel Addicts Blog](#).

With a further word; “Send us around the world with the news of Your saving power and Your eternal plan for all mankind” [Psalm 67:2 / TLB], it was a confirmation of what the Lord wants from me. The Lord had sent many prophets and men of God into my life, giving words of direction and encouragement concerning my calling from the Lord. Ever since, I started the ministry of Gospel Addicts, which once again, the Lord gave me a vision of what He wants me to do through this platform – to establish a Global Virtual Church to reach the nations of the world. The ministry has gained ground into 43 countries; and has touched 10’000 new souls within the first year. Currently, I’m working on a new website which will host weekly downloadable teaching in Wordpad, MP3 and MP4 formats; with a number of features, including membership and a complete online service.

Mission Statement

'Gospel Addicts is a hard-core ministry, bringing men, women and youth alike unto the greater truth, equipping them to become effective for Jesus with a win, train, send mindset. We are a family of radical believers, reaching the lost at any cost. Gospel Addicts is a place from where changing the world starts within.'

Vision

'To reach men, women and youth alike globally with the Word of God; imparting the greater truth in order to rise up leaders who will take their cities for JESUS through active evangelism.'

[\[Mark 16: 15\]](#)

Aim

'Rising up leaders who will rebuild the broken down walls in people's lives and instill the truth of God's Word in every person that comes into our midst.' [Found on the book of Nehemiah]

[\[Matthew 28: 19-20\]](#)

Objective

'Awakening in Christians the zeal to make manifest God unto the awaiting world the manifestation of the sons of God.'

[\[Romans 8:19\]](#)

Evangelistic Mandate

'To reach men, women and youth globally with the message of the Gospel. Evangelizing through inter-media platforms to reach the unreached with the Word of God and to restore all men back unto God.'

[\[Acts 1:8\]](#)

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[About the Ministry of Gospel Addicts](#)

The Ministry of Gospel Addicts is largely an online ministry, reaching out to the world with the Word of God, through the means of internet-media. With the global platform of the internet, Gospel Addicts is able to reach people all over the world; even in countries which the Gospel is prohibited of being preach - like the middle-eastern countries and parts of Asia.

While it is important for every believer not to forsake the gathering of the saints, the ministry extends an arm to those who has a desire in growing in the Word of God, through weekly article post and regular teaching series on the Blog of Gospel Addicts. Furthermore, the ministry extends an arm to those in countries where attending church meetings and gathering can be life threatening; offering a platform where they can get acquainted with the Lord and grow in faith and knowledge.

Although the Ministry of Gospel Addicts is a recently establish ministry of restoration and reconciliation; the founder, Rudi Ferreira and his wife Tania comes from a well rooted fivefold ministry with profound teachings and world class mentors. With further involvement in pioneering a hard-core ministry in the ghettos of South Africa, Rudi and Tania worked closely with a group of pastor from all around the world, reaching out to hard-core criminals, drug addicts, gangsters and prostitutes. Fearlessly taking the church to the streets of high drug and criminal infested back streets of their city through active evangelism - winning souls at any cost. Further assisting in working with men and women to rehabilitate them and giving them a hope in Christ. While still deeply involved at their home church, Rudi works hand-in-hand with his wife in restoring lives and giving many lives a meaning, through being radical in spreading the Gospel and educating new believers - bringing them into their inheritance in Christ.

Gospel Addicts is a fast growing internet ministry preparing the world for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Foreword

As you have notice, this book consists of 8 chapters, a spiritual number with a symbolic meaning of 'New Beginnings'. The symbolic meaning of the number 7 is 'Completion'. With this, the aim of the book: 'The Misconcept of Spiritual Realities' is to bring the reader to a completion of revealing the misconception; and lead the reader into a new beginning of living life fuller as a believer.



"It is my humble pleasure and honor, to recommend the works of our Lord Jesus from the hands of the writer and author of this great book. The Word of God let us know that: 'The Lord gave the word: and great was the company of those that published it.' Be conscious of the fact that this Gospel must cover the whole earth as the water covers the sea. I give praise to the primary Author of this book Who is the Holy Spirit, Who in a very short space of time has matured this man of God (the author of this book) by equipping him with some great spiritual gifts: Humility, patience, contentment, a teachable spirit and respect of the Anointing; the fear of the Lord...

In order to reveal and expose the plans of our enemy the devil, as it is given in this book, you must have been a good and passionate student of The Word of God; and only mature Sons of God like the author can accurately hear and do His Will. Life is spiritual; and failing to recognize and acknowledge this truth can only lead God's children into a wrong direction and decision making in life. I am blessed to see that in this book the secret to live a victorious life in Christ is revealed, in the most practical and simple to apply way.

As we mediate on these spiritual principles, written in this book, we will surely realize that satan, and all his cohorts are not a factor for a born again child of God; and this is therefore the beginning of "The Higher life" that we have been called to."



The first time I read this book, I was taken back by what I experienced. Firstly I would like to explain a bit about my husband, Rudi. He was never the type of person that would ever read or write anything. He would always ask me to read things and then give him a summary of what I have read. When he told me that he had written a book and he would like me to edit it, I was awestruck. Take note, English isn't his first language. Within the time my husband is born again, he has grown tremendously spiritually [like I've never seen before]; to a point that I have to double check that it is my husband. Every time I read his teachings, I am awestruck of how the Lord is using him. With the profound revelations and insights that he receives, it makes it so easy for anyone to understand the Word. While reading his writings, I also learn a lot; and when I do the editing, I love the process it takes me through as I experience growth myself.

There are so many important things that we miss out on, because we are so focused on everyday life that we often forget the simple things in life. In this book, while reading, you will have that awestruck moments. You would want to read each chapter more than once, just so that it can penetrate and sit in your spirit so that you can apply the revelation you will get from these writings. You will experience a change within yourself and be compelled to apply what you have learned. While Rudi has been following his calling, it was a challenge at first for me and our children; but once I saw how God is using him to touch many broken souls globally, those challenges seemed to become small. Rudi is a well gifted teacher of the Word of God. I had witnessed myself how the preaching of the Word of God heal people, how through speaking with authority in the name of Jesus can cast out devils; and even how dead bodies respond to the Word of God, regaining life. With faith filled teachings, I have seen and read many testimonies of how the Word of God had not only impacted peoples' lives, but also transformed their lives from glory to glory.

I thank the Lord for what He has done in the life of my husband and family's life; and for all the people that have been inspired through the teaching the Lord gives Rudi. I also thank the Lord for using my husband for this ministry, because it has made him a better husband and father to our children.

Introduction

It is important to know that satan has a plan just as much as God has a plan for mankind. It is also important to know what satan's plan is. Satan's kingdom is a counterfeit to God's Kingdom. He imitates the truth, yet it will never be the truth, for there is one truth and one truth only; the Word of God. For as long as time existed, satan has deceived mankind with what seems to be truth. With a cleverly camouflaged plan, devil deceives mankind with the counterfeit of the truth, while he is running chaos in the world to distract even Christians from his real plan. This causes spiritual blindness as we tend to be so focused on social evils that we don't even recognize when satan is standing right beside us or even face-to-face with us.

A counterfeit imitates the truth, he makes his way look as real as the real thing, yet it's not real at all. Pretty much like you will get a counterfeit for money, although it looks very real, it remains a counterfeit and fraud of the real thing. Satan leads people parallel alongside the path of God; the only difference is at the end his path forks with that of God, taking his followers into eternal destruction. Satan knows the Word of God; and most probably better than any man knows it. Satan was the highest ranking angelic being in existence, all the angels offered their worship to God through satan; and satan used to present it to God. That is until satan tried to conspire against God. In exposing himself through pride and greed, satan corrupted his own anointing and was cast out of Heaven with one third of the angels who followed him. However, we see in the book of Jude, when Michael had a confrontation with satan, Michael recognized satan's rank and rebuked him in the name of the Lord. Satan, although he corrupted his own anointing, still had his power, that's until Jesus came, died on the cross, went into hades and stripped him from it all. Therefore we must be diligent in seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit in understanding the Bible - be diligent in searching the scripture to not just know the Truth, but to understand the Truth.

Always giving heed to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we can be equipped to accomplish the task given to us; that is fulfilling the mandate of active evangelism - "Go ye therefore and make disciples..." (Matt.28:19-20). God's desire is for man not only to know Him, but also to have a close relationship with Him. We can only establish such an intimate relationship with God

when we diligently seek out the very character of God through His Word. Therefore, the first step in this book is revealing the plan of Satan and exposing him as the counterfeit he is; and secondly, revealing God the Father and the nature which the born again Christian is born of.

We are to preach the Gospel to the lost and teach the Word of God to those who obtained salvation already. I say obtained; because in God's eyes, the whole world had been saved - just not everyone has received their salvation yet, because they are unaware of it. It takes believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth to obtain what was given freely to all men.

Chapter 1



Not Our Battle

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Not Our Battle

When we understand that the battle we want to fight is not our battle, then will we be effective for Jesus...

...for Jesus purchased the field which we are to work in today, bringing the harvest to the threshing floor. Jesus saw the treasure in the field and purchased the land. Now that the battle is over and the land has been purchased, Jesus sends us with this command to work the field: 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...' Not to battle, but to reap a ready harvest of souls and to teach these new workers (disciples) to do the same! Bringing the harvest to the threshing floor is bringing souls into church. On the threshing floor, the workers will spread the harvest out and tramp the chaff out, removing the waste and collect the product to be used. Getting new souls involve in the church is like the process of the threshing floor, the more they do, the more they will let go of their old life and become a product of the Word.

Understand that our biblical ancestors went out into the battlefield, conquering the land on Abram's vision of faith in possessing the world. In Genesis 13:14 / 15:5; God told Abram to look and as far as he can see, that land will be his - that his descendants will gain the world as their inheritance. Abram stood on a higher ground and through the eyes of faith he saw the whole world. The extent of your vision is the boundary of your blessings. Abram learned to use his spiritual eyes not to limit God, and through that gained the cosmos.

It was Abram's descendants who caught this vision and throughout the Old Testament, the folks of old went about conquering the nation of the world, taking possession of that what Abram saw, that which God said is theirs. Today, in the New Testament, we live free in a land which is rightfully ours; therefore Jesus said, go into the world and make disciples (Matthew 28:19) and preach the Gospel unto the whole world (Acts 1:8).

Furthermore, understand that being born again separates you from the harvest, because you are born of God, not of the world. Those treasures in the world are the harvest - they are souls ready to be reaped. To those we are to preach the Gospel. Through bringing souls onto the threshing floor allows them to become a product of the Word of God through obtaining salvation. It is on giving your life to the Lord that you die to yourself and are born of God anew. You are now translated (brought out of darkness into light - 1 Peter 2:9) into a spiritual being, placed in a body to express the inner working of God outwardly for the world to see the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:19), so they might believe and turn to the Lord (Acts 26:18).

In this process, it is not your spirit who is saved, it is your soul (the mind is housed in your soul); for your spirit is born of God anew and cannot be saved - it is pure and comes from God, being born of an incorruptible seed (1 Peter 1:23). Unlike the soul and body who is born of a corruptible seed, which separated man from God through its sinful nature (Isaiah 52:9). God wanted a relationship with man, but man's sinful nature forbids it, that's the reason why God gave birth to Himself in the form of Jesus (John 1:1-5 + 14). Jesus died on the cross for our sins, nailing our sins together with Him to the cross to die with Him. When Jesus rose up from the grave, He rose in His full Glory, because He received a new life - and it is that life we are born of when we become born again. The old man died on the cross and a new man was born and resurrected out of the grave from God through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17 / Ephesians 2:6).

We are sent to work the field, bringing in a harvest of souls, to be translated into new creatures in Christ. That's why Paul said; 'Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; the old are past away, behold, all things are become new' (2 Corinthians 5:17). Simply meaning that the old life of the flesh is dead and a new life in the spirit had begun. Devil had deceived the church with a counterfeit of the truth; making people battle conscious and taking the focus of God's plan for mankind - which is to win souls. The church has become conscious of something they have died too. The church is going back and waking up the dead man, the one who died to his sin. Leave the dead man dead, you have a new life in Christ; and that life gives you right standing with God our Father. Even when we out winning souls, we are so battle conscious, that we are not effective enough in winning souls. Does the Bible not tell us in James 4:7 to resist the devil and he will flee? So then why do we want to 'give the devil blue eyes' or 'knock him out'? Aren't we then not following instructions?

The Lord tells us to go into the field for the harvest is ready (Matthew 9:35-38), not to go into the field for war is coming. The aggressive nature of man is still very evident in Christians today; instead of being transformed by the renewing of our mind, we are still conformed to this world. (Romans 12:2). When we understand the true essence of being more than conquerors (Romans 8:37), then we will also understand why Jesus had to be in the grave for 3 days (Acts 10:40). He wasn't taking a break or allowing people to mourn His death; neither was the Spirit delayed - Jesus descended into hades to conquer devil and all his cohorts, stripping them from the authority, so that He can be resurrected with the victory in His hand (Revelation 1:18 / Ephesians 4:9 / Acts 2:24). We receive that victory when we become born again, making us more than conquerors, because Jesus done the conquering before we were born. This puts us in a place beyond the battlefield. The Spirit of the conquering King (Jesus) had come to vitalize our entire being and raised our hands in victory. He (the Holy Spirit) takes up His place within us and He becomes our Teacher (John 14:26), teaching us all things which pertain onto life and godliness - He is the Holy Spirit, the One Who Jesus said He will ask of the Father to send us (John 14:16).

Revelation 12:11 tells us this, 'they have overcome him (satan) by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony.' Does this indicate that the born again Christian had to battle to overcome satan? Surely not, what it does tell us is that Jesus done it all - first by Jesus' blood and secondly by Jesus giving them (born again) a testimony! Throughout the New Testament, the Word tells us that devil has been defeated, that he has been stripped from his power, that he has been placed under our feet; and more so, that he has been placed under our authority (Luke 10:19 / Romans 16:20).

Now, the religious mindset which has been imparted from generation to generation tells us to argue this with verses like that found in Eph.6 and Heb.4 - that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities in high places. The armour of God and the sword of the Spirit. These verses doesn't tell us to wage war against anything. First of all, the powers and principalities in high places are that which are formed in our mind, the spirits of infirmities and that of unbelief. The mind can give birth to dangerous thoughts which can not only cause the destruction of one self, but also those who we minister too (Romans 16:17). The armour of God is given for us to stand strong in the evil day (Ephesians 6:13), it doesn't tell us to fight. So what about the sword of the spirit seen in Hebrews 4:12 (Ephesians 6:17). Even this, the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God, and it is given

unto us for discernment, not to fight with, but to divide truth from non-truth - not to be deceived by devil or even our own thoughts, but to be influenced by the Truth of God's Word. The Sword of the Spirit is a discerner, a tool used to remove impurities - like a doctor which will use a scalpel; not to wound you, but to make you better and to heal you. When I minister healing unto people; for example: the case of cancer - I use the Word of God as a scalpel to remove the cancer, not only from their body, but also from their minds. God had given us authority to do so in Luke 9:2 when Jesus said: "Preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick." To preach the Kingdom of God is to preach salvation unto the lost; and through doing so, we heal the sick with the Word of God (the Sword of the Spirit).

You might ask then what about casting out of devils; isn't that spiritual warfare. No! The Bible tells us clearly that these signs shall follow those who believe (Mark 16:17). Jesus said that in His Name shall we cast out devils. This is exercising our authority given by the Lord to us to use His Name and command evil spirits to leave - no battle, only a simple commandment. The laying on of hands and healing the sick is done when evil spirits are gone. Those who had experience sickness due to possession needs healing, because spiritually, demons leave scars and wounds. So the laying on of hands is to heal those scars and wounds. Now some may not have been possessed by evil spirit, but still had sickness. It is important for us to stick to the Word of God when we do things - the Word tells us to lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. We don't even have to say anything, because we carry an anointing which will heal the sick just by us laying hands on them. Furthermore, healing is not for the Christian, because with the new life in Christ, the old are dead and the new has begun (2 Cor.5:17). We have received a new life, born of incorruptible seed. So why then do we find Christian who gets sick? Well, I explained it earlier on: through the deceiving ways of the counterfeit of the Truth we are lured into believing that what we feel is real; but the reality is in the Word of God, not in what we physically feel. We have the right to reject what we don't want and to receive what we do want. The sad thing is that we sometimes even reject the Truth, because we go about on what we physically see and hear. When we stick to the Word of God we will not be moved by what we hear, what we see or even by what we feel - we will only be moved by the Word of God. Stick to the Word and you will surely come back with a testimony!

However, for those who have little faith in their believing, Luke 9:2 tells us to preach the Gospel and heal the sick. Notice here, it is not the laying on of hands which will heal the sick in this case, it is the preaching of the Gospel

which will heal the sick. Psalm 119:130 shed more light on this: 'the entrance of God's Word gives light...' When God's Word enters you, the light extinguishes the darkness. Sickness is not from God, therefore it is part of darkness and it cannot comprehend the light. (John 1:3).

Too many Christians are living their lives today by the opinion of others, instead of by God's principles. Our prayer lives have been influenced by a religious world which believes in asking God day after day to do this and do that; instead of searching the Word and applying it to life. Mankind has become lazy, so lazy that even studying has become a burden. God's Word is full with telling us what He had already done for us, but because we don't search out what God has done, we end up asking God for things He had freely given us already as part of our salvation (Ephesians 1:3). It is through the counterfeit of God's Kingdom that religion rules the minds of men and women.

Time is running out and we ought to get to know the truth and share it with the world. Every day that passes is one day closer in the return of Jesus Christ. What would you have accomplished if that day is tomorrow? Would you blame it on the counterfeit or admit that you didn't search the truth the way you ought have done it?

Chapter 2



*Fear:
The Enemy of Faith*

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Faith is a staircase built by hands leading you upward and forward. It is stepping in the direction where you can see the destination, but can't see a staircase leading there; and trusting that when God says: 'Go' - it is safe to go!

To be fearful is like beheading yourself. Fear is single handed the biggest enemy of faith. Putting it quite frank; any idiot can stand in the pulpit and preach, but it takes a Spirit filled servant of the Lord to teach a congregation. Also, God can use anyone He wants, but to be effective for Jesus takes faith in God's Word. Without great faith, you might just become the 'idiot in the pulpit', or with great faith you can be the 'one God chose to use'. With great faith you can become the teacher chosen by God to be effective for Jesus - you can become what the Word of God speaks concerning you - blessed to be a blessing. I've heard someone say once that fear is false-evidence-appearing-real. I immediately caught onto this, fear is just that - the enemy has been defeated and stripped from his power. The only thing devil and his cohorts has left is to try deceiving us. The problem is that when we are deceived by devil or even religious teachers, fear creeps in and whatever it is that they pulling a bluff which becomes false evidence appearing real - causing folks with little knowledge to stumble and fall. That's why it's so important for a Christian to study the Word of God and build a relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To know someone or something, you will easily be able to tell when a counterfeit is trying to be the real one or real thing. However, you must be well acquainted with the character of a person or the value of a thing to know which is which. If you are not well acquainted with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; then get acquainted now.

The Wrong Mindset

We testify about how Awesome our Jesus is, how Loving our Father is, how we have an Ever Present Helper; but we continue to cry to God to give us strength to fight in spiritual warfare. We talk about how good God is, but we portray a picture of our God leading us into battle... That is wrong; God isn't

training us to fight any battle, He is training us to be great (Ephesians 4:11-13). All glory to God for that! Amen!

Has religion twisted our minds so much that we don't realize that we are living contradicting lives to that which we speak and do, to that which the Word of God tells us... There is one fight mentioned in the entire New Testament which the New Creation has to fight; and that's the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12) - nothing physical; and no object or spiritual entity. This fight is the fight of our spirit man to prevail over the physical flesh of our own bodies. Every other battle is the Lord's battle. The Lord doesn't require of us to fight in the battle, because He has brought us to a place beyond the battle field, beyond the battle line - unto a place of victory (Romans 8:37). You don't need to fight to obtain victory; God has given it to you before you even knew you needed it.

Christ Jesus is seated on the Eternal Victory Throne; and the Lord has brought us unto His Throne and seated us with Him, far above powers and principalities in heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6). Now you might say how so, because you still here on earth. The question is, where is this Throne Jesus is talking about? Jesus said that He and His Father will make Their home in us (John 14:23) - you are God's address! Jesus is inviting you into yourself to live with Him, because that is where His Throne is. We are so busy living a life trying to reach in, instead of living a life of reaching out. This can only change when we change our position of living - start living from inside out, not from outside in. Why? Because when we living from the outside in, we constantly looking for God, crying out to Him - but when we live from the inside out, that is a place where we truly found God and live with Him in our hearts. When we live from our hearts, we live life in the presence of God.

The book of Revelation speaks of the great battle at Armageddon (Revelation 12:7), but nowhere is it written that the New Creation are to battle there. The Lord and His angels are to battle there, and their victory has been recorded and sealed in the Word of God! Now you might ask, the Word tells us not to wrestle against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities in high places (Ephesians 6:12); for you have a choice to who you listen too - isn't that spiritual warfare? To understand this, we must first understand what is meant by 'powers and principalities'; and secondly, what is meant by 'in high places.' First, 'principalities and powers' are principles of this world and the spiritual world. These two do not have anything in common, as to the fact

that faith cannot work according to the laws of physics, but according to God's law it does. Powers in the other hand is that of words. Your words carry power and can alter the cause of your life. Now when it comes to the term 'in high places', the Bible makes a clear indication of the intelligence of the human mind (Genesis 1:27); we are made in the image and likeness of God, which are considered to be a high place; although the human brain is born of an corruptible seed and produces foolishness. So the only battle you have to be in is in your head; conquer religion and live unto God.

Challenges will come our way, but what we ought to do is to stand on the Word of God, declare the Word and walk in our victory, because the Lord has already declared us winners. When we learn to walk on the Word of God, we will understand how Jesus raised above the waves and walked on water. Jesus walked on the Word of God, and physically demonstrated how we can raise above every situation in life and walk in victory over all things when He physically walked on the water towards the boat His disciple were in (Matthew 14:22-33). Some people might say: 'I'm not Jesus'; but didn't Jesus say that He will send us One Who is exactly the same as He; that we might do the works He did and even greater...

This is FAITH: stepping out on the Word of God even when physically no path exist, faith will create a path. Many years ago some college boys pulled a prank on another boy. They told him that they are taking him to the 5th floor of their hostel. They blind folded him and tied him up. Then they placed him on a chair in front of an open widow and pushed him out. As he touched ground, both his legs were broken instantly on impact, yet they never took him to the 5th floor, but to ground floor. When they pushed him out the window, they pushed him out at ground level. In the physical he only jumped down from a chair, but in his mind he jumped from the 5th floor. Fear tensed his body up so much that it caused him to break both legs on a half a meter drop. How many times are we spiritually blinded like this case mentioned above - we are so afraid to step out in faith, that when we do, we fall and break. This happens because we have not learnt to see with the eyes of faith - faith calls real that which the physical eyes cannot see!

Many times it is fear that grips us, because we can't see what's happening or where we are stepping too, so when we are pushed without knowledge, we fall and break. Even when we are blind as bats, we ought to step out on God's Word, for God is not man that He lies. Sight in the spiritual realm will take

you to a new height which physical sight will never be able to take you. God tells us to have great faith through many examples in the Bible. However, we must understand that God's faith is creative; and this is great faith, the God-kind of faith. God's faith creates the path for us. Even when the path does not exist yet, faith will create that path for you!

Don't get me wrong, devil is very real; demonic activities surround us from every angle - however, we need not fear, because God is with us. In actual fact, God tells us 365 times throughout the bible not to fear. That is God saying 'DO NOT FEAR' every day of the year.

As He Is So Are We In This World

We must understand the verse in (1 John 4:17) which reads: 'As He (Jesus) is so are we in this world.' John 1:14 also reads that 'the Word became flesh.' Every time we speak the Word of God (Rhema), the Word becomes flesh; and as Jesus was then Emmanuel (God with us), we become Emmanuel (God with them) to this world - take note: It's not my words, but my Father's which I speak! When you speak God's Word in faith, you become God's Word - your very existence as a born again child of God is a product of the Word of God - believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth (Rom.9:10). That's the first time that you became the Word of God, the day you gave your life to the Lord, because you used the Word to make the confession. The person who becomes one with the Word of God is fearless, because they have learnt to use the Word to propel fear away.

Reason why some Christians still find themselves in a battle

Spiritual warfare and spiritual battle is not what God wants us to be involved in. (Ps.91:10-12). God does not give His angels charge to protect us, to defend us and to guard us. God doesn't want us to be tied up in spiritual warfare and battle; there is something more important He wants us to do - preaching the Gospel and winning souls - not to fight any other battle, but fight the good fight of faith. Meaning, put your trust in God; put your life in His hands; walk in the way the Lord has ordained for you.

The reason why some Christians still find themselves in spiritual warfare and battle is because they want to be there (sometimes knowingly and sometimes not knowingly). They are not diligent in studying the Word and finding out what God wants them to do. The inheritance of God's servants is that no weapon formed against the servant shall prosper; and every tongue that rises against the servant, the servant shall condemn (Isaiah 54:17). The question is: Are you a servant of the Lord? A true servant is obedient to his master's voice and to do what pleases the master - Are you pleasing your Master? Who is your master? Is it the Lord? Is it satan? Or are you your own master? - meaning you still very much influenced by the weakness of your flesh...

God Will Not Interfere

God has set a principle in place; not to force man unto salvation, but to give free will to all men to choose for themselves (Joshua 24:15 / Deutrenomy 30:19). There is so much of wickedness in this world; and people more and more all over this world are accepting evil into their lives, homes, cities and even churches. The sad thing is that people tend to blame everything and everyone except themselves - you have free will to choose what you want, not what others want for you! God didn't place us here to force people to be born again, neither did He place us here to be judgmental - but He had placed us here to live lives that is attractive to all men (1 Thessilונים 4:7); for men to witness the glory of God and choose life over death. We have a role to play, but how you play that role matters a lot!

Preaching with our mouths is not always enough for all people, we must learn to live what we preach - meaning that we must be a product of our own words, which should be God's Word. Yes, you heard me right! We are to make God's Word our person - do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, to so forth how good God is (Rom.12:2).

Chapter 3



Effectiveness in the Realm of the Spirit

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Effectiveness in the Spiritual Realm

Man was made a spirit being first (Gen.1:27); and after God took the dust of the earth and blew it into the nostrils of man, he became a living being in the flesh (Gen.2:7). We as Christians must understand that life is spiritual, because we excited first in the spirit and will return to spirit after we completed our course here on earth. However, while in the flesh on earth, we are to function as spirit beings to be effective as Christians.

I think the best way I can explain it is that you need to get yourself to a place where nothing in this world matters (Matthew 6:33). A place where you believe in the impossible, because to this world God isn't possible - everything about God to this world is impossible, foolish and somewhat crazy. It is tapping into your own heart and live a life of victory. We tend to live life from the outside instead of living life from the inside out. Our core being starts at the impossible and it ends at the impossible in this world - everything in between is temporary and disillusional. Life itself comes from the heart (Proverbs 4:23 / Luke 6:45), everything else comes from the outside, so when we live from our hearts, we can express the God-life in our living; but when we live anywhere else outside of the heart, we living the life of a mere man; a life influence by the negatives of this world. God has called us out of darkness into His Marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9); and says this about us: 'we are a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.... So how do we live from the heart? It is by loving ourselves and knowing who we are in Christ - this way we also start living what the Word says about us and not what life in this world portray it to be! To love others starts by loving yourself first. However, in order to know who God made us to be, we must study the Word of God and have a relationship with the Holy Spirit Who will lead us in all knowledge and wisdom to accomplish our full potential as God's children.

You will never be able to step out and show love by doing something for someone and not expect anything in return if you can't learn to love who God has made you to be. There is only one of you; no one else in this world; not even those who lived before, no one alive now, and no one who will ever live

will ever be you. God has made you unique, and only you can be you. Isn't that awesome? Our effectiveness for Jesus starts at ourselves. How much time can you invest in yourself in studying the Word of God is what will make you a success or not (Joshua 1:8).

One of the secrets to inner peace is the practice of compassion...

Show love to even those the world says don't deserve it and the Lord will reward you generously.

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"

(Gal.6:9 KJV).

To be effective in the spiritual realm, we must apply God's principles in life, and the greatest of these principles is love (1 Corinthians 13:13). Without love, we don't have a reason for being. Every person has love within themselves, but we must learn to develop that love which is produced from the Spirit. It is the Spirit that produces love; and Galatians 5:22-23 quote the fruit of the Spirit: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." We also read in Corinthians 13 the true God definition of love. Let's take a look at what those are:

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!" (Verses 4 to 9).

When we can develop this kind of love, we will be effective in the realm of the Spirit. It takes love to put others needs before your own. It takes love to

produce in others what the Word of God says about man. It takes love to step out and do the work of God. But above all, it takes love to be obedient to the Word of God. Meditate on the verses in John 14:15 (the definition of God's love); and be all that you are meant to be.

Chapter 4



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The devil conspired against God and wanted to take the Throne for himself. In trying to do so, he influenced one third of the angels of Heaven to follow him (Revelation 12:3-9); but the divine nature of God exposed satan and God cast satan out by His Word (John 3:20 / Isaiah 14:15). God had made us to be like Him and has given us the ability through His Spirit to function like Him. No matter how many come against us, or even what their plans are, in the light of God's Word it will be exposed and through the Word we speak, it shall be cast down and out (Is.54:17). There is a part that God will do because He loves us, but as it is written, there is also a part we must do: 'We shall condemn every tongue that rises against us.' We must live in the light of God's Word! What the verse in Isaiah 54:17 means is not to act in violence or curse people when they come against us; but simply cancel the negative words in the Name of Jesus.

Jude1:9 "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." Take note, this happened in the Old Testament, when satan still had power (the power and authority he took from Adam Genesis 3:1-7). Michael knew the rank of satan, but he also understood the power and authority the Name of Jesus carries. We hear sometimes people casting devils out and in doing so, they say how dirty these spirits are and wanting to cast them into the pits of hell; yet Mark 16:17 Jesus explained it simply; 'In My Name shall they cast out devils...' Jesus did not say anything more about casting devils out except for this: 'do so in using My Name.' Simply; in the Name of Jesus, come out! That's all, it is done - but the key is: Do you believe? Like Michael in Jude 1:9, if you know and understand the power in the Name of Jesus, then you need to do nothing more, just speak in the Name of Jesus.

We find ourselves sometimes struggling to cast out devils and that is simply because we are not obedient to the guidance and instruction the Word of God gives us. Like Moses, the first time God told him to strike the rock and water will come out (Number 20:11), the second time God told Moses to talk to the rock and water will come out (Exodus 17:6), but Moses struck the rock the

second time and then spoke. Although the water came out, it did cost Moses not to enter the promise land (Numbers 20:12). Although God kept His promise to Moses, that Moses will see the promise land (Deuteronomy 34:1), but Moses did not enter the promise land. Moses was angered and pressured by the Israelites; and his temper caused him not to listen and do what God told him to do. We must listen carefully to the instructions given and then carry out that instruction just as it was given. When we learnt to follow the instruction given, when we have learnt to follow the Word of God, that's when the impossible becomes possible.

The Misconcept that keeps us from Living the Impossible

There is still a big misconception about spiritual war in the church today. Christians are so caught up in wanting to be warriors for Christ that the devil is running circles around them. The only two battles remaining are: 1) the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12 / which I explained in the previous chapter); and 2) that which many call 'Armageddon' (Revelation 12). The first of the two is the battlefield of your own mind. You have to cast out unbelief. Make up your mind to believe what the Word of God says concerning you. The second battle quite frankly does not involve you. That great battle of Armageddon is the Lord's battle, you are not required to be there, so rather stay out of it - your job is to work the field and reap the harvest, not to go to war or be a warrior. As long as Christians have the wrong concept about this, devil will make sure that he makes it look and feel like they are truly warriors. Christian throughout the ages has been called for one purpose; and that is to win souls. Living the impossible is to accomplish things that contradicts every principle of this world and prove God is real; but you can only do so with God on your side and the Holy Spirit working through you - through obedience to God's Word.

As long as we are stuck in the concept of warriors for Christ, spiritual warfare and prayer warriors, we will always feel like we have accomplished something by our own abilities and neglect that it is the workings of the Holy Spirit Who accomplishes these things through us. Of course, this is what devil wants, to keep us out of God's plan and in his plan. More so, the Lord also gives us angels. Some angels come with answers, some with gifts, some to strengthen us, some to pray with us; while there is some who are warriors (or what I like to call 'no nonsense' angels).

These no nonsense angels are the warriors or guards of our well being, both in the spirit and physical realm. You have no need to battle, fight, wage war, or wrestle anything; because those who are with you are more than those who are with them (2 Kings 6:16). Furthermore, He (Christ) that is in you is Greater than he (devil) that is in the world (1 John 4:4). We see in the book of Daniel, the Lord had sent an angel to answer Daniel, but..... "Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer" (Daniel 10:12). Also in 2 Kings 6:16 Elijah said unto Elisha to look and see those with them are more than those with their enemy.

Yes, God will give His angels charge concerning our affairs (Psalm 91:11 / Luke 4:10); but we can't operate in the spiritual realm without words, the Holy Spirit and angels do the real work while we still in a physical body. The devil has the ability to manipulate you, but you have the ability of choice. Do you listen to the things devil say, or do you listen to the things God says...

Chapter 5



The Struggle Within

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FIVE DANGEROUS RESPONSES

‘But a wise man keeps it in till afterwards’ (Proverbs 29:11).

1 - **Anger** will destroy you before it destroys anyone else. Control your temper! Only a fool acts in anger, but a wise man will check the Word of God before acting. This is the very reason why God instructs us to meditate on His Word (Joshua 1:8), so that God's Word can be written on the tablets of our hearts (Proverbs 7:3), that we can recall on God's Word whenever we need to.

2 - **Pride** will lead to your downfall. Humility is far more rewarding (Proverbs 22:4). God resist the proud while exalting the humble (James 4:6).

3 - **Jealousy** grows like a cancer (Proverbs 14:30). Jealousy causes us to do a number of ungodly things, causing us to sin more than once.

4 - **Fear** of people is unnecessary if you trust God (Romans 8:31). If God is for you, then who can be against you. Is it not God Who said that kings will bow before you? (Isaiah 49). Just learn to play your part and God will stand for you.

5 - To be **conceited** is ugly. A conceited person forgets God's place in his or her life. People who are conceited tend to take God's place in doing things and claim that is their doing that made them succeed (Proverbs 14:6-16).

You can't hold onto faith if your hands are full of doubt, worries and fear. Learn to let go into God's hands (1 Peter 5:7) and do what God ask you to do (Matthew 6).

Not all angelic beings have wings, there is many accounts recorded in the Bible where God's children encountered angelic beings and no wings were accounted for. Have you ever wondered how angelic beings that have no wings travel from heaven to earth and back? They go by faith - That's how Jesus walked on water. Like Peter (Matthew 14:22-33), we many times look at our surroundings with the physical eyes and we fail to tap into seeing the

paths beneath us with our spiritual eyes; causing us to doubt and preventing us from stepping out of the boat unto the water. The water is only an illusion, but our faith will make real the unseen.

We must overcome our minds. The mind of man is powerful but also dangerous. With imaginations, the mind can stop us from seeing what God has placed before us. Develop your spirit to respond to God's Word. Devil can't get to man's spirit, but he does tamper with the mind of man - whispering things into the ears of man, creating an illusion that blinds us from seeing that which is real. Devil is the master of making False Evidences Appear Real - simply spelling out FEAR. When we learn to tune into the Spirit, we will identify the voice and doings of devil in our lives and live fearless - a place where devil can't get to us.

Chapter 6



Live to Die and Die to Live

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You are a product of royalty, of greatness, because you are born of God. We listen so much to preachers who tells us that we are sinners, that we end up sinning. What the church needs is what Jesus and His disciples gave the people - the Word of God. God's Word in the New Testament is filled with how God sees us, not how we are now. God looks at us through His Word. In fact, when God looks at us, He doesn't see clothes and flesh; He looks at the heart and the condition of your spirit man. When we understand this, we will also understand why it sometimes seems like God isn't answering our prayers. Through which eyes are you looking at yourself or your situation?

Romans 12:2 tells us not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The verse continues to give us insight to why: '...that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.' It matters how you look at yourself; are you using your physical eyes or the eyes of faith? How do we prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God if we look at our lives from the perspective of the flesh. We must learn to look at ourselves as God sees us; and trust in that what God says concerning us.

Do you think God had no other option but to send His Son to die on the cross? Of course, God could have destroyed the whole earth, wipe it out like it never existed; but God's love for His creation, and more so for man did not allow it. Jesus lived to die and died to live. To understand this statement, we must look at the plan of salvation God has for man. Man sinned right from the beginning. Now we can blame devil, but man wasn't forced into sinning, it was a choice - obey God or obey devil...

Many stories in the Old Testament tells us that God was fed up with man's wickedness; and even so much that God said He regret that He made man (Genesis 6:6). Therefore, the 10 commandments were given, and man was required to live by the law. Man couldn't obey the law, and kept on sinning against God; therefore a new creature had to be born out of an old creation. A

creature who would live to die and die to live. The new man in Christ (2 Cor.5:17). Jesus is called the first fruit of the New Creation (1 Corinthians 15:23). As I mentioned in the opening of this chapter; Jesus lived to die and died to live. He was the Word made flesh (John 1:14), born of the Spirit through a virgin into this world, to live a human life and fulfill the law, in order to be offered the living sacrifice for all men... that whosoever believe in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. At the end, Jesus gave Himself up in order to finish the task He was sent for - to die on the cross as the living sacrifice for men, making all men clean of sin before God. However, to receive the forgiveness of sin, one must believe and confess (Rom.10:9). Now it is important to understand, all men are saved; the only thing standing in the way of all people working out their salvation is knowledge. Not everyone knows that they are saved.

Jesus came from the spirit realm and returned to the spirit realm. This is the portion of a born again Christian; we are born of the Spirit (John 3:6) and will return to the Spirit, but first - we have to live to die. This is God's plan to borne a new creature out of an old creation. Man gives birth to man, a dog to a dog, a cat to a cat; but God gives birth to gods (Psalm 82:6). The old creation here is the flesh and soul of man who contains a spirit. The spirit of man can only be vitalized once we receive the Holy Spirit; therefore, Jesus said a man must be born again. We had to be born into this world of the flesh. Then on giving your life to the Lord, you have to die to the flesh to live in the Spirit. Philippians 1:21 says that we are to die to live for Christ. We have a choice in life - When we want to be born and when we want to die. I'm speaking of spiritual things here, so understand that God has called us; but it still depends on us to believe and turn to Him. Is there anything a man can do to gain eternal life? The answer is yes to God; and to understand that you need Jesus to enter Heaven. It is simply not enough to just give your life to the Lord; you must work out your own salvation. To become born again, you must believe and confess (Romans 10:9), but to enter Heaven you must work out your own salvation (Philippians 2:12) - Christianity is a life of confession and doing according to that confession; expressing God to a lost world is the start of working out our own salvation.

This is the part where we have to die to the flesh and start living in the Spirit. Jesus was the first fruit of the New Creation, His disciples followed; and therefore we are today a tree planted in this world to produce fruits of the work of the cross. Jesus said: 'It is FINISHED' (John 19:30); He didn't say He is finish, but it is finished. The law has been fulfilled, the price for sin was

paid; and the New Creation could be born. The new creation is born after Jesus. To explain this in short; all men are born of the first Adam, but the new creation is born of the second Adam, Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:45). We are born into this world of the flesh which is of sin, but being born of the Spirit is righteousness (having right standing with God).

Now for a seed to reproduce fruit, it must die. It dies to its former nature to grow in its new nature. This is the life we have been called for, to die to our former nature of the flesh to grow in our new nature of the Spirit. When we can understand this, then it becomes easier to do what we must do in becoming a product of the Word of God in being that royal priesthood, that peculiar people (1 Peter 2:9). Jesus tells us in John 12:25 - "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." Meaning that those who love these temporal things (material things) of this world will lose everything, but they that care not about the things of this world will gain life eternally. While the flesh dies, the spirit of man lives on. This is where many miss the bigger picture. We are so afraid of what people call 'death', but what is death? Death is to be spiritually dead, because all men are first from the Spirit and second from the flesh. Without a spirit, you would have never been here on earth. Life in this world starts in the spirit and ends in the spirit. However, after this life, your spirit continues to exist or live. What makes people afraid of this physical 'death' is that they are uncertain where they will be going next - Heaven or hell.

To tie this chapter up with the book's title: 'The Misconcept of Spiritual Realities', we need to take a look at where the church is today. Many churches have grasped the importance of soul winning, which is good; but soul winning is not complete until you have discipled a mature Christian - a Christian who will go and do what you do - win, train and send (Matt.28:19-20). We find too many churches preaching about salvation to a congregation who is born again, instead of teaching the born again congregation how to draw nearer to God, and how to live the life of being more than conquerors. We must now, through teaching the Word of God, bring the born again Christian into their inheritance in Christ Jesus. We preach to sinners, but we teach believers.

Jesus told us to preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick (Luke 9:2). This is active evangelism, winning souls. But in Matt.28:19-20 Jesus tells us to win souls and then disciple those same souls. 'Go ye therefore, and teach

all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.'

Learn to put the need of preaching unto the lost first, because if you keep this message of the good news of salvation to yourself, you profit nothing. Life eternal is in bringing as many as you can unto the knowledge of salvation.

In closing this chapter, I want to leave you with these words: if you see a blind person walking straight for a big hole and do nothing in preventing him to fall in the hole, you are just as much accountable for that person's injuries or death as he who walked without guidance that cannot see. But if you warned that person and they continue to walk and fall in the hole, then the blame is on that person alone. Meaning, if you can see a person on the road to hell and not tell them about salvation in Jesus, you are guilty of that person going to hell (Ezkiel 3:18).

Chapter 7



The Reality of Spiritual Warfare

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Our mouths many times are paving paths that leads straight to hell, instead of building a staircase that leads to heaven. It is easier to walk on a flat pathway than to climb stairs. Take a 20 floor building and take the staircase to the top floor. You will get tired after passing just a few floors, but at the same time, your legs are being exercised. Do this every day and you will develop strong legs. After just a few months, you will be taking on the staircases of 20 floor buildings like it's a piece of cake.

One thing that most Christians fail daily is exercising their faith. The Christian got something that the ordinary man does not have - that's the anointing. Now there is different anointings for different things, but there is an anointing available for everything and at all times. Believe it or not, devil has an anointing as well, the only difference with the anointing he got and that of a Christian is that his anointing is corrupted. God never stripped devil from anything, He just cast devil out of Heaven. When God gives something, He never takes it back.

We must note though; the anointing God gives only works effectively in His presence. When you take the anointing out of God's presence, not only does it become ineffective, but it also becomes corrupted. This doesn't mean that the anointing will not work, but it surely wouldn't work to the extent it should. Some people is so afraid of devil and demons that they even ask God not to show them things in the spirit - and God answers that kind of request. He doesn't want us to live in fear.

However, for us to be effective in the spiritual realm, we must also be open to receive visions into the spiritual realm to understand the things beyond our physical being. It is very possible that even you have perfect sight, you might still be blind. You first a spiritual being and secondly; and only temporally a physical being - therefore, there is a great importance to see in the spiritual realm. With clear vision in the spiritual realm, you will be able to exercise your faith muscles like you never been able before.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 8:5 and Hebrews 2:7 that we have been made just a little lower than God. Some versions do explain this as a little lower than the angels; but the original Hebrew script translates the word used, 'Elohim'? as angels. We also read that devil's rightful position in the Kingdom of God was higher than any angel and that he was the only one who had direct access to the Throne room of God (Matthew 7:7). This is a clear indication that devil was made just a little less than God.

Since devil had lost this position through his corruption, he no longer has that position. This is where the jealousy of devil against the born again Christian comes in. God had given the born again Christian direct access to His Throne room, the position devil had. Devil use to collect all the praise and worship from all the angels and took it unto God. Devil was the 'mediator' between God and the angels of Heaven (Ezekiel 28:14). We also see this structure in the Old Testament, where it was only the priest who would enter the inner cubical, taking the offerings of the Israelites unto God and there was only certain times they could do so after cleansing themselves (Hebrew 9:7 / Numbers 27:1).

The new creation or born again Christian has the privilege to speak directly to God in the Name of Jesus. Note, we won't go to God, we don't speak through Jesus; but we speak directly to God in the Name of Jesus (Luke 11:9). Simply put, we have gained the privilege to stand in Jesus' stead in speaking directly to Father. We must understand that when we speak in the Name of Jesus, the Father sees us as His Son. Jesus said; 'I and My Father are One and we come to make our home in you' (John 14:23). There is no need to go to God, He is in you - you are God's address. In actual fact, God is omnipresent (Psalm 46:1 / Isaiah 57:15 / Luke 1:32-33), He is everywhere. Wherever you are, there God is also.

However, what brings us into God's presence is our consciousness that He is always with us. When we not conscious that God is with us and in us at all times, we stand a chance to corrupt the anointing we carry, because we get influenced by the things of this world. Furthermore, we must understand that demonic forces only have power when we give them power. The question is, how do we give power unto demonic forces?

Through disobedience to God's Word we give demonic forces power of authority. This is what happened in the garden of Eden with Eve. Devil couldn't force her to do what she didn't want to, she had a choice and she made the wrong choice (Genesis 3:6). Even so today, devil has no power to do anything to you, it is by choice we are in certain situations that we experience discomfort in.

When I say that people got the wrong idea or misconception of spiritual warfare; I mean that they do not realize that they are the ones who put themselves there - the choice was theirs, if they realize it or not. People tend to argue this fact, referring to those who are demon possessed. They believe that the only way devils can possess people is because they have power to do so. The only reason why demons and devils can possess people is because people gave them the authority to do so by giving them an open door to their souls. Every human being is possessed with something: you either possessed with forces of darkness or with the Holy Spirit.

No angelic being will take possession of a human body, because those in Heaven are pure beings, therefore, only the Holy Spirit will possess a person and only after the person has given their lives to Christ. To explain possession; it is the indwelling of supernatural forces or entities. We must understand that it is by choice that people are possessed by demonic forces - knowingly or unknowingly. When we don't accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, then we are not allowing the Holy Spirit to take up His rightful place in us, because we are filled with dirty spirits.

When we give our lives to the Lord, the Holy Spirit comes in and cleans us from any spirit that might have been in us before He takes up His place in us. Some people do come to the realization that they have demons living in them and they seek to be cleansed. If such a case occurs, it is important to lead the person to the Lord; spend time with them that they might understand what it means to be born again. Because if that person is left empty, the Bible tells us that the evil spirit will come back in seven fold (Matthew 12:45).

The casting out of demons and devils is not an act of spiritual warfare; it is simply an act of authority. It is being conscious of Who you have within you. Colossians 1:27 says - "...and this is the secret, Christ in you; the hope of

glory." And Colossians 2:9 further tells us - "For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body." When you are conscious that the fullness of God dwells in Christ in bodily form, then you will understand that when you open your mouth to do God's work, it is Christ in you that acts. When you touch things in doing God's work, it is Christ in you that accomplishes the results - but the secret is, being conscious of the fact that you have the fullness of God in you.

To better understand this, I want to explain to you Who or rather what is Christ. Many people speak of Christ as if it is the Name of the Holy Spirit, which is wrong. The word Christ comes from the Greek word 'Christos'; which means the anointing. We see that Jesus was called Jesus Christ only after He received the Holy Spirit in Luke 3:21-22 at the Jordan when He was baptized. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit comes with the anointing power. Furthermore, Jesus said in Acts 1:8 that we will receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon us. (This power is the anointing power. It gives us the ability to do supernatural things in a natural world.) In many translations, when the name 'Christ' is used, it does not refer to Jesus or the Holy Spirit; however, it refers to the anointing which the Holy Spirit brings into our lives.

Some of God's children sometimes seem that they are in a struggle or a spiritual battle when they cast out demons. They start shouting and screaming, lay on hands, but then demons just don't want to go. This happens purely because of the lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). Speaking out of personal experience; when I cast out demons, it is done so easily by words only. When I speak, they must leave. It is not because I'm all powerful or highly anointed or even highly gifted; it's simply because I understand the working of the anointing in my life and I'm conscious of it.

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One thing that most Christians fail daily is exercising their faith. The Christian got something that the ordinary man does not have - that's the anointing. Now there is different anointings for different things, but there is an anointing available for everything and at all times. Believe it or not, devil has an anointing as well, the only difference with the anointing he got and that of a Christian is that his anointing is corrupted. God never stripped devil from anything, He just cast devil out of Heaven. When God gives something, He never takes it back.

We must note though; the anointing God gives only works effectively in His presence. When you take the anointing out of God's presence, not only does it become ineffective, but it also becomes corrupted. This doesn't mean that the anointing will not work, but it surely wouldn't work to the extent it should. Some people is so afraid of devil and demons that they even ask God not to show them things in the spirit - and God answers that kind of request. He doesn't want us to live in fear.

However, for us to be effective in the spiritual realm, we must also be open to receive visions into the spiritual realm to understand the things beyond our physical being. It is very possible that even you have perfect sight, you might still be blind. You first a spiritual being and secondly; and only temporally a physical being - therefore, there is a great importance to see in the spiritual realm. With clear vision in the spiritual realm, you will be able to exercise your faith muscles like you never been able before.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 8:5 and Hebrews 2:7 that we have been made just a little lower than God. Some versions do explain this as a little lower than the angels; but the original Hebrew script translates the word used, 'Elohim'? as angels. We also read that devil's rightful position in the Kingdom of God was higher than any angel and that he was the only one who had direct access to the Throne room of God (Matthew 7:7). This is a clear indication that devil was made just a little less than God.

Since devil had lost this position through his corruption, he no longer has that position. This is where the jealousy of devil against the born again Christian comes in. God had given the born again Christian direct access to His Throne room, the position devil had. Devil use to collect all the praise and worship from all the angels and took it unto God. Devil was the 'mediator' between God and the angels of Heaven (Ezekiel 28:14). We also see this structure in the Old Testament, where it was only the priest who would enter the inner cubical, taking the offerings of the Israelites unto God and there was only certain times they could do so after cleansing themselves (Hebrew 9:7 / Numbers 27:1).

The new creation or born again Christian has the privilege to speak directly to God in the Name of Jesus. Note, we won't go to God, we don't speak through Jesus; but we speak directly to God in the Name of Jesus (Luke 11:9). Simply put, we have gained the privilege to stand in Jesus' stead in speaking directly to Father. We must understand that when we speak in the Name of Jesus, the Father sees us as His Son. Jesus said; 'I and My Father are One and we come to make our home in you' (John 14:23). There is no need to go to God, He is in you - you are God's address. In actual fact, God is omnipresent (Psalm 46:1 / Isaiah 57:15 / Luke 1:32-33), He is everywhere. Wherever you are, there God is also.

However, what brings us into God's presence is our consciousness that He is always with us. When we not conscious that God is with us and in us at all times, we stand a chance to corrupt the anointing we carry, because we get influenced by the things of this world. Furthermore, we must understand that demonic forces only have power when we give them power. The question is, how do we give power unto demonic forces?

Through disobedience to God's Word we give demonic forces power of authority. This is what happened in the garden of Eden with Eve. Devil couldn't force her to do what she didn't want to, she had a choice and she made the wrong choice (Genesis 3:6). Even so today, devil has no power to do anything to you, it is by choice we are in certain situations that we experience discomfort in.

When I say that people got the wrong idea or misconception of spiritual warfare; I mean that they do not realize that they are the ones who put themselves there - the choice was theirs, if they realize it or not. People tend to argue this fact, referring to those who are demon possessed. They believe that the only way devils can possess people is because they have power to do so. The only reason why demons and devils can possess people is because people gave them the authority to do so by giving them an open door to their souls. Every human being is possessed with something: you either possessed with forces of darkness or with the Holy Spirit.

No angelic being will take possession of a human body, because those in Heaven are pure beings, therefore, only the Holy Spirit will possess a person and only after the person has given their lives to Christ. To explain possession; it is the indwelling of supernatural forces or entities. We must understand that it is by choice that people are possessed by demonic forces - knowingly or unknowingly. When we don't accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, then we are not allowing the Holy Spirit to take up His rightful place in us, because we are filled with dirty spirits.

When we give our lives to the Lord, the Holy Spirit comes in and cleans us from any spirit that might have been in us before He takes up His place in us. Some people do come to the realization that they have demons living in them and they seek to be cleansed. If such a case occurs, it is important to lead the person to the Lord; spend time with them that they might understand what it means to be born again. Because if that person is left empty, the Bible tells us that the evil spirit will come back in seven fold (Matthew 12:45).

The casting out of demons and devils is not an act of spiritual warfare; it is simply an act of authority. It is being conscious of Who you have within you. Colossians 1:27 says - "...and this is the secret, Christ in you; the hope of

glory." And Colossians 2:9 further tells us - "For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body." When you are conscious that the fullness of God dwells in Christ in bodily form, then you will understand that when you open your mouth to do God's work, it is Christ in you that acts. When you touch things in doing God's work, it is Christ in you that accomplishes the results - but the secret is, being conscious of the fact that you have the fullness of God in you.

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In adding up to writing this book, the Lord has led me through many valleys in teaching me the values of not only physical life, but spiritual life. With verses like from the Psalms of David; 'I will walk through the valley of shadows of death and fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) - 'A thousand shall come on my side, ten thousand on my right hand, but not will come near me' (Psalm 91:7) - 'The Lord prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies and honor me by anointing my head with oil. (Psalm 23:5). These are pretty good descriptions of my life experiences as a child of God. Even the accounts of Nehemiah, being opposes and conspired against, he still continued his work through the Lord's leading.

I regret not the path the Lord had placed me on, for it is molding me into the image God wants me to be. Neither am I threatened by those who oppose me, because I'm confident that God is with me and for me. I know that the words written in this book will bring much persecution my way, which I well anticipate. The life of Jesus in this world wasn't an easy walk, neither was the lives of any of the prophets of old or the disciples and apostles; but it was a life worth living - so it will be for me. Life which is not worth living is death eternal.

My prayer for you is that the words of this book to encourage you to find purpose in your life; and that the misconnects of spiritual realities has been ironed out and curbed, for you to build upon a life based on faith. Be attentive to the Word of God and be all that you can be for the Lord. Do not be moved by what people say or do; only be moved by the Word of God. The sun still shines even in the darkest storms; but learn from Jesus, His story has taught me that I can speak to the storm and clam the boisterous winds and waves - all it takes is to believe and have faith in the principles of God. Our ceiling is the floor of the next generation; therefore we have a responsibility to go higher in spiritual truths and dig deeper into God's Word.

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