



# GOD WRESTLER

*MY ENCOUNTER WITH  
THE MANIFEST  
PRESENCE OF THE  
LIVING GOD*

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*To the Reader,*

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## God Wrestlers

### Foreword

I am writing this book to the many men and women who seemingly are nobodies, who have been inspired by the great men and women of God whom we read about, watch on television, visit in crusades, admire, have our lives changed, are challenged to greatness, yet are floundering in the night season of our lives.

I have read the many books, which have touched our lives, have literally become a "God Chaser"

Now that I have found Bethel (house of God) as Jacob of old and discovered that God really was in this place and I knew it not. I did however return to this place to now find El-Bethel (God of the house)

Indeed I have found God, have had him touch me and seemingly now have entered into an arena, which I am in, and wrestling with God unto this very day.

It is one thing to be hungry for God, to seek his face , to see him , be touched by him and then know what to do with the awesome experience and new place which has opened to us.

This book will endeavor to shed some light on this nighttime and what goes on in our soul as the wrestling match continues. One author I read called this the "dark night of the soul"

Genesis 32:24 Says: And Jacob was left alone!

If you have now been left alone, are wrestling with God, not losing yet not prevailing then please read on and perhaps you will be my brother or sister in travail as we like Jacob of old look for the breaking of day.

I do know that if I hold on, then truly like Jacob I will be blessed for I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved. (Gen 32:30)

## Chapter One

I will start with a story, which may illustrate from where I am starting:

There was a little dog that could not resist chasing large trucks. He is so fascinated by their immense size and power that he simply has to chase them never even imagining what he will do with it if he catches one.

This is where I seem to be in my God chasing!

I was moved by this deep insatiable hunger to seek God's face with my whole heart, willing to die to find him, willing to pay any price, willing to go, stay, sell all my goods, leave all my possessions, not be hindered by friends or family and yet I am still wrestling with him.

You might be wondering at this point if I caught him and assuredly I can attest to you that indeed I have. Although my story of seek and find cover a period of nearly twenty years I am as hungry today and desire to know him as much as I have ever been.

Although I have caught him in part yet he still is so immense that I do not know what to do except continue wrestling. He has not touched my thigh and put it out of joint like Jacob (Gen 32:25) He certainly has put my life out of joint and I am more like a fish out of water than what you might perceive a man of God's mind and spirit to be like. When I try to commune with other people I find most of them merely shake their heads or with a quick un-huh try to get away from me before something rubs off on them.

I attend a few churches nearby (I live in a small town) or within local driving time and usually in leaving them I am unfulfilled and wondering what is the use !

I walk in and they talk about God have a program, try to get you out in time for a burger, how to give to get (very popular now) give you an agenda that will consume your life (keep you from wrestling) and then send me back to my night of wrestling.

Although I am a retired pastor of a large denomination we

have even started our own fellowship, and whether this will meet my needs I shall find out as time goes by. Most of the people I have met (or heard about) who have found God in a personal manifest presence and have answered the call are really making the circuits in the existing body of believers, however that door doesn't open for all of us. If this is you then perhaps you will read on as we wrestle our magnificent God together.

I am talking about the nights when his presence comes into our bedroom so powerfully that my wife and I are awakened and all we can do is groan in the spirit, and then many nights I merely lie there and tell him how I love him so and want to know him better, to have more of him in my life, and for him to use me for his glory.

We go about our day with his presence so strong that its wonderful just being alive, he has given us gold dust all over our hands and faces, oil runs from my wife's hands and we know we have caught him in part yet there is an evading void, a hunger that persists, a wanting to wrestle and prevail yet more.

Is this what happened with Enoch? Did he wrestle and seek God so much that all his friends knew he walked with God and all of a sudden he "was not " because God took him. (Gen 5:24) Friends I am almost to this place that I pray God take me because I am not very comfortable here anymore.

Am I talking to anyone beside myself?

Like the apostle wrote: It would be far better to be with Christ, but to stay in the flesh is needful to help others. (Philippians 1:23-24)

One thing have I discovered in my reading and wrestling is that God's blessings are more conditional than dispensational. While many people are waiting on a time frame (rapture etc) God is waiting for us to enter his eternal arena which is always in the present. While some wait for the rapture it seems as though Enoch already found his!

As a prelude to chapter two I will try to tell you of my first reasons for searching for the real God.

## Chapter two

Although there have been numerous times that I knew in my heart and by faith the reality of Jesus Christ I had not had such a dynamic encounter as I will share here.

I knew of the majesty of God thru the study of his word and could see that no man could have penned such majesty on a printed page but there had to be a mind far greater than humankind to give such a manual for life. I devoured the Bible thru reading, word study and topic study and soon developed a love for his Word, which consumed me.

I had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit after having been saved about a month or so and almost immediately began teaching his word first to the children and soon to the local church and to anyone who would listen to me. After serving as assistant to several pastors I took my testing and was give a license to preach and soon thereafter began my first pastorate in Florida.

All was going pretty well and the ministry was going fairly well and I was holding local Bible studies and sharing God's word mostly from my mind and God many times in his love and mercy would show his power by healing someone and through this time a few souls were saved and added to the church.

This was about 1980 and God began to give me this feeling down inside me that I was so inadequate to minister his Word to this group of people , So then I entered a time of searching, seeking his face and for a greater understanding of his word. I had come through the generation of the "Jesus People" (1960's) movement and their constant message was "We are the last generation" and we will see the return of Jesus Christ.

Books like 1988 reasons that Jesus will return in 1988 were flooding the market, which was then updated to 1989 reasons etc.

Books and movies everywhere, like the rapture, the disappearance, bumper stickers flooding the market saying driver may disappear etc were in vogue.

From what this old man can see 90 % of the books written then and now are just ways for people to make money and are just a case of getting on the band wagon so we can finance our big monuments we call churches. Forgive me if I offend you in my candid thoughts as I am writing about my wrestling and about things that have not helped me very much .

More eschatology has been changed due to un-anointed books and carnal writings and have kept people from seeking a deeper relationship with God.

11 Timothy 2: 16-18 Paraphrased says shun profane babblings for they will increase to more ungodliness, (reason being) "Who concerning truth have erred " overthrowing the faith of some.

At least now some are writing what they call "Religious Fiction" so if they miss the mark they can plead it was all in fun. Pardon me, but my relationship with God has no room for fiction and I want men of God to write what comes from the throne of God not the throne of their carnal mind or the seat of their wallets.

Don't you know that the seat of anti-Christ is upon the throne of your carnal heart , where he will sit and declare that he is god. Another name for anti-Christ is simply in place of truth . Jesus said He is truth and his words are Spirit and they are life. If we speak the words of God then let us quit sending forth our imaginations!

2nd Corinthians 10:5 " Casting down imaginations". Romans 1:21 "became vain in their imaginations " vs. 23 "changed God's glory". For an honest God chaser or one who is truly seeking his face many of these things are a great hindrance.

I could find so little information from the present day prophets or writers that I went into the archives and found men like Torrey and Murray and some others who wrote truth about their seeking and not some novelist who is trying to line their pockets in the name of God, which I believe might possibly be taking the name of God in vain.

I learned more in later years from men like Benny Hinn, Mario Murillo, Rodney Howard-Browne (there are more) who wrote about their experience and not from imagination.

One of the latest Authors who has blessed my life are the writings of Ruth ward Heflin. (Glory Series). Perhaps you can see thus far that many of us have a maze of religion to go through before we can find him. Next chapter is my search begins .

### Chapter Three

Here in this particular point of my journey as mentioned earlier I was feeling very inadequate and had entered into a deeper searching thru the word of God. With the height of popularity in those days of all the excitement about the second coming of Jesus I knew deep inside that I was lacking understanding.

Remember in 1980 Benny Hinn was new on the field, Rodney Howard-Browne, Mario Murillo were all in their beginnings and not well known to some of us.

Also at this time I had never heard that anyone was walking in the manifest presence of God, had never heard anyone speak about it, and was so warring with the spirit of religion that an actual relationship with God had not entered my mind. Some of us had not been taught or even heard that we could talk to the Holy Spirit and to us God was way up above, far removed from us.

We spent our time teaching what God used to do and what he was going to do later, never dreaming we could walk with him in the present or what he was going to be doing today. Many of you are still walking in this arena but are wrestling with the God in the "now" season of your life.

To move on to my night season!

I began an extensive study in the book of Revelation to gain some insight of what God was doing for myself. There were so many different theological ideas of pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation, or post tribulation rapture with all sorts of diagrams, books, puzzles and explanations that a sincere thinker or student was caught up in maze of theology that would nearly swamp your mind.

While doing this study and spending many hours if not hundreds in my bedroom and of course in discussion with God



as best I knew how.

Have you ever wondered when some preachers talk as if God is a "chatterbox" telling them all these different things as they minister, yet they are in disagreement about so many of the things God is saying to them.

Is it remotely possible that the voice they hear is really their own intellect!

I am persuaded that God is always the same has his purposes established from the foundation of the world and there is no error in him.

I am not trying to tell you not to listen or even to preach for that matter but am showing you my wrestling match with our God through the spirit. I am writing to possibly stir up what God has been trying to tell you and set you free from the gauntlet of ramblings of religionists of our day.

Have you ever thought that God wants to talk with you directly and with no middleman? He wants to have a relationship with you personally and can tell you what he wants from you and not for you to be running all around seeking a word from someone else. " God Loves You " !!!!!

To bring this to a point of reference:

One morning which I shall never forget I had gotten out of bed at about 5:15 A.M. and as I was walking into another room suddenly "Jesus " was standing in front of me!

The first thing I saw or knew immediately was that I myself was unclean and not worthy to stand in his presence. He merely looked at me then turned and walked through the window area of our room.

I of course went to my knees with my face to the floor and without him saying a word had my life changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. I somehow knew that all of the teaching and study I had done concerning his soon return were of little importance compared to the task that was before you and me as the Church. I think that this is a good place to say we don't go to church or we don't have church my friend but we are "the Church".

We are the called out, the ecclesia, the church, his body on earth in whom he dwells and has his habitation and are not some sort of a meeting place.

You are a partner with God and you and he work together to

fulfill his purposes on earth.

Him in you and Him in me and Christ in Him and we are one through the Holy Spirit. (John 17:21)

This was the beginning of my ongoing wrestling match with the living God as I endeavored to walk with him. Also was the beginning of a lot of my controversy with the organized church. I soon found out that I couldn't walk with God and satisfy the religion in which I had been brought to know. Due to my encounter my ministry turned more to grace than religious repetition and this eventually led to my surrendering of my ministry credentials and resigning from my pastoral position.

I walked in dry places for several years after this until suddenly!!!!!!!!!!

#### Chapter Four

If you do not know that God is a God of the "suddenlies" then you better get prepared!

After walking in dry places and even trying to get back to "Bethel "(house of God) where I could once again feel safe or useful as I was so bored with the dead religion that was still there. But God again mercifully planted in my heart and soul a hunger to see him or to feel fulfilled.

You guessed right if you think I went back into the seeking his face mode one more time.

You see the first time I encountered God I can say like Jacob of old "God was in that place and I didn't even know it was him. "(Gen 28:16)

If you study the word you will find that very few people ever recognized God as himself the first time they met him. Perhaps some of you have had a visitation at one time and this will set you up for his return visit to you. You see God is so awesome and his truth so awesome that we as flesh and blood people cannot receive this much truth at one time so God is patient with us. He comes to us in glimpses till we learn that we can approach him and that his love for us is so great he is careful not to frighten us to badly. Most instances in the word where He or angels appear their first communication to us is "fear not ".

To proceed in my wrestling match I began to seek his face again and this time mostly through prayer and fasting. This went on for more than forty days and I know that because I had entered a forty-day partial fast. I only took my light meal in the evening and fasted the other two as I was working a secular job and then would go to my room after dinner and spend more time in prayer and worship.

I had ended my fast and had done everything I knew to do to get God's attention and still was not much closer or so the feeling went.

Then "suddenly"

I was in my usual place of prayer and had begun worshipping God in my heart, and by just laying across the bed with my hands raised when all of a sudden the presence of God invaded my body and I began to shake, tremble and was touched by a hot blast that started in my feet and up my legs. This time I knew that it was God and began to wrestle and communicate with him through my spirit.

From that day till this I can say I have never been the same for truly I had a knowing encounter with the living God and knew that he can be found, that he can be touched and that he "will" come and touch you back for himself.

Now as my journey continues I will attempt to share my innermost feelings and the wrestling match which started in a new dimension and goes on to this very day.

The next few days after this encounter were full of excitement and expectation as each new day brought this personal literal manifest presence of God in my body. This is an experience that goes past a knowing in your mind and is changed to a feeling in your body. Although very difficult to explain we sometimes hear the term "better felt than told" which is more truth than fiction.

It is an experience that is "caught" not "taught" and comes when you are seeking him with your whole heart or sometimes comes to many when they are in a service or meeting with another person who already has experienced this "phenomena".

This type of encounter has happened frequently in meetings with Rodney Howard-Browne or Benny Hinn and probably many other of God's people whom I know nothing about .

Returning to my particular experience I remember there were days when I would not feel his presence so this would be very discomfoting to me and I would began praying, seeking, searching for him again and suddenly this presence would return to me.

Understanding the why, or how he works took me quite a lot of time and I still know so little that I am forever seeking, searching, praying to know him better, to understand his ways. Psalm 103:7 Tells us: He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

I also have seen many of his acts but I want to know his ways!

Next is searching for understanding!!!!

#### Chapter Five

As time passed I was forever trying to find the formula or secret to having God's manifest presence in my life. Of course there is no formula or men would find it and sell it but it truly is a relationship we form with our heavenly father as we spend time with him. I cannot even tell you exactly when it began happening in my life but now I live and walk in this manifest presence on a daily basis and have become so accustomed to him that I really notice it more when I don't feel him. When I feel his presence I have peace, joy and a sense of well-being and when I don't feel his presence about all I can say is "I want it back again".

The greatest joy I experience is when someone else catches this truth from me and finds him for himself or herself.

A brief testimony is that my wife of forty years although living in the same house with me did not understand what I was trying to explain so for nearly six years she had not yet encountered him like I am trying to explain.

One day a few months before this writing she became very ill and was suffering a great deal of pain. I was feeling a lot of compassion for her so I simply had her stand and put my arms around her and we asked God to touch her body. As we were praying in the spirit "suddenly" the presence of God became so strong on us that it was difficult to remain stand-

ing so I gently set her down on the sofa and she began to laugh in the Holy Spirit and this presence stayed on her for approximately three days and nights.

This was her first memorable encounter with his manifest presence and since that time between some ups and downs spiritually now also has many days and nights basking in his loving presence.

Sometimes in the nighttime God's presence will invade our room in strength that wakes us from sleep and this has become my most cherished prayer time and worship time with my Father.

As a second testimony my son in law sensed that what I had experienced was real so he spent many days and evenings with me as we talked of God and also watched videos from different ministers that also had an anointing and spoke of God's manifest presence.

While sitting in our living room one evening not doing anything in particular like praying but merely sitting in meditation of God and his love "suddenly" he was wrapped (according to his words) in a blanket of heat and felt in his chest as if a bubble of absolute love had flooded through him.

He was totally amazed as this baptism of God's presence invaded his person and I do know this that his life changed completely after this time. He also has become as I call it a "wrestler" of God.

You see we have chased him and caught him in a dimension unknown to us before and now that we have met him in this area of our being our lives are changed but we still want to know him better and also to know his will for our lives.

As the word says we see through a glass darkly (1st Corinthians 13:12) but we want to see more clearly and fulfill our destiny.

I could tell of a few other testimonies of people who were touched by the manifest presence of God while I spoke at different meetings but they are similar to these and the people who have been so touched have certainly been changed and if we have a common thread I would say that it is a hunger for more and we live to feel that touch again.

Try to imagine the most wonderful feeling of joy and love

and euphoria you have ever encountered before and you will have some idea while we/I am a wrestler with God. Perhaps with this writing you will begin to get an understanding of the how and why we spend so much time seeking his face, hungering for his presence and are actually possessed by our desire for the living God.

Perhaps you can see why no humdrum religious service can satisfy us and why we wander from church to church trying to find someone who we have a kindred spirit with and can through our association with them feel this invasion of the living God coming into our being.

The pastors and church leaders want to sometimes hold us in contempt for being wanderers but like it says in (Daniel 12:4 ) many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. We are merely looking for something that they don't seem to possess and nothing but God's presence will satisfy. So please forgive us if we seem to be wanderers looking for (as it were ) the "Holy Grail".

I read the wonderful books of Tommy Tenney and have never witnessed those things he speaks of like a pulpit splitting as God invades an atmosphere and I can understand being a God Chaser, but now that I have caught him in a dimension and am wrestling with him to find what I am about and why did he touch me and what/who can help me to my next level. "Who am I" and what can I do to fulfill this hunger and desire to become the manifestation of a "Son of God " that the world awaits. (Romans 8:19 )

I also ponder over his words like "build it and he will come " and I do believe this and that this worship and absolute abandonment to Him will do an awesome thing in our lives and that God will honor this as he did with David in the tent and all the musicians he had and how God's glory appeared, But I am "alone" and do not have these resources at my disposal to create this atmosphere for God. I am like Jacob alone here on this desert, or Moses on the backside of the desert wrestling with him. What did Jacob do during his night of wrestling and what did Moses do from the time he was at the burning bush till he walked into Pharaoh's hall ? They both had appointments with destiny as even Abraham did but he also tried to help God fulfill his call and brought forth an Ishmael.

My friend can you see that I and thousands of others are here also and we have this treasure in earthen vessels (2nd Corinthians 4:7 ) and some great men and women have platforms to speak and share their particular experience but others of us are out here floundering , wrestling with God , and seemingly unfulfilled .

If any of my words are touching you or resembling a battle in your innermost being let us go on and see what God will do on our behalf.

## Chapter Six

Jacob wrestled all night !

I sometimes wonder if Jacob's night seemed so long that he wanted to give in many times and just say within himself that no man can outlast God. I wonder why Abraham (Abram at that time) finally give in to Sarai and said she is right and what I know in my spirit is surely wrong.

I wonder if Moses gives any second thoughts to what he was going to do and if God would surely show up when he walked into Pharaoh's court. The movies show him walking in with a powerful stern look and commanding Pharaoh, but my friend I have found in my life that I go walking into another's court I feel weak and trembling and praying deep inside for Father to please show up and support me.

I even wonder when Apostle Peter decided to go fishing how empty he felt inside and how his desire to wrestle was overwhelmed by his own weakness.

I wonder if Apostle Paul while spending many years on the desert learning was many times depressed and questioned his own reasoning.

Dear reader please know that if you are in the dark night of your wrestling that all others who walked before us went through the same thick dark cloud (Amos 5:18) Says the day of the Lord is darkness and not light and I know this to be true in my life because we cannot walk by sight or even by another's light but must all learn to trust God for our self. If I have learned anything I have learned that this wrestling is a lonely night and like Jacob must hold on even if he smites

your strength. (Genesis 32:25 )

I might add here, as I feel prompted by the Spirit that we are living in a time when we even have to contend for our health and strength. This is certainly a day when our faith will be tried so as by fire, and truly God who knows you, only is showing you how strong or weak or desirous you are and he who knows the heart of man will expose your heart to you. (Jeremiah 17:

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings).

Acts 1:8 Declares that you will receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

We see many people who have received the Holy Ghost but there is no evidence of power in their lives. They speak in tongues but that seems to be the most of the extent of the evidence in their lives. What I am trying to show here is that the experience of meeting God in another realm of glory is more than speaking in tongues and taking all of our belief by faith without any evidence of his reality in our lives. I declare unto you that when God invades your person (your flesh ) with a feeling beyond any explainable cause other than you were seeking his face and he showed up , then this is a new beginning of the baptism of fire and power which his word says will happen.

Abraham felt this anointing power when he received strength and Sarah received strength to conceive a baby when in her ninth decade of life.

Moses felt this anointing when he held the rod over the red sea and saw the waters depart so they could cross over.

The disciple Peter felt this anointing when he perceived that the crippled man outside the temple received his healing, as he said silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give unto thee, In the name of Jesus Christ rise and walk. (Acts 3:6)

What I am sharing is that when they came out of their dark night of wrestling they possessed a new power (such as I have he said) that they are not just guessing but were in full



assurance of what they possessed. If you didn't know you had it by some tangible means then you could lose it and not know it was gone.

When some of us declare we feel his presence we are not just saying I have a goose bump but we literally know him and know he is with us tangibly. I don't know which side of the manifest presence of God you are on, whether truly or in some mental assent but I do know that you know!

You can know him in this dimension if you will seek his face long and sincerely enough till he comes unto you. You might say then I have arrived but alas! You have just begun to enter the place where the wrestling begins. Prepare yourself for now begins your long night. I know that if you are still reading then you have decided that you are going to prevail.

#### Chapter Seven

Suddenly unexpected blessings.

I would like to share a few disappointments or problems I encountered but first:

Before I share some of those things let me share an unexpected blessing along my journey as I continue to wrestle with God. In the early part of 2000 my wife and I heard of the gold dust (visible manifestation) that was occurring among other places at the Calvary Pentecostal tabernacle in Ashland, Virginia where Ruth Ward Heflin's father and mother founded and she now directs in their demise as they have gone on to greater rewards.

We went there during their winter camp meeting and were amazed as we entered another dimension of God's glory. Now we have felt and walk in his manifest presence, the literal tangible anointing in our bodies but also wear his visible glory manifested on us.

During the camp meeting we met and enjoyed the ministry of Sister Ruth, and many other ministers which also included Sister Sylvania from Brazil. For information concerning this phenomena visit (internet ) or inquire at your local Christian bookstore concerning Ruth Ward Heflin's books.

While at the camp we had the gold dust appear on us and

since coming home for the past several months the gold dust has appeared on us and our children and also our grandchildren. It has also appeared on different people as we have prayed and asked God to let them also experience this awesome manifestation.

I would like to share more but at this time I shall return to my wrestling with God and advise you to check out this other experience through your computer or book supplier.

I just pray you are as hungry for God as I am and that your appetite is now so stirred you cannot rest till you see his face. Some of the things that have caused me to wrestle even though I like many others face difficulties, disappointments and seemingly endless delays.

I should call them the triune challenge. They are not satanic but merely God's modus operandi (mode of operation) and throughout the Bible will find that most all of the saints who went before us experienced this similar path. Remember Psalm 103 :7 "He made known his ways unto Moses" I am reminded of their testimony in Hebrews 11: 39 (And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.)

Difficulties - Disappointments - Delays

Let us examine these triple trials a bit further;

Delays:

In reversing the order delays seems to be one thing common to all who are wrestling with God. I ask my self many times "How long was Jacob's night" or how many thousands of times did Moses say to himself, "Surely I must have heard God wrong or I imagined all of this". Nearly all of the men and women who walked with God went thru seemingly endless delays and postponements. When we read testimonies of people being used of God or who have been blessed of God we seldom can imagine the amount of time they have spent in isolation while seeking his face.

We would like to share the anointing that rests on their life but really are not interested in investing the amount of time that they have.

You are probably asking the question now, "Why does it take so long for God to endue us with power or with our call"?

The most immediate answer would be, "Until the flesh dies". Flesh, carnality, is the natural parts of our lives containing our intellect and our own emotions and desires. These are based on each of us as individuals and our own particular senses which Romans 8:8 tells us "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

How long it takes for you or for me is based on how strong our individual tenacity for holding to our own thoughts, life and ideas. I guess I could call it stubbornness, not that is bad in a worldly sense but when it comes to God it is used in the same sentence with idolatry witchcraft. 1st Samuel 15 : 23

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD"

God wants us to believe his word trust his wisdom and not lean on our understanding but to walk in obedience to him. God will teach us something through his word or we will pray and ask him or we will promise him a change in our hearts and I can almost guarantee you he will orchestrate a trial in your path and if the problem still exists you will fail the test and need to go through that one again. Finally one day you will see that your heart has not changed but only in your mind and then you will determine that through his patience and perseverance with you that you finally must crucify that thought and allow him to resurrect new life in that area of your life.

Perhaps now you understand why the patriarchs had to go through so many things from deserts wanderings to prisons from being outcasts to suffering slavery and bondage.

The word tells us that these things they suffered were for us and our learning .1st Corinthians 10 : 11 "Now all these happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Our delays are caused by us and not a result of God's unwillingness to use or bless us . We are children being trained for priesthood and leadership positions so like me keep wrestling! Even Jesus spent 30 years of life before he entered 3 1/2 years of ministry. Moses spent 40 years on the desert and

we could go on and on but my friend delays are God's design and not necessarily his slackness but are his design and purpose for your life. I'll close this portion with Romans 8: 28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

#### Disappointments/ Discouragements

Disappointments are one thing that is really difficult to overcome but surely as it rains we will have many of them to walk through. I suppose most of our disappointments come because of our preconceived ideas of what we have in mind for our lives and what we have decided is best for us without taking thought or seeking the face of God to find what he wants and has predetermined.

There is a verse of scripture that I have learned to pray and many times have petitioned God with: Philippians 3 : 12 Lord help me that I may apprehend that for which I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

If I might paraphrase this somewhat, it may help another as knowing this has helped me.

Life seems to be going along from day to day rather normal and our relationship or knowledge of God is running smoothly, then suddenly God touches us in a new and discomforting way and our life seems to go upside down. When this happens actually God is calling us to a new level or a new realm of his glory and my first reaction was generally to start doing or going, when truly as I look back the first thing I should have done was begin seeking his face and his direction.

When you hear some ministers talk they sound as if God is a real chatterbox and just chit chats away all the time with them and they know exactly what to do and where to go. I am so happy for them that they can hear him like that but my friend it is not so easy for me.

I don't actually think they (some) are hearing so well as they think or we would not have so many different denominations and divisions of doctrine. Forgive me if my candid observations upset you but this is a book of wrestling with the truth

and what has helped me and what has hindered me and possibly thousands of others is what is causing our dilemma. Many times it is difficult to know what God is doing in our lives and so I have really learned to pray, "God please help me find the purpose for which you have planted this desire in my heart".

Am I alone out here trying to know God's reason for apprehending me for wondering why he has put this anointing upon me, or trying to reason why this awesome manifest presence comes upon me night after night, day after day , why this fire of God burns in my body like a furnace of desire.

What I have learned to do while seeking his face is being happy with whatever I am doing, whether it is working in the home or witnessing to a neighbor or helping any cause that I believe Jesus would have helped.

While I believe that God has called me to a higher dimension of his ministry rather than to just go in a direction blindly (as I have done many times) like Abram when he fathered Ishmael, I choose now to stand fast, do whatever my hand finds to do that is good and Godly, and ask him to guide my footsteps. I would have to say most of my disappointments came from the inability to wait on God's perfect will and going about to establish my works.

I prayed : "Father You found Moses on the desert then I am sure you can find me when you know I am ready".

There are a lot of people out there who have fathered Ishmaels or started flesh works and then left them on the side of the road like Abram after he cast out Hagar and her son. This great disappointment to Abram was because he didn't wait on God.

My advice to God wrestlers is : Wait , I say, Wait upon the Lord !

Difficulties:

Psalm 34 : 19

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Difficult obstacles are easier to accept if we look at them as opportunities to overcome.

Most difficulties we face are caused from things we have done ourselves by not waiting on God, however there are also things that time and chance bring about as well as our conflict with the enemy of our soul.

Remember always thought that our enemy, Satan, is also a created being as we are, that he has no power within himself other than what God allows. All throughout our wrestling with God he will allow or even orchestrate myriads of conditions to happen in our path to test and purify us.

Remember how God brought the children of Israel across the Jordan River with Joshua and then instead of a rocking chair ride they faced many enemies day after day.

One of the first they had to face was the wall of Jericho and following that was enemy after enemy.

We often wonder why we go through trials and like the children of Israel we must learn that God wants us to learn to trust him, and that he will fight the battles for us , but that we must believe him , believe his word , and have faith that he will honor his word.

The whole fall of man started in the Garden of Eden when the first couple did not believe God's word and followed the suggestions of the Serpent. God wants us to learn that his word is true, that he will honor it and are willing to believe him in the face of death when we can see no way out.

Romans 15: 4, "Whatsoever things were written aforetime was written for our learning".

My advice to any believer would be to read and remember God's word as this is the only way we will ever learn to live victoriously and learn we can face difficulties without havoc wrecking our lives. As we wrestle with God he loves it when like Jacob of old we will not let go and are about to see his face , soon he will see our true hearts desire and the blessing will come .

## Chapter Eight

### My dilemma!

When I started this chapter I knew that I had reached the most difficult part of the writing I would be doing.

Up till now the chapters are mostly if not all written in retrospect and actual experiences I have walked through for over thirty years since I met the Master. At this point and time I am writing from where I am at this moment and also the things mostly mentally and spiritually that I am facing.

I have entered a rest as spoken in God's word in Hebrews (Chapter 4 :10) as far as my spiritual walk is concerned yet there are many times I feel as though I am not apprehending that for which I have been apprehended. To translate that into daily speech it is to say I don't think I am doing what God has called me to do.

God's presence is upon me both night and day and the reason for an anointing I am sure is not so much for me but to bless other people and to share the truth of God's word.

With this thought in mind comes the apprehension to hear God's directions, to walk in his ways, and to fulfill our particular calling.

I see some men and women of God, some older, some younger, some only saved a couple of years, yet they are walking through open doors of ministry and God is using them for his glory yet I seem to be on a sidetrack observing. Even though I may not know many people personally who are sitting in the same seat as I am; yet I know you are out there and also are facing the same so called "dilemmas". We have prepared ourselves, are walking in God's presence and anointing and are walking in purity of heart and mind as we can yet we are not satisfied or fulfilled that we are doing his will.

I have prayed and still do both night and day, have pushed on a few doors that have availed very little. We listen to ministers, read books, attend meetings looking for direction yet seems to come up frustrated month after month.

If you are still reading then you must know what I am talking about because this is the part of the wrestling where we would like to win, are thinking of letting go but can't and its getting to be daylight for Jacob (Gen 32:26) but for some of us it is getting to be twilight of life. I read Hebrews 11: 39 where it speaks of many of the early saints saying: And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

I attempt to satisfy my mind and spirit with the fact that I am willing and surely God can speak and in a given period of time I should do whatsoever he asked of me. I need to bring this wrestling to a close for the moment so I will next share my proposal.

## Chapter Nine

My proposal for continuation in this arena of faith will be highlighted by a couple of familiar stories or quotes I have heard.

We have heard of the person who prayed and asked the Lord if he would come and visit them. That same day they began to clean the house for company and prepare a bit of food for their honored guest. Being a quite poor person of meager means really had to search their cupboard to find enough food to offer such an honored guest as the Lord.

While they were waiting a beggar came to the back door and asked if they might have a morsel of food and being a kind benevolent person gave the beggar their own portion of the food while saving the rest for the expected guest.

Later the same day a dirty little child came and said he was cold and could he come in and warm by the fire. What could our kind person do except bring in the child and let him warm and give him some food to warm himself. Now facing such a dilemma that the food was gone and nothing to serve the guest plus the house was a bit untidy from taking care of the child.

Topping off this very upsetting day was the fact that the Lord never came by and our householder went to bed hungry because they had given their food away, and a bit sad because nothing seemed to work out like they had planned.

Before retiring for the night the person knelt by their bed and prayed thanking God for his love and to pray for the beggar and the small child and also to ask why the Lord had not come by to visit them.

The Lord said "I came to your house twice today".

The householder said, "But Lord I didn't see you".

The Lord replied, "As often as you have done it to the least of these you have done it unto me "(Matthew 25:40), "I came



as a beggar and you gave me food, and I came as a child and you comforted me ", Even a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple shall in no way lose its reward.

(Matthew 10:42)

Could it be that as we walk from day to day sharing our faith, being kind to others, giving even a smile in support of a troubled soul, giving to those who have needs, loving some that seem unlovely, and last but not least spending time with our Lord in prayer and worship, fellowshiping with him in the Holy Spirit, walking with him daily and watching with all prayer and diligence for any opportunity to reveal Jesus Christ to another soul.

Could it just be that this is fulfilling our calling, and though we may never have notoriety, will someday hear our father say : "Well done my good and faithful servant , enter thou into the joy of the Lord".

Galatians 6: 9 (Amplified) And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.

So then, as occasion and opportunity open to us, let us do good (morally) to all people [not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is good for their spiritual good and advantage]. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith --those who belong to God's family with you, the believers.

Luke 21 : 19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

## Chapter Ten

Searching for understanding!

1st Peter 5: 6. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

7. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

8. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

9. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

10. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.
11. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen

I have chosen two passages of scripture to under gird the thought I am attempting to present in the way of understanding.

First we see that we are not alone in the things that are causing us difficulty but are not always able to find brothers and sisters who seem to be having the same problems or apprehensions that we are experiencing. Truly while we are in the midst of places where we have never walked before as revelation knowledge surely will lead us it is always comforting to find a friend who understands us and more or less and assures us that we are not losing control.

When God speaks to us concerning a ministry or special calling he has placed on our lives I can assure you it is something beyond your ability to perform. If it is not greater than you could do in the natural arena I would doubt that it is God speaking.

He always calls according to his ability and not ours. We become willing vessels and not able vessels. I am told he is not looking for ability but is looking for availability.

This has been God's pattern and if you look at many of the old saints before us you will see that all like Gideon said, "Who am I" (Judges 6:15) or Isaiah said, "Woe is me ", (Isaiah 6: 5) you will see they too were not able to do what God had asked them to do.

Perhaps we can learn as Peter instructed, to walk humbly and trust God by standing in faith.

Also be an encourager to others who are fighting the good fight of faith and do not speak against someone simply because you do not understand them but submit yourself to God and pray for them. If it is not God he will take care of it but if it is God then you will be fighting against him.

1st Peter 4 :12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

13 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Secondly it helps when we understand that the trials and pain we go through while in turmoil or wrestling with God are conditioning us that his glory may be revealed in us.

In Romans 8 : 18 The Bible says , " for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us".

No trial or test is comfortable while going through them but if we can learn that they are for our learning and his glory then they are easier to accept.

The stronger our flesh and carnal ideas are then the harder and longer the trials will take. For many of our sufferings are caused by our soulish nature and to crucify our flesh so that the spirit man can be strong causes us much grief. Even Jesus the Bible says learned obedience by the things that he suffered. (Hebrews 5: 8 )

Like Jacob, for some reason God touched his thigh and from that day forward walked with a limp. Genesis 32 : 25 ) I can speak for only myself of course but I also have some scars that I received while wrestling with the Lord. By the time you get to the place God wants you I can guarantee you also will have some scars, for whom the Lord loves he chastens. (Hebrews 12 : 6 )

I pray this helps you to understand that our trials are not in vain and not necessarily because of excessive evil on our part but are permitted to come upon us simply because we are an imperfect vessel in the hands of the master potter. How little did we know when we prayed and said: "Father here I am, please use me, have your way in my life , cleanse me , send me , glorify thyself in me ".

If you are like me you had almost forgotten when you prayed in that manner, but I can assure that our Father did not forget. So my beloved friend know this that you are his child and not a cast off and this alone should make you rejoice and fill your heart with a joy that nothing can ever take away.

Speaking of that nothing can take away!

## Chapter 11

Lets talk about the Grace of God.

Ephesians 2 :

6. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

And Again;

Romans 8: 38

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Actually my friend these words are so clear that no explanation is due however I shall comment on the thought of "Safe in the arms of Jesus".

Grace and Truth

Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ!

John 3:17: For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Did you ever wonder why Jesus had to come to this earth, for had he not come, he would have not died? What was God's reason for showing up, indwelling a frail human body? Could not he have just spoken the word to us like he had to Moses. What does this mean grace and truth came through Jesus Christ?

The answer:

God sent his Son not to condemn !

John 3:17 Amplified: For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge-to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on-the world; but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through him.

If these things are true then why are many of the ministers of our land using the Bible as a tool for judgment and condemnation? You will be surprised and hilariously happy when you read my answer

God sent Jesus to give you liberty!

John 10:10 Amplified: I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance-to the full, till it overflows. Are you depressed, unsure, negative, living below what God wants for you? That is, He wants you to have his best quality of life, happiness, prosperity and health, to be free from all condemnation

**BE FREE**

A look at the liberty we enjoy

Liberty comes with a price Many of us, especially in America have enjoyed liberty all of our lives. We seldom stop and think about being thankful for it, or seldom if ever wonder why we are privileged to enjoy this gift we have been freely given.

Liberty comes with a price.

The liberty that we have inherited did not come to us by chance, but was purchased, not with money or favor, but through and by the valor, lives, and blood of our friends, neighbors, relatives and forefathers. They left homes and families and fought the tyrants who tried to steal our liberty, on foreign or domestic soil, both men and women

SOMEONE PAID THE PRICE FOR THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY

Your spiritual liberty that you can and should be enjoying also came with a price. The precious Son of God left his throne and abode in the heavenly mansions to come to the soil, foreign to his glorious person, and defeat the enemy who had come to kill, steal, and destroy our liberty, that we now so richly enjoy.

There is a thief

Jesus told us in John 10:10 that the thief comes to steal kill and destroy, but he (Jesus) came to give us life and more than that, superabundant life. First you must know there is a thief.

The thief is Satan, the deceiver,

The adversary, and many other names we could call is a real being who has influence over the hidden things of darkness, and his only weapon is keeping you ignorant of the "Truth"

So how does he work?

He works this way

His thoughts words and influence was loosed in the Garden of Eden when he got Eve and Adam to doubt God's word (truth). Since then his words and influences have been passed from heart to heart and mouth to mouth and still live today.

Actually any thoughts, words and ideas that are not in accordance with God's word is from the thief. The Word says in 2 cor. 11:13-14 concerning these ambassadors of lies says:

For such men are false apostles

, Deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. Vs 15- It is not surprising, then, if his servants (preachers, ministers, evangelists televangelists, Religionists in some cases) masquerade as servants of righteousness. They use the pulpits as their platform making merchandise of men's souls.

This is nothing new.

They were doing the same thing when Jesus came to earth and began his ministry. His constant confrontation was with the religionists of that day. (Pharisees, Sadducees, priests and High priest.) And it was that group who led the mob to crucify him. They love the pulpits because it hides their identities. A house divided against itself cannot stand.

What is bondage?

What ever is used to deliver you becomes your master. If you were won from your life of wayward living by the religious church, then that religious church becomes you benefactor and master. It then merchandises your life and liberty by keeping you in bondage to its teachings and bound to its altar by making you feel unforgiven, and keeping you coming back to fill its coffers with money. To clarify here, It is good to give if you give out of your love and obedience to God's Word but not out of necessity. I will speak more of this later, the point here being that once in bondage to your life style, you are now in bondage to religion. Whatsoever sets you free becomes your master.

How can I be free?

Now we can begin to understand the words of Jesus when he

said " You shall know truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) and again " I am the way the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6) You can become free by trusting nothing but your relationship with Jesus Christ and in prayer to him confess this, Read your Bible and apply its principles as God reveals his word to your heart.

And remember Romans (8:1)

There is therefore NOW no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death! Praise The Lord, THAT IS THE TRUTH, AND I AM FREE



## PART TWO

While Seeking a deeper relationship with the living God  
this encounter left me forever changed. The following  
short messages are memoirs of the path I walked.  
Giving all Glory to God!

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This following section contains various articles I have  
written over the past few years that may be informative or  
even challenge some of your former scriptural under-  
standing. No scripture is given for private interpretation so  
read with an open mind and if you gain any knowledge  
give God all the Glory .

This is the place in your journey where everyone is unique in their own way for, your letting go will differ from me in the fact that you are holding on to things that are known only by you and God. Most all people know what is holding them back so just ask the Lord and he will reveal it to you.

I will give a few scripture verses if you read them it will help you although these suggestions are only a partial plan to follow.

Psalm 145:18-19 The Lord is near to all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in TRUTH. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him, he will also hear their cry, and will save them.

Our own hearts are very deceptive because they are led by our human intellect so the only truth We can call upon is God and we must be guided by his word.

John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life". Jeremiah 17:9 Says "The heart is deceitful above all things". Read and pray as its written in Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. The first step in our letting go of religion is to stop looking at other people and measure only our own selves in the sight of our God who knows us intimately with all our flaws and shortcomings yes and even our sin and loves us anyway. That my friend is good news!

"Good News"

MATTHEW 4:23 Jesus went about preaching the gospel-- What is the gospel? The word gospel means "GOOD NEWS" and I like to say that if it isn't good news then it is not the gospel. Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the GOSPEL of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. Verse 24 And his fame went throughout-----! This is why the gospel is good news, because Jesus gave hope to people who according to verse sixteen were sitting in darkness. The religious order of the day had the people in bondage to religion and Jesus came to set them free.

Friend the same bondage still exists today because the people still are in darkness concerning the TRUTH.

Mans religion promises the people liberty and instead brings them in bondage to whatever the religious order of the day proposes to be the way. Jesus said : "I AM THE WAY ". Relationship with Jesus will make you free, while religion will keep you in bondage.

MATTHEW 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, REPENT: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand . The word REPENT means turn around and go another way your heading in the wrong direction or you are making a mistake. What was their mistake? They were in bondage to a religious order that was making merchandise of them rather than teaching them about the love of God.

Friend the church needs to do the works of Jesus, MATTHEW 4:23 preach the kingdom, heal the sick, help relieve suffering and bring hope to hurting people. We must preach the same message which Jesus preached saying "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" .and in Matthew 6:33 ? "But seek You first his kingdom and his righteousness".

"How to enter"

Matthew 7:13 Jesus said ; Enter thru the narrow gate because the wide gate is the wrong path, verse 7-8 so seek and you will find and it will be opened. Men have been trying to find their way through this gate to the RIVER OF LIFE , Since the beginning.

The wide gates are all men's ideas of how to enter and all of these ways although they seem logical are wrong. The narrow way is so strait and the reason so few can find it is because it requires no effort, only acceptance. Its just to simple for man to accept. No rules ,no regulations , no religious activities, Just trust Jesus , receive his mercy, accept his grace, and spend your life thanking and praising him. JESUS IS LORD !

EPHESIANS 2:8 For by grace are you saved thru faith, and that not of yourselves.....!

Just take the Lord at his word through faith means just believe by faith, and not of yourselves simply means, not by any rules or regulations, or religion, just don't try your works and take the credit for what Jesus has done for us. Verse 8 ...it is the GIFT of God. When you receive a gift you don't try to pay for it, You just accept it and give thanks to the giver, and in this case it is our Father . 2 Corinthians 9:15. Thanks be to God for his priceless gift. JESUS IS LORD!

"Thy Kingdom Come"

MATTHEW 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God... and in 7:21 Not everyone that says unto me ,Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven:....In Luke 17:20 The kingdom comes without visible signs. Friend the kingdom is here now and the door is open. In John 10 Jesus said I am the door....In this kingdom the RIVER OF GOD, is flowing and there is peace , joy , love, rest , and there is healing for you, both body and soul.  
We pray thy kingdom come , thy will be done on earth.....

Jesus told Pilate that his kingdom was not of this world system ...but by the Holy Spirit as he indwells his people and JESUS CHRIST IS both Lord and King of this kingdom and he reigns in the hearts of men and women who have made him the most important person in their life. We enter his kingdom in this present life by simply seeking with our WHOLE HEART!

"Your Whole Heart"

Jeremiah 29:13 And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart.  
Have you ever wanted something so much that it occupied every moment of your day and if you awoke in the night hours the hunger and desire were still foremost in your thoughts ? Have you desired anything till you were willing to pay any price to obtain it. If you have then you are beginning to know what seeking with your whole heart means. Psalm 42:1 As the deer panteth after the water brooks, so panteth

my soul after thee, O God.

Matthew 5:6 Jesus said "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst....."

You say the price is too high . Friend we are talking about your ETERNAL DESTINY ! Follow me to the deep things of GOD. PRAY: " GOD CAUSE ME TO HUNGER AFTER YOU"

"He will come unto you"

Jeremiah 29:14 And I will be found of you, saith the Lord. You can only have a TRUE relationship with a person with whom you can have contact in some tangible form.

John 14:23 He will come unto us...Exodus 33:14....Said MY PRESENCE shall go with you.....Friend follow on and you can know the living God and he will tangibly touch you. It took me many years to discover this reality as I was not told that this was possible, so I am trying to keep you from wasted years. When he touches you, your life will never be the same. The love that will break forth in your being will surpass any feeling or emotion you have ever known, and this will open the door for true relationship with God.

I have walked in his manifest presence for several years , yes friend HE WILL COME TO YOU ! Seek and you will find , Knock and the door will be opened unto you. Next comes

"Deep things of God"

Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me and I will answer thee.....

This is one of the greatest promises of the Bible, where God promises an answer.

When I started to seek God with my whole heart and had made up my mind not to be denied I had no idea of what lay before me. I entered the world of prayer and calling upon God in spirit and in truth. I was determined to find him, and If his WORD were true he would have to come to me.

Everyone who has an encounter with the living God must go through what I call "the desert experience". This a time when God will see how great your desire is for him. The Holy Spirit will lead you through a time of searching your own

heart . If you are determined to find him and have made up your mind to do so, then the hardest battle has already been won. I'm not talking about salvation here, I am talking about relationship, .I am talking about entering the kingdom, I am talking about entering the River of God. PRAY:" FATHER LEAD ME INTO YOUR KINGDOM"

WHO SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM Matthew 7:21 Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my father which is in heaven. This scripture which is quoted many times must take into account that there is a kingdom to enter, Remember Jesus words, "seek the kingdom". In John 3:3-5 we find that after you are born of the Spirit you can see and then enter the kingdom of God/heaven used interchangeably. Jesus said to enter you must do the will of his father which is in heaven.

According to Ephesians 2:8-9 we know that we are saved by the gift of God and not by our abilities or works. Hebrews 4.....we find that to enter his rest we must cease from our works. If you follow Jesus teaching in Matthew 7:22-23 He told the people who were telling him about how wonderful they were and how many great works they had done and Jesus called them ;"ye that work iniquity ".depart from me (. Iniquity means not following directions).

In verse 24 says hear my directions and follow them and you will be a wise man, building upon a rock. Jesus alone is the rock ! Friend these are stories Jesus was telling to illustrate the kingdom of heaven and how it operates and how to enter not how to pass judgment on one another.

He started in verse 1 JUDGE NOT,. The will of God is Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and to Love one another . We enter the kingdom of God , by grace , through faith , a gift , not works, accomplished on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus Christ alone. Amen.

## RIVER OF GOD

is full of life, always moving, health to all that find it !

John 7:38 Jesus said; he who believes on me as the scripture says, From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

John 4:15 some said unto Him-- Give us this water

Is. 41:18 thru His grace and patience I have found the power

Rev. 22:1 I would like to lead all who will come to this Great River that flows from the throne of God.

1 Cor. 1:10 on the bank you will find hesitation, discussion and argumentation.

1 Cor.1:11-13 in the shallows you will find separation, expectation and depression

Gal. 5:21-23 in the deep you will find... REST, PEACE, JOY, LOVE , RELATIONSHIP

## ON THE BANK

ON THE BANK , Before any partake of the living water, by staying outside we find all types of mans ideas of how to get to the other side, usually by mans knowledge.

[ much like how Eve and Adam ate of the tree of the Knowledge of good and evil.]

So by not following God's revealed plan they were sent away from what God had planned for them. However God already had a plan to get back His children whom He loved.

When God is not taken at His word we through our intellect think we know more (tree of knowledge) And decide to trust our own heart. (follow your heart ) is very bad advice for our heart is deceitful.( Jer. 17:9) We generally refer to these man

ideas as RELIGIONS .....Man by knowledge cannot know God

RELIGION is then only a man trying to find God. Some religions I'm told have over a million gods ranging from rats to cows to idols etc. This is not new for even the children of Israel ( Ex.32:8 ) made themselves a golden calf while Moses was still on the mountain with God .

JESUS SAID : That if you would BELIEVE in your HEART and CONFESS with your MOUTH

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD

That you would be on the right road. ( If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that :

You would be saved (delivered from all punishment and promised by God to have eternal life ) that means born again—redeemed ---ransomed--- forgiven —passed from death to life.

This therefore OPENS the door to BEGIN your journey into the RIVER OF GOD .

SHALLOW WATERS

Here in the shallow edge of the water many of us including myself entered a life of learning about God

And not getting to know Him. Many of us still having our own ideas (tree of knowledge) make many different plans to reach Him. These different plans we call denominations etc. which means to divide His nation, and are mostly referred to as churches.

These separate us from one another , cause to hate one another , (can you see how we were tricked like the serpent tricked Eve.)

So we bite , fight and devour one another in the name of



God. Want a name for this ( RELIGIOUS SPIRIT ) and all the time telling ourselves we are full of love.

When you get so tired of the religious rat race and come to the end of your Knowledge then : JUST :

JUMP INTO THE RIVER!!!!

“THE ANOINTING”

FIRST : WHAT IS IT ?

I am writing here a series of short articles on the subject of the ANOINTING.

We hear a lot said about this particular subject and many people who are talking about it are passing on hearsay and have not truly experienced the manifest presence of God.

What we generally refer to as the anointing is truly the tangible presence of the living God , saturating the believer with an unmistakable feeling of an unexplainable sensation in and on his/her body.

When you receive this , only then will you know that any explanation of this is at best difficult to share. To borrow words from the Bible , Peter said in Acts 2 : That "This" is "That" which was spoken by the prophet Joel. ( Joel 2:28 ) In the last days saith God I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

It is referred also as "The Anointing of Fire". and is often referred to as the River of God. When The "Anointing " comes upon you , then shall you truly know what I mean and you will know then that I speak the truth . In this short word I am attempting to explain in part what the anointing is and the next few notes "KEYS TO THE ANOINTING" in this series will share how to receive this presence and also how to keep and walk in this manifest presence daily.

FIRST KEY ,A STARTING PLACE ?

Here I sit trying searching my mind to try and recall just what happened in my life that caused me to be touched by the living God.

When attempting to remember it is easier I believe to recall some of the things that didn't work for me .

I can remember that I was so hungry to see the reality of God and not just be a satisfied believer hearing from others what God would do. I wanted to see him for myself. The book of Job in the Bible he says : I have heard of you by the hearing of my ear but I want to see you for myself. I was tired seeing my family and friends sick and dying and I had no power flowing through my life to be of any help to them. (do you know the feeling?) So for me the number one key was to get real and get transparent with God and especially myself. You know as we go thru life we lie to ourselves and we create a shield of delusion around ourselves so that we cannot even to our own selves be true. We live in a state of denial and idealism and really don't even know our own true self as God sees us.

The Bible states it this way: ( Jeremiah 17:9 )

Our heart is desperately wicked and who can know it !

( Psalm 51 ) says; "Create in me a clean heart oh God and renew a right spirit in me" .

(Psalm 145:18)

says That he will answer those who call upon him in truth .

Solution : If my heart is wicked and deceitful and I don't even know what truth is then the number one key is I need a miracle from God .

Key one is knowing without a doubt that you are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ , That his death on the cross paid in full your debt to God, that you are righteous in God's sight , that you are his child and his love is completely totally forever settled , that he will never take his love or salvation from you that you are justified in his sight.. My friend you will not receive the anointing of God if you feel you are earning it through your righteousness or keeping of yourself or keeping rules , or even fasting to move God, as this touch will come thru his love mercy and grace when you hunger for his touch more than anything in your life. When you seek his face so diligently that even your life means nothing to you, That you want him more than a drowning man wants air . Jesus said blessed are those who hunger and thirst for .....

## The "Anointing" part 2

### KEY TO ANOINTING :

When you find who you are and who Jesus Christ is and how important he is to your life it will lead you into his word. Of course as you go into his word with this knowledge of who you are in Him then you will have many new revelations in the word of God.

When we read the word of God our mindset or heart relationship with him will determine the revelation of his word that is released in us. Proof of this is the fact of how the Jewish believer today reads God's word with a veil on his eyes.

The denominational religionist reads with his pre-taught precepts veil on his eyes.

The carnal believer sees one thing written whilst the spirit filled believer sees another.

As these new revelations burst forth in your soul and you begin to share with other BELIEVERS you will find that now you will be persecuted.

The old way always will persecute the new found touch of God and any new revelation whether delivered by God himself will always be judged as heresy. This will bring you to another step toward the anointing of God, because the true believer when he knows what he has received has come from God , this persecution will drive him closer to God and will manifest itself in him in worship.

Jesus said the true worshippers will worship God in spirit and truth. When we worship God in truth and in the Holy Ghost we enter into his very presence into the Holy of Holies. There is one more point that I will share next that holds the key to the Anointing of God and his manifestation as you call upon Him .

## The "Anointing" part 3

### KEYS TO ANOINTING

Another Key to the Anointing.:

Dear Friends, as I have looked over the points we have mentioned and know that many have come this route and still

there is an inability to see the desired results with God that we hunger for, There is yet at least one more area where we need to address.

Back under the Mosaic covenant when the priests went in to the presence of God to minister before the mercy seat , they first took blood for themselves and then with fear and trembling they would minister before the Ark of the covenant making atonement for the people they were representing .

If they made a mistake they dropped dead inside the Holiest place. The first covenant was not faultless so God gave us a new and better covenant established on better promises.

SO NOW FRIENDS : God through the offering once for all , received the blood of Jesus Christ , so that we might come **BOLDLY** into the Holiest Place of all.

The final key to calling the power of God , The anointing , the manifest presence , the Holy Ghost , the living God , into your life , into a service of healing or meeting the needs of his people, is for you to go before him with **BOLDNESS**.

The only way you will ever go before God with Boldness is if you really know who Jesus Christ is , what he has truly done for you, and who you are in him. To repeat a phrase we have heard many times . I know that I know that I know Him and I know who I am in him. This is what is meant when we say in Jesus name !

This is not merely because you say the name but this means that when you have a personal relationship and you and he are intimate then in his name you will do many mighty miracles. Next comes another teaching that will really put you in touch with God

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**KEYS TO ANOINTING**

**WHAT ? A COVENANT ! ?**

**WHAAAAT ? MAKE A COVENANT ! YES THIS IS**

TRUE !!!

I am certain you that if you read this then surely you must have your spiritual eyes open.

The carnal or flesh Christian cannot fathom that God still works like this , but I can assure you that he does. When God suddenly comes to you in manifest presence and tangibly touches you one thing he will ask you is what do you want him to do for you .

There will not be a single doubt in your mind that it is him , and he will ask you.

This leads me to a point that I want to really share with you and pray you grasp this truth.

God is a COVENANT making , COVENANT keeping God and has always made covenants with his people both total, and individually.

When he came to me in 1994 I made a covenant that I keep with Him to this day.

Here are a couple things to remember: It is better not to make a covenant (vow) with God unless you are willing to die to keep it. If you will keep it unto death and he knows if you will or not, then my beloved friend I can guarantee you will SEE and HAVE the power of God in your life . If you do not have the BOLDNESS to make a covenant unto death with God then it is doubtful you will ever know him in any great dimension or close relationship.

**HOW BADLY DO YOU WANT HIM ???? HOW SINCERELY ARE YOU SEEKING HIS FACE ???**

This will take more than words from your mouth because God knows your heart and he knows when your mouth is talking and when your heart is talking. In all sincerity pray and ask God our Father for true Gold tried in the fire ! I leave you with a scripture from Revelation to dwell upon .

(Amplified Bible) Rev.3: 17 For you say, I am rich; I have prospered and grown wealthy, and I am in need of nothing; and you do not realize and understand that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

18 Therefore I counsel you to purchase from Me gold refined and tested by fire, that you may be [truly] wealthy, and white clothes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nudity from being seen, and salve to put on your eyes, that you may

see

19 Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he with me

21 He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne.

22 He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).

God Bless you as you read ,

#### KEYS TO ANOINTING

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**BOLDNESS !**

I do not know when I came into God's presence boldly the first time but I believe I have some thoughts on this .

LET ME RAMBLE :

Going into scripture from top of my head without references I remember Elisha did receive the anointing from God but it did not show up till he took the mantle and hit the water and said "Where is the Lord God of Elijah".

The priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant into Jordan did not see the water part till they stepped in water.

Daniel did not see the Lions mouths stopped till he was thrown in the den with them. POINT :

Boldness with God is only experienced after you put your self in a place where you are willing to look stupid or die if he doesn't show up.

You actually come to a place in knowing him that if he doesn't show this time then I quit ! (a sincere heart feeling) .

I preached a sermon after I had this tangible counter, and had felt his tangible presence many times so I went out on a limb (sort of ) and just totally expected him to come when I told the people he would and he didn't let me down . I believe Benny Hinn stated that if God will show up in your bedroom when you are alone then he will also show up when you call upon him openly. He shows up in my bedroom nearly if not every night of my life now with a tangible anointing and presence.

This boldness is based upon the depth of truth that you believe his word and know him and it grows daily and never recedes.

Even after the Apostle Paul walked with Jesus many days , still he said that I might know him.

Friends this is my daily prayer to Him, "Oh God that I might know you more"

Remember Moses words to Father in Exodus 33:12-15

And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. Amen

**The most hideous sin of all**  
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"The most hideous sin of all"

I have been around religious circles and had church affiliations for many years and have seldom heard this most hideous of all sins addressed. I have heard Ministers and men of religion for many years address such sin as prostitution, homosexuality but seldom the most hideous of all.

If we look at these which are all listed in the Word of God as "abominations" to him we might make some bystanders assessments.

Prostitution is sometimes referred to as the oldest (profession) sin for it has been around as long as there are records of humankind. This, if we look close, in reality is generally entered into because of money and gain. Oft times is forced on unwilling participants by wicked persons who hold some power over the victim and cause them to stay in this position for their (so called) owners lucrative gain.

Next briefly we will look at homosexuality which is running rampant in America and I suppose in many other places. Although this practice is disgusting to the thoughts of most people you must agree that in many cases (not all) it is an act between two consenting adults. Although this does not justify it in the sight of God it does not always identify a perpetrator.

The next topic I will attempt to discuss is the most hideous of all. Its perpetrators walk among us unseen by the naked eye. They come from all walks of life, They range from nearly all ages and in most cases are male in gender although in some cases are female perpetrators.

They come from such noble professions as clergy, and as low as any member of the family. They are found in very religious circles and also infiltrated throughout society, posing as innocent assistants and leaders to particular groups of individuals where they lie in wait for their victims.

What is this most hideous destructive (sin) crime against humanity ?

We have several different names for it but in actuality is worse in some cases than murder.

Many times its victims are left in a state of confusion, wherein they seek death, seek to hide within their deranged minds, often times take up forms of self mutilation. (examples\*\*\*) brought on by the crime that was committed against them. \*\*\*(((examples such as overeating to gain excessive weight or anorexia because of mental instability anything to cause themselves to be less desirable or attractive as to not become victims again)))

I will enter the next portion of my writing by quoting the last verse of scripture in the Old Testament. [Malachi 4:6] "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers , lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

How can we as human beings made in God's own image permit this act of incest/rape to go on basically un-proteted by the church and not nearly enough opposition is raised by the people.

These children are violated by family, church workers, Priests, clergy, friends (so called) and people to whom they look up to and should be their protectors.

They are scarred physically, emotionally, mentally and socially. These victims are rarely at the hands of the criminal bad guy element but are criminally violated by people they love and trust.

How can we stop this abuse from happening short of becoming a police society and this would just change the perpetrators looks.

I say it is high time for the church to repent of its socially acceptable watered down version of looking like a group of holy Joes and begin weeping and crying at the altars of God until the Lord comes and rains righteousness upon us.

These young men and ladies, whom I have met several of, are so horribly dysfunctional as members of society, they are afraid to make friends (no trust), are pushed into loneliness are suffering from guilt because they think they were to blame, are angry with God because he allowed it to happen, and angry with family for not protecting their innocence

They become suicidal to escape the guilt or addicted to cover it or try to hide their heads in shame as if they were wearing a sign exposing themselves.

To add to this scenario many have health problems due to the mistreatment and some become abusive themselves as a form of retribution.

This next section may seem a little far fetched as far as healing but it will work for some.

If there is anything the wicked hate whether human kind or spirits it is to be identified. For this reason they hold their victims in fear for themselves or their loved ones. (John 3:19) "Men love darkness (secrecy) better than light because their deeds are evil". They sometimes bribe them with favors and gifts but usually it is done with threats.

If you have been sexually molested or raped (sexual act with minor) or (sex without your willing and desired consent) then shout it from the housetops. Shout it till someone comes to your aid. Shout it till the guilty party seeks to be away from your presence, Shout it till you know you have been a victim and were not responsible. The most difficult to deal with is if a baby is being violated and here we must pray and have a close relationship with God so he will show us that this is happening, and then deal with it appropriately.

To close my friend, we must know that a murderer leaves a corpse but a rapist leaves a person sometimes a member of the nearly walking dead. Leaves them to wander and suffer for the rest of their life. The only real hope is if we can introduce them to the living God. This is the most hideous sin of all.

BORN OR EDUCATED  
A LOOK INSIDE THE HEART OF MAN  
WE WERE BORN INTO INNOCENCE.

Having been a Pastor, and Evangelist for many years and working out of the mainstream of Christian Churches. I have ministered to many people , both male and female who have been caught up in a homosexual lifestyle. Many Ministers and Christian workers are ready to write them off and condemn them rather than to lead them to the cleansing Blood of Jesus Christ.

(Read with an open mind)

Many of us were raised in loving homes But something went wrong and we wound up in circumstances that loathe our hearts and distress our souls.

Someplace between the time of our birth, upbringing and where we are today, a transformation of our character took place. It was influenced greatly by the people we were around and the places we have been. As this photo illustrates the city like the soul of man never sleeps , and the night is filled with a thousand eyes. Like Adam and Eve in the garden a lot of apples on the tree looked good and we were tempted and we did eat thereof and like Adam we were stung by the serpent. We were driven into this wilderness and now can't find the way back and no one wants to tell us the truth because they want what we have. You know , our money, our bodies, our souls. alas, what can we do ?

Where did this change take place  
Some say it was in our genes The big cop out of the world system says either we were born that way or it is a sickness.

Alcoholism is called a sickness and Homosexuality is referred to as a gene pool. Therefore not needing to accept any responsibility for ourselves we dig a grave with our own intelligence, while the world around , shrugs us off with disdain and merchandises our ignorance. No wonder it says the "love of money is the root..." but what does God say ?

What we call alternate, God calls ignorance which has never been an excuse, and its keeping us away from his best that he has for us.

TO THE READER: This is a thought to give you a mind set as you read through this page. Often times we tend to observe or judge certain things by whatever is influencing our thinking at the moment. For the next few minutes as you read, put yourself in the shoes of the itinerant teacher who wore sandals and walked through Samaria, met wayward women, frequently touched the untouchables, and loved them so much that he went to a place called Golgotha, to plead their rights to live. Thank you Jesus.

My answer ,

I do not intend to address all of the subjects that were alluded to in the previous page. However, if you came this far, I pray you will read on.

I am not going to speak judgmentally or critically but to attempt to show what I feel is the heart of God toward homosexuality i.e.: gay lifestyle.

I will also address the approach that many well meaning religious people, and also the clergy in some instances, have taken. You may not like my views, but you will see that this is not a hasty thought or imagination.

I will begin with a scripture in Romans 1:25-28

"Who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever, Amen.

For this cause God gave them up to vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense (reward) of their error which was meet (due).

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those

things which are not convenient".

I have heard this scripture read many times during my religious life, and also used as a whipping post, to punish some soul who had come to a meeting or Christian person seeking release from the pain of this life. Instead of telling them of how Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary, to pay for our sin debt.

This is tantamount (the same as) to the Pharisees that wanted to stone the woman taken in the act of adultery. (John 8:4-11) Jesus said : "Neither do I condemn thee...."

James 2:9-10 "But if ye have respect to persons , you commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all".

If you are using the word of God to condemn rather than to offer grace then you have made yourself a judge of the law, and verse 13 reveals that you will also be judged without mercy, who hath showed no mercy.

So instead of trying to read something into Romans 1 , please allow me to continue.

lifestyle and found them to be very kind , considerate , generous and loving friends. please read the rest of Romans 1:29-32

Here I appeal to your common sense, That if a young man in the prime of his life were taken into an environment and there implanted with ideas of Gay lifestyle before he had ever been given a chance to even see a husband wife relationship, and followed that gay teaching, how then could we say that he is reprobate and deny him our love.

I realize that this is hypothetical , but follow my line of reasoning. Some young people are taken captive at very young ages, especially in impoverished countries and America and are forced into a life of prostitution to support their families as are the young ladies.

This therefore has stolen their innocence and plunged them into a state they might never have entered otherwise. I must give thanks to God daily that he allowed me to be born into a kind loving family. Then all the more reason why I must leave my comfort zone and seek and save those that are lost.

My heart breaks as does my Heavenly Father's when he sees how are brothers and sisters are mistreated . We have a certain group of individuals , who are self appointed ethnic cleansers , not unlike those that our servicemen are fighting on foreign soil. They are fighting to protect the innocent who have done nothing wrong but be born in the wrong place at the wrong time. Who would like to have been Jewish during the horrendous holocaust when possibly six million of God's beautiful creation were horribly murdered, raped, plundered and God only knows what else all because someone didn't like their lifestyle.

You might say this is an unfair comparison and then I will tell you that you are a respecter of persons, and that the least of these is a member of God's wonderful creation. Read James Chapter 2 and you will see God's point of view, and he doesn't think much of this type of person.

To sum this up so far we have no right to refuse our love, forgiveness and the right hand of fellowship to any human, whether it be Race, Nationality, Religion or Lifestyle.

I didn't say you had to partake of their nature, regardless of what it is, but I can't eliminate them just because I don't agree with them. I might be one of those who live in a category of minority, then certainly I would know how they feel and would be less likely to set myself up as a judge and jury and executioner. When we don't like something we cannot just kill or destroy it, just the way those of their day did when they crucified Jesus. He was different and challenged their belief and lifestyle. Oddly enough it wasn't the average John Doe who crucified Jesus, but it was the religious church, not unlike the religious church of today. I will be judged of God the way I judge the least of these , my brethren.

Let me return to the scripture of Romans Chapter 1.

Who was the Holy Spirit talking about when he said (vs. 25)  
"They turned the truth of God into a lie.

(vs. 26) Women did change natural use into that which is against nature.

(vs.) Left the natural use of the woman.

(vs. 28) they did not like to retain God in their knowledge".



Skipping to last three verses 29-32: "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful.... knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same thing, but have pleasure in them that do them".

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