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SOUL VIRUSES

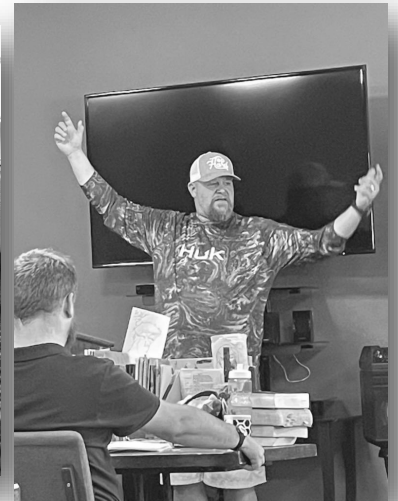
“ HE THAT DWELLS IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH, SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY” PSALM 91:1

In a world that has been polluted with vicious viruses and as of late are on the increase again... We have been inundated with health information that is really... actually... yes... old practices.... Like washing our hands and proper nutrition, vitamins, supplements, exercise, and all sorts of interventions that we can implement in the natural to strengthen our immune systems....The vast majority of these instructions have been around for centuries. Oh they may be sophisticated in the delivery... but the data..... for the most part is not new. And it is for sure anything that happens in the natural is even more so in the spirit realm. We live in a spirit world. Not only do these vicious viruses attack a weakened body anywhere they can find an entrance... There is indeed also the more that goes on regarding our Soul. And just like the data that has been around for centuries regarding our bodies.. There is priceless information at hand that has been provided for us to keep our Soul healthy and vicious viruses at bay. So what are Soul Viruses anyway? We know that our soul is comprised of our mind, will, and emotions. It is the second part of our triune makeup of Spirit, Soul, and Body. It is the part of us that we think, and reason with in the natural, that we get to exercise our will, & that we get to choose what to do in our decision making. Our emotions quite frankly.... the enemy of our soul loves to toy with.... However, our Soul has been uniquely designed by The Creator and Sustainer of the entire Universe. HE designed our Souls to be aligned with HIM. We are never ever more protected and the epitome of strength as we are when we are plumb with HIS DIVINE PLUMBLINE. “Your strength lies in your intimacy with GOD.” Charles Spurgeon. We were created to have The Mind of Christ. (Philippians 2.) HIS very thoughts should be ours. We are not made to reason away in the futility of our minds... this gets us in trouble every time... We were designed to be in align with HIS WILL. Our wills are to be yielded to HIS. Do we actually think we know better than HE? Does the clay think it can tell THE POTTER what would be the better route, or design? And our emotions which are created for blessing when sanctified by HIM are a gift by The One That Has Designed our emotions from the beginning... yet the enemy of our souls distorts our minds, wills, & emotions every opportunity he sees a crack to get in. In this fallen world in which we live there are so many corrupt, selfish, prideful and filthy agendas.. Unless we truly belong to our Designer and allow HIM to govern every aspect of our lives... well.. These vicious viruses of the soul creep in to those who are Followers of JESUS and they are targeted to destroy us and take our destiny crumbling it to a state of weakness and making it nonprofitable for The Kingdom Of God. For a Follower of Christ, how do these viruses of the soul enter? When we are not in order in which we were designed these malicious viruses have easy access. There is a Divine arrangement and it has to be Spirit, Soul, then Body... We can not afford to get out of order. However even in the most devout Follower of Christ there will be attacks.. Jesus prewarned us, “In this world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world.” So the stronger our immune system is with HIS DIVINE DESIGN, the greater Grace we have to endure these obstacles that the enemy of our soul throws at us at opportune times. (your adversary the devil goes about seeking whom he may devour.) Again, our strength lies within our intimacy with THE LORD. So many are captivated by the voices in our world, the advertisements and the luring of the flesh. If we are not close knit to our Commander, The HOLY ONE, that REDEEMED US AND ENLISTED US, we will indeed drift away. The intensity is turned up, The noise is louder, the visualizations and enticements to gratify our flesh is magnified. Only those that know HIM, & are motivated by LOVE, (HIS AGAPE LOVE) will be strong and do exploits. (Daniel 11:32b) Are you yoked up with HIM and converse with HIM on going? Do you treasure HIS written Word, study it and implement it in prayer? Are you winning souls for HIS GLORY? Are you allowing HIM to purify you on a daily basis and fill you with fresh oil that only HE can give you in the secret place? Do you live a repentant life style, Hallowing HIS NAME above all else? Do you long to see HIS Face and be with HIM all of eternity? Do you weep over the lost souls and the depravity that has escalated in our world? Do you really love and care about the precious relationships that HE has given You, and are you being strengthened by Him to steward these well? Do you know HIM ? Are you living with an eternal mindset? “The wise Follower of Jesus hunkers down in the shadow of The Almighty, presses into the storm behind the Divine Shield accompanied by angel hosts, and advances to celebrate the Victory In Jesus.” (Quote from 365 Days of Living and Dying with Jesus by Dick Brogden.) So then...how strong is your Immune System of your Soul? The opening Scripture states he that dwells in the secret place. This means homesteading, remaining, inhabiting, & constantly aware of God’s Presence in your life. It is not an occasional visitation. To the degree that you are intimate with HIM is the degree of your strength.

Ministry Volunteers

Michael Bigley is a 2019 Shiloh Graduate. Michael and two of his brothers In Christ from Mercy Culture Church in Fort Worth Texas recently came to Shiloh to invest into the Shiloh Students lives. It was indeed a powerful time of Ministry. Michael Bigley continues to nurture his relationship with The Lord and is currently working with The Lord in expanding territory, specifically in relationships. He is set to be married in November. In addition to that huge blessing, he serves on the Pastoral Care team at Mercy Culture Church in Fort Worth Texas focusing on men in addiction recovery. He states, "Holy Spirit moves mightily and I get to witness the men walk out the life of freedom they were intended to. Michael's favorite Quote is "Deliverance happens in a moment, but freedom is in the walk." Michael states, "As a man who comes out of a 32 year addiction, I know this to be true. I was delivered in one moment while I was a student at Shiloh. It is because of my relationship with The Father that I have been able to walk in freedom for the past 4 and a half years. I love coming back to Shiloh to share the message. It blesses me beyond words to pour into the current students the way I was poured into not so long ago!"

Ross Raines shares a part of his testimony as well. He states, "Jesus made everything start clicking for me around 16 years of age. I started to live sold out for Him. I have been doing some form of Ministry whether that is leading worship, teaching, or preaching since then. I just celebrated my 10 year anniversary with my wife, Audra. She is an amazing wife, mother, and ministry Partner. We have two kids. Zeke is 8 and Aria is 6. They both love Jesus and are learning to live for Him and Him alone. We currently live in Cleburne, Texas and serve at Mercy Culture Church. I love coming to Shiloh and encouraging and building up those men. I believe men on fire and sold out for The Lord change the face of a family, city, state and country!! My life verse is Galatians 2:20. "I have been crucified with Christ, I no longer live but Christ lives in me. this life I live in the flesh I live by faith in The Son Of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me." Ross goes on to say, There is so much packed into that verse. Purpose, Vision, Identity, and Security!



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