



Shiloh Messenger

The Sacred Place

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*“And you will seek me and you will find me when you seek me with all of your heart.”
Jeremiah 29:14*

And now we are in the month that will conclude this year! As we look back & review , words seem inadequate to describe these twelve months. We began January of this year with a message titled GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER. What an on time message for sure... Who Knew in January the degree of extreme turbulence that this year would unfold, except The Lord God Almighty. (you can go to the Shiloh Newsletter Archives to read that January letter. www.shilohmensministries.com. There has been a continuation of that same theme throughout the year. We are still sensing this even more in the conclusion of now the final month of 2020. The urgency has escalated now more than ever before to indeed GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER! Also we are still standing upon and will not shrink back from so many of our statements through this year stating that 2020 is A VERY GOOD YEAR even in the midst of some nightmarish challenges. It has been the intensity & hard times that have their purposes to drive us deeper into THE SACRED SPACE WITH JESUS, & anytime we get closer to HIM.... That is absolutely a VERY GOOD OUTCOME. These challenges & difficulties get us into position to cry out to THE LORD the more. In the midst of loss, calamity, sickness, disease, major uncertainties, & in the surmounting separations & hatred in our Nation between Political Parties & even some major disunity & lack of love between The Body of Christ, we yet remain confident that we will see The Goodness of The Lord in the Land of The Living. So this month, the ending of the year month and also being Christmas, it is to be a JOYFUL month! We celebrate HE CAME! We reflect upon HIM and HIS COMING AGAIN! HE was hidden away in a manger the first arrival, but the second coming, HE will be un-mistakenly noticed by all!! We believe we were to title this ending of the year Newsletter... THE SACRED SPACE. We are reminded about The Shepherds in that quiet sacred space tending their sheep long ago on that still quiet cold winter night. We remember that very poignant Christmas story and how life was extremely busy with the census going out, so many people traveling, & that there was no room in the inn. Oh how busy with emotions skyrocketing & the intensity of lack. BUT YET... there was that Sacred Space where our Lord lay as HE entered this world and HE became one of us in that humble Sacred Space. Make no mistake, wherever HE shows up, no matter where it is, and no matter who it is with, that place becomes THE SACRED SPACE. HE has not stopped since HIS arrival in that manger. An old rugged Cross became that Sacred Space where HE conversed with John the Beloved to take care of HIS Mother, and as HE conversed with THE FATHER IN HEAVEN to forgive us of our sins as HE was brutally disfigured, physically tormented, and separation occurred between The Father and HE as all evil of all mankind came upon HIM. As horrific as it was... that was a Sacred Meeting Place that is priceless for all that will believe and receive HIM. He continues to hold meetings with humanity because HIS passion is for the redemption of mankind. HE still has not stopped meeting with people although its been well over 2000 years ago. It is still THE SACRED PLACE where our Lord enters in and meets with us. HE meets with us in the midst of a society and culture that is topsy turvy with continued busyness in spite of many interruptions and closings. Emotions are off the chart and there is chaos all around. Yet, HE awaits opportunities for us TO BE STILL AND KNOW THAT HE IS GOD. Psalm 46:10. HE awaits those whom will be still and find that Sacred Meeting Place. The Wise Men found that Space, and it was not like what they had imagined it would be. That Sacred Space was the most humble spot of all, a Barn Stall. We believe we must return to the simple Gospel if we are to find HIM. When we stop trying to control the Meeting, We will find HIM. When we desire HIM wholeheartedly, HE is Here. And We will find HIM wrapped in LOVE for the angry politician. We will find HIM waiting for the Family member who has been disconnected from their family due to a vicious virus in our land. We will find HIM waiting for the one who is in pain due to the loss of a loved one due to death. We will find HIM longing to bridge the gap between HIS who have been wounded, offended, with competitions, self promotions & strife. We will find Him eager to receive the most unlikely candidate of HIS LOVE, the prostitutes, the drug addict, the confused with sexual identity, the thief, the liar, the murderer, the proud & the arrogant. We will find HIM lingering in wait for those that have tried to disprove HIM with their logic. We will see HIM standing at The Right Hand of The Father while a martyr is being persecuted, tortured & killed for loving Him and proclaiming The Gospel. We will find HIM weeping alongside the weeping Prophets. We will see HIM with an outstretched Hand to the fearful. We will find HIM among Children laughing, and we will see HIM with the aged as their body deteriorates. We will see HIM amongst HIS creation, The sun rising and the sun setting. We will notice HIM moving amongst HIS compassionate Body serving the homeless & the hurting. We will know HE is present when the food is multiplied & the finance went further than we calculated. We will have the sweetest of moments in the intentional quiet meetings prepared especially for HIS Arrival in THE SACRED PLACE. As this monumental Year that will go down in History Books comes to a close... LOOK FOR HIM. Create intentionally that SACRED MEETING PLACE to meet with HIM & decree this is why 2020 is a very good year!!

Shiloh Graduate

Hello, my name is Arthur Johnson. I was raised in Miami Florida. I have two brothers and two Sisters. I was the second to the youngest. My Mom was a single parent raising five kids. I was raised in the Projects and it was hard during those times. I always wanted to help my Mother out during those very difficult times, but it was not easy finding a job at such a young age. I started selling drugs at the age of ten. I was making money to help my Mom out, but it wasn't enough. When I finished school at the age of seventeen, I started trafficking drugs from Miami to Alabama and to Georgia. Nobody had told me about the consequences, I had to find out the hard way. I got busted in Alabama in 1993, and I was sentenced to prison for eight years. I was paroled in 1995 and started doing the same thing over again, and this time I was using drugs myself and became addicted to Cocaine, I was using it everyday. It was a huge problem for me and my family. I got busted for Cocaine. I didn't know what to do. This time I was facing life in Prison. I lost all hope because I thought my life was over, but while I was in Prison I attended Church, and learned about Jesus Christ. He was the only One I had during those times. I asked Jesus to please help me out of this mess I was in. I got saved while in Prison, but it felt like I was still missing something. I got out of Prison in 2011, but it was not until 2017 that while I was attending Church that this Young Lady asked me did I want to go to Shiloh Ministries in Liberty, Texas? I said Yes to that invitation and she put me on the bus headed for Texas. I really didn't want to go, but I knew I had to. When I got to Shiloh, the Staff was nice to me. I didn't believe it. Nobody had ever showed me this much love before and that was the beginning of real change in my life. Shiloh helped me to understand why Jesus Christ death was so important to me and why He died. It was because of Jesus Christ that I am a changed man today. Shiloh Ministries was used by Jesus to Disciple me. After people get saved there is an absolute importance to get disciplined. I want to thank Shiloh Ministries for helping me to have a better life today. I teach Sunday School and I drive the Church Van now. I love who I am today and I am thankful for Pastor Rocky, Sister Debbie, and all the Staff of Shiloh that allowed me to sit at The Feet of Jesus for one full year. That one year of Discipleship changed me and now I have a different out look on life. I want to Thank everyone that has a part of Shiloh. I am thankful for people that loved me when I thought all hope was lost. Now my hope is in my Lord and Savior Jesus. Merry Christmas!!



Love, "King" Arthur

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