



Shiloh Messenger

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Duped to Dope

"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18

I was in prayer for the content of this month's Newsletter and heard the word's "Duped to Dope." The Lord and I do have serious moments, but this phrase was different from any other. It got my attention. I pulled out my dependable Webster Dictionary and looked up the word "dupe" which read, "one that is easily deceived; a fool." I continued in my dialogue with Him about what was on His heart.

There is a considerable level of deception in society, as well as, the Church concerning alcohol, marijuana, pain medications, anti-depressants, etc... notice the word "deception" (*the act of deceiving.*) This is Satan's greatest strategy against humanity. If a person is deceived, then one can never experience the truth that liberates. **John 8:32** says, "*you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*" Truth is meant to be experienced. One needs only to observe the past twenty years to see how skillful Satan has been in lulling (*causing someone to fall asleep*) society and the Church into a pacific state of compromise. It comes as no surprise for our society and government to be "duped," but for the Church— it's heresy.

The Apostle Paul writes in **Ephesians 3:10**, "*God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*" The Apostle was influenced by the Holy Spirit when he penned the prophetic picture of the Church demonstrating strategic insight into the schemes of fallen angels, for the purpose of imposing the victory already won through Calvary (Col. 2:15). These "rulers and authorities" (*fallen angels*) have been assigned by Satan to deceive the nations and bring them into bondage (Rev. 18:23). The Church has been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to frustrate and punish the demonic realm. Praise God there are Light Houses that are drawing the sinner to come and be reconciled to God, which allows restoration to begin. These Churches are training people to love, heal and deliver like Jesus did (Jn. 14:12), but there must be a great awakening and a deeper sense of unity within the Body of Christ to reap the great soul harvest. "*He said to his disciples, The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.*" **Matthew 9:37-38.**

In 24 years of ministry I have both, beheld the regression of society into a cesspool of iniquity, as well as, observed the response of the Church. The majority of the Church does little to confront the strongman behind the strategy to deceive in order to destroy. It is then left to the faithful minority to confront the hoards of hell, riding the wave of iniquity to drown humanity in sin. The enemy intends to divide the Church in order to minimize our effectiveness. The Church has to regain the effectiveness it had in the book of Acts. "*Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women. As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.*" **Acts 5:14-16.**

The Church is responsible for the welfare of the people. It is through the anointed teaching of The Word of God that the hearer develops faith to heal (Rom. 10:17, Ps. 107:20, Prov. 4:20-22). I am a witness of the transforming power of God's Word. Early in my childhood, fear and anxiety became a part of my emotions. Later in my teenage years I experimented with illegal drugs during the "hippie movement." That culture was using rebellion as an excuse to use drugs, I used the drugs to medicate myself, and in doing so hid all my insecurities. Little did I know that later on in life I would reap the devastating effects of its design. It was God's mercy that drew me out, revealed the plan of the devil and exposed his tactics to destroy. The word pharmacy comes from the Greek word "pharmakeia" which means, *sorcery; enchantment, witchcraft, mojo, and necromancy (conversations with the dead)*. It is vital to realize the devil uses his wizardry to cast spells upon the ignorant. Only God can save us from a superior intellect who uses psychological warfare to enslave its victim. **It's important to understand that I do endorse doctors prescribing medicine for proper uses such as: bringing healing, and alleviating pain and suffering. I'm simply informing the readers of how Satan can use this for his advantage, to numb the senses in order to deceive.*

I, along with many others, have been set free and delivered from the bondage of addiction. I know this to be true and my experience qualifies me to inform. Here are instructions to all who are affected: "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.*" **Proverbs 3:5-8.** With our great salvation comes the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We have been given the most powerful person in all the heavens and earth—"The Third Person of The God Head." He brings us new life through regeneration (*born from above*). He reveals the Holy Scriptures to us in order for us to prosper in every area of life (Is. 55:10-11, Jn. 14:26). The Holy Spirit is available to every believer, to transform us into the powerful entity He intended, His Church. We no longer have to be slaves to sin, or be seduced into medicating our senses. The Lord has given us the cup to drink from that satisfies the thirst of the soul in the pilgrimage of life. He is The Holy Spirit, The Fountain of Life! "*With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!*" **Isaiah 12:3.** Amen!

Graduates Testimony

My name is Nathan Galvan and since graduating from Shiloh Ministries I have been blessed with a great job, working for a top corporation out of the Woodlands, TX. I had also been serving a 6 year probation since 2010, but was pre-released from that in December, 2014. While at Shiloh I prayed for a family with children. Well the Lord gave me more than I could ever imagine. I was re-acquainted with my longtime friend Vania Magallanes, and her daughter, Allesandra, which eventually led to marriage. I fell in Love with both of them right away. Alessandra, has an absent father and I've stepped in to fill that role since she was 5 months old. She is now 2 years old and calls me daddy. She is my little princess. A few months after marriage my wife became pregnant with twins (boy & girl). Our twins were born prematurely on June 1, 2015 and were placed in NICU three days later. My baby girl Milena Denise Galvan seemed to be doing better than my son, Micah Daniel Galvan. The Dr. told me this was normal, that one twin usually stays a little behind, but soon catches up. Well on the fourth morning my wife and I received news that no one was expecting. We were called into NICU to speak with the cardiologist.

He told us that throughout the night they had to increase the oxygen level on my son and were growing curious as to why. They checked his lungs and everything was fine, so the cardiologist ran more tests and what he found was alarming. My son had TAPVR, which meant his pulmonary vein wasn't connecting to the left side of his heart, and in turn, wasn't getting oxygenated blood from left side of his heart into the rest of his body. My wife and I feared the worst, which allowed anxiety to grip my heart. The cardiologist told us that he would need heart surgery and would be flown to San Antonio Children's Methodist Hospital. When I got in the car to pack for the trip I lost control and cried out to the Lord, "Please do not allow the devil to take my baby boy!" The Holy Spirit began to minister to my heart. He reminded me of Abraham, who offered his son Isaac as a sacrifice, and as hard as it seemed, that is exactly what I did. I placed my baby boy at the altar of God and declared, "the child is Yours God!" I thanked Him for entrusting me to be his earthly father and simply worshiped Him the whole way to San Antonio. My wife and I stood on God's promises and played worship music. We read the bible and prayed for our son, before and after surgery. My son had the surgery and it was a complete success. Ten days after the surgery, on Father's Day, my son was released from the hospital and we were all reunited. Words cannot describe what the entire family went through, but we all had the prince of peace, "King Jesus" with us the entire time. It is God and God alone that receives our praise, and glory for what He has done in my son, Micah. What the enemy meant for harm, God has turned around and used for His glory and honor. We are now a happy family of 5, and I can truly say that if I had not gone to Shiloh Ministries I would not have been prepared spiritually for that battle. I would not have been strong enough had it not been for my transformation. I am forever grateful to God, and to Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie for their obedience to the calling which God has specifically placed on their lives. Without Shiloh Ministries I would not be the man of God that I am today.



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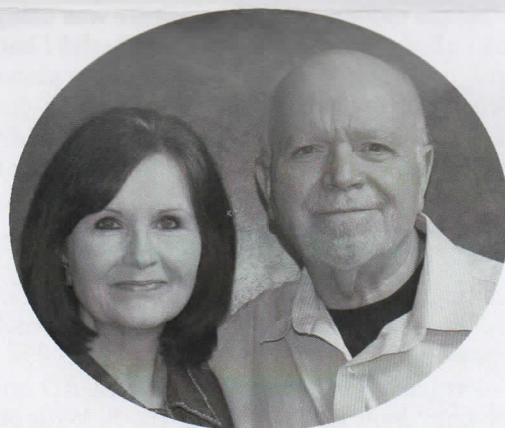
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