

Shiloh Messenger

22 FOR 22

As We lean into Listening to HIS Heartbeat for this month of February, the title for this Newsletter came very softly and sweetly... (22 FOR 22). The Lord is speaking in various ways to those who will inquire and have a desired listening ear to hear what HIS Spirit is saying. One of the ways HE shares HIS heart with us is through HIS written Word. The Word of God holds a treasure Chest of rich pearls for us to behold. There are Instructions in HIS WORD, with exhortations, and clear pathway routes as we navigate homeward bound. Wisdom is to be had, to cling to, and with priceless manifested visitations from HIM as we meditate on these jewels. We have been challenged from HIM this year to memorize 22 verses from HIS WORD this year. And the 22 HE specified are out of Psalm 103 from The Passion Translation. We believe this is not for a selected few, but for each of us as HIS Redeemed. So Why this particular 22? What are The Pearls for us to take hold of out of this Psalm? Any time We set our hearts to memorize portions of HIS Word, it is not an academic pursuit... but it is for the burning upon our hearts to glean and grow. There is undeniably a heart posture that is on display in this vivid expression from the Psalmist. David is the writer of this Psalm and we can clearly see he is very grateful, passionate, and all surrendered in his relationship to The Lord. This Psalm has exactly 22 verses that are exploding with descriptions of love and wonder as the Psalmist expresses his heart as he reviews the miracles of kindness that The Lord has given to him. (verse 2). Psalm 103 is not written by a casual seeker, or one that aims only to escape hell. These are the words penned by a Lover of Jesus. One that is sincerely grateful and counts the blessings and also describes them and what God has done. This Psalm is from the heart of a Worshipper. God is looking for true Worshippers who will worship HIM in Spirit and in Truth. (John 4:23). This is the heartfelt manifestation of The First and greatest commandment. If ever a time for True Worshippers were needed to emerge and take position it surely is now. The World has truly lost its compass and people all around are hopeless and in crisis. But God's True Worshippers that are statically positioned by HIM for such a time as this carry HIS fragrance as they live out fully surrendered lives to the only one worthy of all of our Praise. This Psalm begins and is titled, A Psalm of David. Charles Spurgeon wrote of Psalm 103 that we should attribute the writing to the later years of David's Life when he had a higher sense of the preciousness of the pardon, and with a keener sense of sin than in his younger days. G. Campbell Morgan stated of Psalm 103 that it is perhaps the most perfect Song of pure Praise to be found in The Bible, and that through the Centuries it has been sung by glad hearts and today is as fresh and full of beauty as ever. The Background of the Psalm when David was writing this is unclear, but what is clear is a desire on the part of David to Praise God for all that HE has done. David speaks of God's personal blessings, HIS forgiving love, and he ends with a universal call for all of believers to praise The Lord. The fact is, God is deserving of our Praise. This Psalm has been incorporated in hymns and has often been set to music. What does it mean to Bless The Lord? It simply means to Praise, exalt and worship HIM. Specifically it means to express humble adoration of God. This Passage of 22 verses reveals a love relationship. David understood that worship had to be more than superficial, it had to be offered completely as possible. He wanted all within him to Praise God. We are to be burning ones for HIM. Are you up for the challenge of meditating and memorizing, and allowing this Psalm through asking HIM in prayer to be sealed upon your heart. Are you yielded to become more of a Passionate worshipper of Jesus recounting HIS blessings and giving Him Sincere Praise with your whole heart, Your whole life, your innermost being? Can you truly identify with David and say of The Lord, Yaweh, YOU are my Soul's celebration? Does you life express one that has not forgotten the miracles of kindness that HE has kissed your heart with in spite of all you have ever done? Do you truly know that HE has rescued you from hell and saved your life crowing you with love and mercy? These 22 verses speak volumes of the character and nature of Almighty God. It does us well to reflect upon HIS attributes.

Shiloh Graduate: Kyle Heard

At 26 years old looking into a bathroom mirror, I did not recognize the person looking back at me. His face was sagging, and the eyes had big black circles underneath with eyelids that were only a quarter of the way open. Looking down at the orange shower shoes on my feet I quickly remembered I was intact in Harris County jail. A few unanswered collect calls, I finally reached my mother who informed me they would not be coming to get me and that I was on my own. Growing up in Mont Belvieu I had heard and seen the men at Shiloh. As an outsider looking at it, it seemed like a last chance place for men who didn't have anywhere or anyone to turn to which is the exact position I found myself in. Two weeks later I would be out of jail and on my way to Shiloh. It wouldn't take long for me to release this was much more than a Drug Rehab. In fact, it wasn't a Rehab at all. To me it would be where I had been a boy at checking in and a Man at graduation. As the year progresses, I would learn more and more about God's plan and purpose for me which is what I was always looking for. I just wanted to know where I fit into in this life. I would take the skills and work ethic that had been instilled in me with me when I left. After moving to Dallas, I would begin a new carrier in the Roofing and insurance business. I had prayed God would send me a partner to do life with, someone who would be willing grow and learn as I did. On October



15th, God answered that prayer in the forum of the most beautiful woman I had ever seen. And the smartest. A Chinese immigrant that would come to this country without speaking any English. She would eventually earn two bachelors and a master's in accounting and then became one of the most prestigious international CPA in Texas and even the United States. This woman taught me business. She shaped me into the man I am today. As time passed, we opened our own Roofing company - J&K Roofing and Construction. God also sent men to us who needed love which we have plenty to give. Today we have employed 3 military veterans. Two of them served 2 tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and one served in the Air-force. The company's focus from making money turned into how we can help those who needed it most. The mission of J&K Roofing and Construction is to show Jesus' love through our actions and character. Jesus's love took a broken homeless child and turned him into a man who's running a million-dollar company. This is a miracle that only the true creator could have orchestrated. Today's focus for my wife and me is to mentor and show the lost ones what is possible with Jesus. I don't know where my life would be without Shiloh. Paster Rocky and Sister Debbie provided a place when no one else would take me. The Jesus I found in Shiloh saved my life.

Shiloh Ministries is one of The Lord's many Ministry tools to reconcile men for restoration. We are blessed to be used of Him to preach the un-searchable riches that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). Everyday we are hearing such wonderful testimonies of our Graduates pursuing their calling of a Godly husband, father, missionary, Staff person at local Churches and a minister of reconciliation in the work place. We are asking that you prayerfully consider financially supporting Shiloh Ministries every month. The Lord's ministry at Shiloh has always been financially free for the man who desires freedom from his addictions. Because of this, we simply trust The Holy Spirit to lead people to give financially. This ministry is grateful to those who express gratitude to God by co-laboring with us in discipleship. The expenditures are huge managing a campus that houses over 30 students, staff & interns. Please prayerfully consider Shiloh Ministries every month as good ground for your financial seed. We invite you to visit our web-site and read our Testimony section. It bares witness of our graduates fruit that is on display, for The Glory of God. Thanks for your giving to The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh!

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