



# Shiloh Messenger

**WILL YOU THRIVE IN 25 ?**

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**“But Grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:18**

It's a New Year that is brimming with goals, resolutions, expectancy, hopes and dreams.

A fresh clean slate is given. What are you desiring?

We are believing for more Spiritual Depth. We truly want the manifestation of His Fruit flourishing in our lives in a greater detail. There is so much more to learn, to grow, and to experience In Christ. We have absolutely no desire to re-hash disappointments and failures of the past. We do not want to be casual, on the side lines, and on cruise control. We choose to steer clear of the landmines of this worlds passions. This driving force is from Him. He has given us an earnest desire for more of HIM, and to become more like HIM. HE catapults us as the old hymn states, “Onward Christian Soldiers marching as to war, with The Cross of Jesus going on before.”

This desire is not for a selected few but for every Disciple of The Lord. The Apostle Peter instructs us to Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18.

The word thrive means to flourish, grow in maturity, blossom, & succeed. Spiritual Maturity manifests as we continually walk in His Spirit, dialogue with Him ongoing, study HIS Word, obey HIM, and fellowship and serve where HE plants us. We must also guard our hearts against disappointments, offenses, bitterness and any unforgiveness for such will cause our growth to be a cesspool of stagnation.

If we are going to thrive in 25, we will need the power of The Holy Spirit. Sheer willpower and intellectual calisthenics will not get us in position to thrive. We must have Spirit Fuel. Gods Word tells us that it is, “Not by might, not by power, but by MY SPIRIT SAYS THE LORD.” Zechariah 4:6.

Thriving requires mountains of multiplied Grace, therefore humility is a requirement to thrive. “God opposes the proud but gives Grace to the Humble.” James 4:6. Only by God's Grace can we flourish in this fallen world. Grace never denies our efforts or circumvents our intentional discipline, but our efforts alone fall miserably short. Spiritual Growth takes place with HIS SUPER on our natural. Those that truly blossom spiritually have not been more determined or even had what the world defines as luck, but they miraculously have been graced by God. It is Power from Him to accomplish and be what He has destined. HIS GRACE IS INDEED AMAZING.

It is HE that captures hearts. Those that do not want to waste time, opportunities, talents, and priceless invitations to grow more into His image. When we develop more into His Character there will be more people influenced to know Him, love Him, and serve Him. HE will be exalted.

2025.... So many things can happen in a year's time. What kind of year will it be? Will you thrive in Spiritual Maturity? Will you develop into becoming more like HIM? Will you be motivated with a pure & compassionate heart for those yet to surrender to The Lordship of Christ? Will you throw off every weight that would so easily entangle you as stated in Hebrews 12:1 ? Will you go deeper in your intimate relationship with HIM in 2025 ?

Father God in Jesus Name, we long for more. We want more of Your Presence, and more maturation of the manifestation of Your Fruit within our lives. We desire more open doors and opportunities to be Your heart to those that are oppressed and hopeless. We desire to win souls and Disciple others for Your Glory Sir. We are utterly dependent upon You. Holy Spirit cultivate Your Precious Fruit with in us to a deeper degree than we have had before. Help us Sir to navigate through 2025 in Growth for Your Glory. Give us Wisdom and discernment in every decision we are faced with. Keep us alert, focused upon You, and a keen sensitivity to Your Voice. Take us to higher heights and deeper depths in our intimacy with You. Help us Sir to throw off every weight, every disappointment and snare of any potential offense. Grace us with empowerment of Your Gifts, regarding whatever is needed at the time. Help us in the challenges and distractions of life to not lose heart in doing good. You have said it Sir, “We will reap a harvest if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9). **We take hold of YOUR GRACE In JESUS NAME to THRIVE IN 25.**

*Hello, my name is Marcus David. I'm 45 years old and I'm from Elton, Louisiana. When I was eight years old my dad got addicted to crack cocaine. It was hard on my mom, brother, sister, and myself. His addiction caused me to not trust anyone and put anger in my heart at an early age because he would steal our things and sell them for his addiction. So, I got tired of him doing the things he was doing to us. So, I told my mom that I couldn't live with him anymore. I told her that I was going to ask my Grandpa and Granny if I could go and live with them. My Grandpa said I could go and live with them, but he said if you are under my roof you are going to go to church, school, and work. So, I moved in with them. I started doing drugs and drinking when I was twelve years old, getting into fights. My dad at this time was still in his mess. I'm at the age of sixteen years old and my mom is trying to raise my brother and sister, but it was hard for her. I told my grandpa I was going to have to quit school and go work full-time so I could go help her raise them. He said ok and then I told my mom what I was going to do, it broke her heart that I had to do that, but I told her I was going to be there and help her so she can come to school and sign the papers for me to quit school. I started working at the local town's rice dryers full-time. By the time I was eighteen years old I was doing cocaine, drinking and taking pain pills. I started working in the oil field from eighteen to twenty-six years old. I got hurt when I was twenty-six years old, and the injury consisted of some broken disks in my back. I was already taken pills and drinking so I got worse and went deeper in my addiction. They sent me to a workers compensation doctor, and they said there was nothing wrong with me. The second opinion MRI showed I did have broken disks in my back, and I stayed eight years like that hurt. The next day the Doctor did an emergency surgery on my back. The surgery helped a little. Later that year I begin doing more drugs than I had ever done. This led to lots of torment and demonic oppression. I was in the house where I was staying, and I kept hearing someone call my name and there was no one there. It was the Lord the whole time. He told me to go get help or I was going to die in my sin. At this time, I'm thirty-four years old, so I asked my sister if she could get me some help. She called Shiloh first, but they had a waiting list. I went to Freedom Challenge Ministry in Bastrop La. When I was there God touched me, he healed my back and delivered me from all my demons I was carrying. I stayed there for 19 months. Within a year of getting out of the ministry I stopped going to church and reading my bible and begin using again. At forty-four I found myself back in full addiction and landed in jail. I was tired of running from God and living this life. I cried out to God and He brought me to Shiloh. During my year at Shiloh, he has delivered me, healed me, and set me free from the demonic strongholds and bondages I was under. He restored my family, poured out His Love and Spirit in me. He has anointed me to do His will and to fulfill the calling He has on my life. I thank the Lord and Love him for what he has brought me out of and where he is bringing me. I can now be a light to others in this dark world and tell others what the Lord Jesus Christ has done in my life.*



**PRAYER REQUEST:** PLEASE BE IN PRAYER ABOUT AN URGENT PROJECT THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED SOON. OUR DORMITORY AND CLASSROOM IS EXPERIENCING FOUNDATION ISSUES, RECENT DROUGHTS HAVE CAUSED THE FOUNDATION TO DROP & NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED. IT WILL BE COSTLY. WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY ABOUT WHAT YOU MAY GIVE FINANCIALLY TO ASSIST US. PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR THIS URGENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.

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