

# Shiloh Messenger

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## A Guide to Live Victorious In A Crazy World

*"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will **guide** you into all "The Truth," for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come," John 16:13.*

You do not have to be a great Theologian to discern the days we are currently in are the days The Apostle Paul described in his letter to Timothy. **"But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people," 2Timothy 3:1-5.** These days are upon us and we are certainly affected by this crazy world, but not defeated in surrender to hopelessness.

The ministry that Debbie and I have the privileged of overseeing is a challenge. We are not qualified by scholarly degrees with certificates that the world demands we have to fix psychological dis-orders. No, our weapons are spiritual and have Divine Power to correct and heal a dysfunctional life (2Cor. 10:3-5). We are convinced that our righteousness is a Gift from God. It is Grace, which empowers and enables us to live a righteous, victorious life (Eph. 2:1-9). Jesus is the Captain of our Salvation (Heb. 2:10) and He has clothed us in righteousness by His Blood, so we can confront demonic powers (Col. 2:15). Our faith in Jesus makes us battle ready, dressed in The Armor of God (Eph. 6:10-18).

Jesus saved us so we would become **"His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them," Ephesians 2:10.** When we receive Jesus as LORD, He begins the process to mold us into a vessel, in order to contain His Glory. Our bodies become a home for The Holy Spirit to impact helpless people to turn them from darkness to light (Acts 26:18). We should be no stranger when it comes to knowing His voice. He is our Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18). We should be prepared for trials, tribulations and persecutions, knowing that He is with us in the midst of the fiery furnace and we will not bow to mediocrity, coward-ness or surrender. **"If God be for us who can stand against us" (Rom. 8:31).**

The Bible says in 1Timothy 4:1, in the last days people will depart from the faith that is in Jesus Christ. How does this happen? I believe it is thru deception, due to no intimacy with The Holy Spirit. He is the "Divine Guide" sent to Shepherd us into eternity (Jn. 16:7-15). Deception takes place when we are attracted to the world and not committed to Jesus being Lord over our lives. If you read Colossians 2:6-8 you will see how satan uses his deception to deceive with the vain philosophies of men. **"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."** These basic principles here are the lies from the god of this world (2Cor. 4:4). The devil seduces his victims in loving the world and all of its pleasures. He convinces the ignorant of their need for independence. His lie is, eat, drink and be merry now, for someday you will die. Get all you can, after all "it's all about you, right? What ignorance! Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, that God has placed eternity in our hearts. In this beautiful Chapter, Solomon has observed that we are here to enjoy the journey of life with God providing every good and perfect gift (James 1:17). God has arranged for us an account to draw from because He has provided seed time and harvest time (Gen. 8:22). The harvest is perpetual, made possible by Jesus sowing His life as "The Divine Seed" into the ground, to produce a Kingdom Harvest of victorious sons and daughters (Jn. 12:24).

How do we live a victorious life in a crazy world? Here are some spiritual truths that have helped us to be victorious in life:

**#1) Be born again (John 3:3).** Jesus said, you must be born again to **"see"** the Kingdom of God. It is only at regeneration that the Holy Spirit takes up residence to reconcile a breach in relationship with The Heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit then brings revelation of the finished work of Jesus at the Cross to bring healing of emotional and physical ailments.

**#2) Humility.** Stay humble before Lord. God resist the proud but gives Grace to the humble of heart (James 4:6, Prov. 18:12).

**#3) Desire The Baptism in The Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8, 2:4, 10:44-46, 1Cor.14:2, 4:14)** so the Gifts of the Spirit can manifest the Kingdom of God thru you. You will find yourself so in love with Jesus in this place. You will be captivated with His presence.

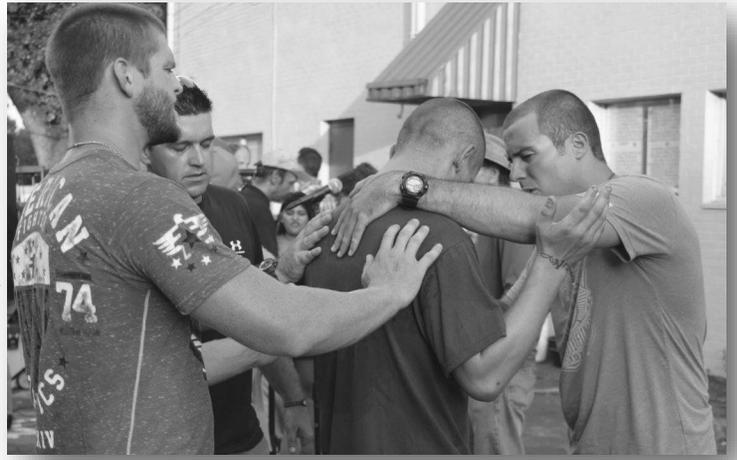
**#4) Pray in your Heavenly prayer language.** Praying in the Holy Spirit promotes spiritual growth (1 Corinthians 14:4). It builds us up on our most holy faith (Jude 20). It allows us to draw on the infinite wisdom of God that has been deposited on the inside of us.

**#5) Ask The LORD where you are to attend church.** You must be in Church to be a disciple (Eph.4:11). It is here that the Pastor and his Staff will equip you for ministry by ministering The Word of God. It's your responsibility to be a student of The Word, so you can properly divide The Word of Truth (2Tim. 2:15). It is also in this community where you can be a blessing in serving and giving financially (2Cor. 9:6-15).

**#6) Walk (Gal. 5:16) and be led (Rom. 8:14) by The Spirit of God.** It is here, that constant communion between you and The Holy Spirit takes place. The Holy Spirit is your Greatest Asset. He will clothe you with Power and **"guide"** you into living a victorious life in a crazy world.

## Houston Street Evangelism Outreach

Shiloh Ministries has curriculum in place that is Divinely orchestrated by God to fulfill the longing of the human heart. One of the many fruits of a true born again disciple of Jesus is acts of compassion towards our fellow man. Intuitively we are endowed by our Creator to be His image bearers on this fallen planet. When we see someone in need we should manifest the kindness of The Lord toward the infirmed, impoverished, afflicted, orphaned, widowed and enslaved. The list is endless in this fallen world in which Satan exploits to bring accusation's against God's Sovereignty. When we are about the ministry of Jesus we are mirroring His image of Love and compassion. Jesus says in **Matthew 25:34-40**, "**Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and**



**you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me! 'Shiloh Ministries is responding to The Fathers Heart to embrace humanity with a hug and a kiss. As mentors of men, we model to our students the way Jesus taught and demonstrated The Kingdom of God (Matthew 4:23-24). Daily, weekly and monthly we are involved in Street Evangelism, Homeless Ministry, Nursing Homes, giving, serving and helping our neighbors. We want to encourage everyone to fulfill the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 and to Love God with all of your hearts, (Mark 12:30-31). Blessings !!**

**Graduate Testimony:** My name is Jason Henry and I graduated Shiloh December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Like most men who attend the ministry I was tormented by addiction, drugs and alcohol. However, my greatest struggle was depression and anxiety. The anxiety I lived with affected me in every area of my life and caused my addiction to grow. It wasn't until Shiloh that I learned that both were a result of fear. I encountered a love I was not expecting. I learned that My Father didn't give me a spirit of fear. But of power, love and strong mind. As I began to grow in the precepts of God my mind began to renew. The Lord delivered me from fear of man, fear of failure, and most importantly fear of whether or not He was real. He had become more real than the fear, more loving than the depression and more powerful than the stronghold of addiction. The scripture that has been my foundation is Galatians 2:20. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in The Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." After reading this I learned that My Father has accepted me as I am. He loved me enough that He died for me. And that it's ok if I fail because the cross I bear for Him doesn't have to be perfect. My imperfections are made perfect In Him. His gift to me was the gift of salvation; the life I live is my gift to Him. After graduating Shiloh I attended Reign Bible Institute where I received a degree in Bible Studies. I am a Licensed Minister and on staff at my church. I am a single father of a 10 year old named Hannah. The greatest gift I give her is the opportunity to know Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior and to mirror what a man of God looks like. Shiloh taught me 3 things that are the reasons that The Holy Spirit is successful in my life. Worship, Intercession and The Word. Without any of these vital tools my life is out of balance. It's such an honor to be the fruit of a successful ministry. I personally thank each of you for your giving, and for your prayers over the ministry. God Bless you all.



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