

Shiloh Messenger

No Excuses

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"My wayward children," says the LORD, "come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts." "Yes, we're coming," the people reply, "for you are the LORD our God" (Jeremiah 3:22).

As I prayed about this months newsletter and asked the Lord what is on Your Heart Lord? What do you want to say to the people who read this months newsletter? I believe He said to me, "No excuses." For what Lord? "In being whole," He responded. So I looked for the definition of whole. The word in Webster's Dictionary is defined, "complete or full: not lacking or leaving anything out, free of wound or injury: unhurt: recovered from a wound or injury: being healed of an ancient evil." This last part of this definition (being healed of an ancient evil) peaked my interest. Do you know what that ancient evil is? It is the deception by the devil in the garden. It is the sin of rebellion. It separated us from God, who is our "Life Source." That is what brought humanities dysfunction and the need for healing.

We do not have to look far to see a dysfunctional world. Our Nation in particular is full of people who are wounded emotionally and blinded by the "god of this age" (2 Cor. 4:4). We do live in a sick world and most don't even see themselves as sick. If all could see thru the lens of the Holy Spirit our full potential in Christ, we could easily assess that we are far from being whole. Think about what God did when He created us, He made us in His image and likeness and then gave us authority to steward the earth (Gen. 1:26-28). Also in Psalms 8:4-6, the Word of God says, "That God crowned man with glory and honor and placed him over the works of His hand." So the original design for us was to function with excellence and creativity with ruling & reigning and stewarding the Earth, right? Well we know that is not being manifested. So God sent His Son to die a terrible death on a cross to restore man. The Heavenly Father would restore relationship with man and would defeat satan thru Christ Jesus becoming the Lamb of God. Christ Jesus died in our place, "that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus" (2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus defeated the devil by triumphing over him by the works of the cross (Col. 2:15). He then gave all authority to His Church to display to all (people & demonic principalities) that Jesus Christ is Lord! (Phil. 2:9-11, Eph. 3:10, Col. 1:15-22).

As an active (on going) recipient of being made whole I can testify that the Lord indeed makes one "whole." I have been delivered and set free from 23 years of an addictive behavior. There are not enough words to express my gratitude for what the Lord has done to set me free. I am not just an a observer of what Christ has done, I'm a recipient of what He had finished at Calvary. "He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed," I Peter 2:24. As I observe human behavior, based on the fact of relative circumstances being set free from, I get angry and upset. We can be angry and not sin (Eph. 4:26). I totally agree with The Lord and His jealous Heart for humanity to love Him, because of the potential in the grand design. I never believed it was in me to be a leader of men. I never saw the potential. I could not see because of the blindness of my mind. How can one be blind in their minds anyway? Proverbs 23:7 says, "As a man thinks in his heart so is he." What we think about ourselves, is who we are.

When we read 2 Corinthians 4:4 we can understand with a spiritual mind what the Holy Sprit is revealing thru the Apostle Paul: "Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. "The God that loves us always reveals the Truth about are captivity and reveals the schemes of our captor, so we can be free. The word of God says in 2 Corinthians 2:11, "do not be ignorant to schemes of the devil." No one should be ignorant to the psychological warfare that happens in believers and non-believers. With this great Salvation is the Power to live free and the ability to navigate thru the deception of our enemy the devil. The Third Person of the Trinity lives in each believer in Christ Jesus. We need to recognize our inability to do anything supernatural to enforce God's Authority upon a vanquished foe (devil) without submitting ourselves to the Holy Spirits Authority. He is the Divine Agent that reveals our identity in Christ, our grounds of authority, and the desire to be used to bring freedom to every human being.

This is where the Church comes in. We must unite in unity. A house divided will be divided. We must as leaders promote unity in the Body of Christ. The Word of God says, "that the world will know us for the love that we have for one another" (Jn. 13:35). We must stop the in house quarreling and jealousies. Let us repent and ask God to gives us strategy for restoration. The world that we live in needs to see a unified Church manifesting love for one another and exercising its authority over evil. I ask you aren't you ashamed of the demise of the prophetic voice of the Church? We can look, see and hear the groans of a Nation in need for the warrior bride of Christ to rise up and love the sinner. The sinner will then be reconciled to God to be made whole. We need to watch & pray so we will be alert, so when the Master returns for His investment, we will be rewarded for the increase of the soul harvest (Matt. 25:13-46). In these last days the Church has an assignment, and that assignment is to be the Body of Christ. He is the Head we are the Body in which the Holy Spirit dwells in to produce spiritual activity to bring a wounded world to Christ to be made whole. "No Excuses says the Lord, return to Me and I will heal your wayward heart" (Jer. 3:22). Yes Lord we will return, for you have the Word's of Life (Jn. 6:68).

Graduates Testimony

Hello my name is Daniel Nelson, I'm from Lake Geneva, WI. and I graduated Shiloh Ministries on June 21, 2012. I grew up in a good God fearing family and had no excuse to take the path of sin in my life that I did. Early in life I turned from Jesus due to disagreements I had with the teaching of the conservative church our family went to. Though I continued to go for my family's sake, it was the beginning of selfishness and rebellion that would continue throughout most of my life. In high school I began to smoke, drink, and use marijuana. This continued throughout my early adulthood, and although I was blessed with two beautiful children, I became addicted to pain killers, cocaine, amphetamines, and heroin. I lost my job, my house, most of my possessions, and almost my family due to my addictions. One day in 2011, I was in a drug house in Chicago when I saw two children sitting on a soiled mattress next to a table with drugs and guns. They were about the same age as my children. That night as I sat at home I contemplated suicide to save my children from my destructive behavior. God spoke to me and said "I can fill the empti-

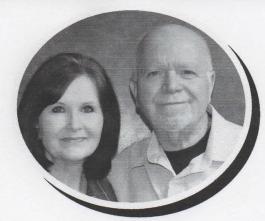


ness that you have had for years with something greater". What I didn't realize at the time was that no matter what I had done in my life, God loves me. But we have the choice between Life (Him) or death (Sin) (Joshua 30:19). I wanted to choose Life. Soon after that a way was made for me to enter Shiloh. Over the year I spent in the discipleship, The Lord helped me shed my anger, selfishness, pride, and rebellion and replace it with the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Through the consistent hearing and reading of His Word at Shiloh, my mind was renewed and after showing responsibility and humility, I was blessed with the opportunity to help construct the new student dorm. After Graduation, the Lord has blessed me beyond what we could have hoped for. I was married to my beautiful wife Tonya and have been blessed with a good job that has allowed our family to be debt free. He also led us to a great church where we are now involved with the children's ministry. Though there will always be challenges, Shiloh has equipped me to guide my family down the narrow path (Matthew 7:13-14). Life has never been better. Thank you Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie for your love and commitment to God's calling and thank you Jesus for saving me!

We want to thank everyone who financially partners with us in this Supernatural Ministry. It is because of special people like you, men have the opportunity to encounter the "Presence of God." Since the year 2000, we have been participating with the Lord in seeing men restored back to Him, so their destiny can be fulfilled. We are thrilled to hear from our graduates testifying about their experiences of advancing the Kingdom of God in their families, the market places and foreign countries where many are serving as missionaries. We would also like to invite others to help us financially in this ministry of reconciliation for restoration. Please consider Shiloh Ministries as good ground for your financial seed. We would also like to ask Pastor's for the opportunity for the students to come & share with their congregation. We invite everyone to come and take a tour of the Shiloh Campus, if you are in the Liberty area (located 45 miles east of downtown Houston). We would be glad to meet you and show you what extraordinary things the Lord is doing at Shiloh. Thanks again, for co-laboring with us and prayerfully considering financially supporting The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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