

Shiloh Messenger

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Affluent In Order To Influence

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him," Acts 10:38

I believe in today's world that we live in, the Lord is requiring us to be "affluent." This word can be used in various ways to describe one who is abundant in different things, but I believe the Holy Spirit is revealing His perspective on affluent. The definition in Webster's Dictionary reads; **flowing in abundance*. In **Acts 10:38** we read about, Christ Jesus being anointed with the Holy Spirit, to do good, to heal and to destroy the devil's influence. Christ Jesus was affluent in the Holy Spirit to be a powerful influence in representing the Heavenly Father. In **John chapter 5 verse 19**, **Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."**

All through the Bible we read about the Influence of God upon humanity. From the very beginning the Holy Trinity was at work designing a planet so man would be heaven's representative and flow in abundance (**Gen. 1:26-28**). Adam and Eve were given tremendous influence over what was given to them to steward. Adam and Eve were God's crown of creation. But even though they were influential in their sphere, there was yet to be a demonstration of loyalty and trust. So God spoke to them and gave them instructions in their sphere of influence. He said, "Do you see all that has been given to you to enjoy? All of this is yours, but there is a tree (knowledge of good & evil) in the midst of the garden, if you eat of it, you will die," **Genesis 2:17**. Most everyone knows what happened next. They ate of the fruit on the tree and their excuse was, "We were deceived." How did it happen? By listening and entertaining a suggestive thought from the serpent, "maybe God is withholding something from you?" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil," **Gen. 3:4-5**.

The devil has not changed in the way he deceives. Notice the Genesis account of sin entering through disobedience. Satan suggested to Eve, "if you eat of the fruit of the tree, you will be like God." Satan has never changed his tactics in deception. He continues today in deceiving man to believe he can be his own god and be great in doing life. We need to look no further than the evening news to see how man is doing without God's Word as a lamp & a light (**Ps. 119:105**). It is amazing that God knew from the very beginning that man would fall from glory, but went ahead with His plan to redeem man. Christ Jesus would set His divinity aside and take on sinful flesh to die on a Cross. "He made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross," **Phil. 2:6-7**. This is powerful! That Christ Jesus would step out of Heaven, endure such pain for you and me. As God, Christ Jesus saw us fully restored and powerful in our assignment on earth. Some might ask what is my assignment? In **Mark 16:15-20** is the account of the risen Savior with the disciples and He commissioned them in their assignment. "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," **Mark 16:15**.

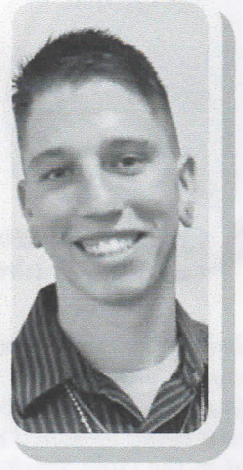
Everyday I awake to a new morning, I am thankful for my salvation. I am constantly reminded by the Holy Spirit dwelling in me that I'm on assignment and I represent the Kingdom of God. This representation is one of an Ambassador. "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God," **2Cor. 5:20**. Before salvation I would never in my life have thoughts of such importance. But faith in Christ transformed me. It was a "Holy metamorphous" (change of form by supernatural means). By revelation from the Holy Spirit I identified myself to being dead to my old nature and alive in Christ (**Rom. 6:1-11**). When by faith I received what Christ has done, the Holy Spirit had latitude to bring about a new creation in Christ Jesus (**2Cor. 5:17**). So no longer am I a slave to sin and limited to the parameters of a fallen nature, but have supernatural ability to be "affluent to influence." This is ordination (priestly authority) in purest form and I have embraced it. This is who you and I have been commissioned to be.

Jesus Christ is perfect theology. Religion is not. We have to get to the place of experiencing the works that Jesus did, then we have followed in the Master's footsteps and demonstrated with power the commission. Jesus said in **John 14:12**, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." So, let us as the Body of Christ demonstrate the likeness of Jesus by being affluent in our calling to influence a dying world. This is you and I anointed by God with the Holy Spirit doing good, healing the sick and casting out devils in demonstration that the Kingdom of God is here!

This is the month that we have set aside as a Nation to be thankful. As we celebrate with family and friends a Thanksgiving meal, let us never forget the True Meal that Heals. It is Jesus, "The Bread from Heaven." (**Is. 53:5, Jn. 6:51**)

Graduates Testimony

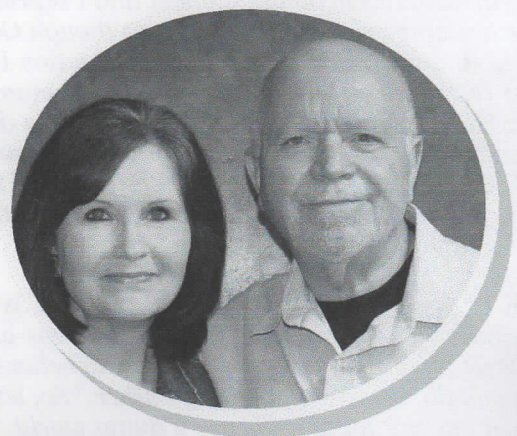
My name is Matthew Doyle and I am 21 years of age. Growing up in a good Christian home, I didn't think I would have gone down the path I did. I believed in Jesus Christ and had accepted him into my life, but then my grandfather died and I didn't understand why people had to die. I thought that God had taken my grandfather from me. Six years later at 16 years of age I decided to start smoking, drinking, going to parties, getting in trouble, sneaking out of the house, and hanging with the people my parents had told me not to hang out with. In a span of about two or three months I started to do the things I thought I would never do. After graduating high school I felt that I had free roam of the world and decided to gather with older men doing methamphetamines and ended up getting into it more and more than just recreation. I would stay up for days on end with no sleep running drugs with friends & my older brother. Then at the age of about 19 I started doing pills on top of the amphetamines and got kicked out of my place of living. After this I was a so called "house hopper" sleeping in whatever bed I could get to. At the age of 20 a cousin of one my only good friends told me of a place called Shiloh Ministries. I came to Shiloh and started the year off not so well by keeping a mask on and acting like someone I was not. I then began to notice it's a spiritual atmosphere. God drew me into His presence and a lot of prayers for me got answered and He started working rather quickly. Showing me His love. I accepted Jesus into my life the first week I was here at Shiloh and was baptized in water and then received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. During the year I was delivered from addiction, lust, perversion, cursing, anger, rage, hypocrisy, and the spirit of homosexuality. He delivered me from all of those things and replaced it with someone greater and His Name is Jesus Christ. God placed a worshipper inside of me and taught me how to play piano, guitar, and sing; Leading me into writing music. He then began to show me how to write songs as beautiful as the sunrise. Giving me lyrics and showing me how to sing the songs. I just fell in love with our Heavenly Father. While being at Shiloh He gave me an opportunity to sing for a homeless ministry and took me to a whole new level after Shiloh. I am now home in San Antonio with my beautiful family whom I love so much and the people God has begun to place in my path. He has used me to mightily heal people of physical pains and hurts. He has given me a new ministry of healing and worship along with placing me among a magnificent church and new godly friends. My faith has been built exponentially since I graduated Shiloh and now I am moving mountains not just for me but for others in need in Jesus Name. I want to give thanks to Jesus Christ the LORD of my life, Pastor Rocky, Sister Debbie, all the staff members of Shiloh Ministries. I had the privilege to spend a year at the feet of Jesus and my life is His now. Thank you supporters for your financial gifts that has allowed men like me and my brothers to be healed and restored. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ Forever!!



We want to thank everyone who financially partner with us. 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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