



# Shiloh Messenger

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## “BE ANOINTED WITH FRESH OIL”

*“But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil,  
Psalms 92:10*

And now.... WOW!! It is 10 months into this year!!! SO FAST!! And it has undeniably been a time of challenges for so many on the planet. Some have come under hardships far greater than most have experienced in a life time, but all have encountered changes that have been thrust into our lives of what we thought was “set routines of normal living.” And yet We must remain hopeful in this journey knowing that this is absolutely a journey and we are not called to stay here long term but we are most assuredly passing through. We are encouraged to glean and give out as we pass through. We are encouraged to be people of Faith, because it is clear that without Faith it is impossible to please God, for he that calls upon HIM, must believe that HE exists and that HE is a rewarder of those that diligently seek HIM. (*Hebrews 11:6.*) While we seek to acquire the very vital things that are so significant to this pilgrimage, we have to bear in mind that this part of our journey is fleeting and temporal but it holds significant weight. How we live on this side determines everything on the other side. It is of a vital necessity to consider just how we navigate with prudence on this side. We cannot lag behind nor run ahead but must stay on course making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. God’s Word has great weight and tells us that HE has placed Eternity in our hearts. (*Ecclesiastes 3:11*) HE has already created within us a longing for our Eternal HOME. Our hearts have been fashioned for HIM. So how do we live in this current state of affairs, staying the course, being positive, bringing Glory to HIM, and believing that 2020 is a very good year regardless of so much chaos, negativity, loss, pain, sickness and even death? We must never forget that it is the Anointing that is key to our empowerment and how we live, and it also The Anointing, for the breaking off of bondage and releasing the presence of God. It is The Anointing that keeps us positive and Trusting HIM in the midst of a topsy-turvey world. We must hold tight to HIS Word and know The Season of despair that has happened onto many will give way to a miracle when you come under the Anointing (*Isaiah 10:27*). The Bible is numerous with passages on OIL, which represents HOLY SPIRIT. As Covenant People that have trusted JESUS to be Savior and LORD we have been giving THE HELPER, who is HOLY SPIRIT. HE tells us in HIS Word to call upon HIM and HE will show us great and mighty things that we know not of. (*Jeremiah 33:3*) HIS WORD tells us that HE has already given to us everything we need (*2 Peter 1:5-11*) to be successful and guaranteed an Eternal life with HIM. HE tells us not only are we to have Faith but that we must be diligent to add to our Faith. We have a responsibility, although our salvation is Free by Grace (*Ephesians 2:8*). HE also urges us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (*Philippians 2:12*). We cannot buy salvation or work for it, it is a gift from God through HIS SON JESUS. Yet we must cooperate with HIM in this life of Faith by taking hold of HOLY SPIRIT Empowerment and continuing this journey in Pleasing HIM by adding ever increasing Faith. We will never please HIM if we have no desire to be people of Faith and build upon the Faith that was given to us. HE says to ADD to your FAITH, Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love (*2Peter 1:5-11*). HOLY SPIRIT is our DIVINE ENABLER. We cannot produce these characteristics ourselves. These characteristics bear the image of CHRIST. This should always be our motivation as we make this journey, to become more like HIM. The Apostle Paul said it well in *Philippians 3:10*, “*I want to know Christ and the power of HIS resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in HIS sufferings.*” What did Paul mean? He was saying, I want to live to know JESUS more deeply and intimately. This was not a man that did not know HIM already, He did! But yet Paul knew there was more and it would take all of Eternity to get to know JESUS. The Apostle Paul wanted the resurrection power, the same power that raised JESUS from the dead to be evident in his life for The Glory of God. It was indeed! There is no way The Apostle Paul could have carried out the assignments he was called to do without HOLY GHOST EMPOWERMENT. Paul accomplished great exploits under horrendous circumstances. He also went a step further in that particular passage of scripture, which by the way many do not quote this second part.. He said and becoming like HIM unto death. Paul had truly died to himself that CHRIST would be magnified in and through him. He could have never done this without FRESH OIL. We are living in some crucial times of challenge, but if we belong to CHRIST, if we are Redeemed by JESUS’ BLOOD, then we have the same power available to us that raised JESUS from the dead. It is up to us to cooperate with HIM. We must humble ourselves and ask for FRESH OIL, HIS VERY PRESENCE EMPOWERING US. We must be a Covenant People utterly dependent upon HIM. In this new Season, it is adamant that we posture ourselves in humility asking Him for a Fresh Anointing to burn with passionate hearts for HIM, representing HIM well, gleaning from HIM and giving out HIS Fragrance to a very needy and hurting world. “BE ANOINTED WITH FRESH OIL” Psalm 92:10

## **Shiloh Graduate**

Hi, I am Tommy DeShazo. I graduated from Shiloh in 2003. I have indeed literally been rescued from the jaws of death, both physically and spiritually. When I came to Shiloh, I had no place to call home, and no where to go; as I had burned all the proverbial bridges in my life. I was still full of myself, thinking I was somebody because I had a few skills and my Sister had become quite famous in the Christian Music Industry. I thought that I was saved because I had made an altar call at a Billy Graham Crusade as a Child. Although I have had truly some very close and deep encounters with God in my life that have broken me to the point of tears crying out to God in true sorrow and repentance, I always ended up back in the pit deeply involved in sins of a totally rebellious nature. When I finally got to Shiloh I was a mess, mostly spiritual, but physically as well. I was quite a burden on Pastor and Sister Debbie as my health had declined and I required special attention with Doctor Visits, and even quite a few trips to Galveston for Specialists. But being totally sold out to God, they hung in there with me and obeyed the voice of God. Being a little older than most of the guys, I was pretty set in my ways and a lot harder to live with. After having The Word of God pounded into my brain for months something happened and I began to see how I had been breaking God's Heart and I became broken and sorrowful for my life. Now, I was fertile ground for God to work. He began to heal my soul and I started to change. The atmosphere even seemed different to me and the very things I hated about Shiloh, I began to love. Fast forward to a year later, I graduated and now was an Intern. The guys in the program were a great bunch and all was well for a few years. I loved working there and even my relationship with my Dad had begun to heal. After a couple of more years, I moved on and ended up working at a huge Facility in Bessemer Alabama that was half Mission and Treatment Center. It was good but as my responsibilities grew, I became cold and harsh dealing with prison reentry at night and being shop Foreman at their Auto Center during the day. I became burnt out and left after 4 years. I started back working as a mechanic and about a year later had a bad motorcycle accident shattering my back and neck with a total of 18 compression fractures and a sciatic nerve from hell. It was a horrendous recovery and I still suffer some from several discs that have degenerated to the point of swelling to a permanent lump on my back. When I woke up from the Coma, I found that my Dad and Uncle had moved me into my Parents house. Although I needed this as I was on a walker, it was totally embarrassing living with my Parents again. I hated my Dad for many years, but when I woke up from that Coma he was there. He never left my side the entire time! He held me in the shower and helped me bathe as it took a while before I could stand on my own. What a powerful display of our Father In Heaven and His never ending forgiveness and love for His Children! My Relationship has been restored with my Parents now. My Lord God is Good!. My Mom now is 91 years and my Dad will soon be 90. I have the great privilege and honor of helping them now. My Mom prayed over me while I was recovering from the wreck and her warm tears on my face calmed me. I cannot forget my sweet Momma!! My life is not perfect and I fail often, but my Lord, I have tasted the goodness of God and forever been changed inside and out!



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