



Shiloh Messenger

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History With God

*Have you ever considered your history with God? For Debbie & I, our history with God is a constant daily reminder of His faithfulness when confronted with the issues of life. Sometimes the responsibilities of Shiloh Ministries can be overwhelming. When we feel overwhelmed, we hear Him reminding us in a question, "Have we not a History together?" Our response back to Him has always been, "Yes Sir we do." As I journey in this life I am constantly aware of His presence. I am reminded daily of His commitment to bring about a favorable outcome for my destiny (Jer. 29:11). I am so grateful that the Lord was patient with me, during my days of Heroin and Cocaine abuse. Only my Heavenly Father knew the day I would surrender all to Him. I am convinced that even in my mother's womb I was fashioned by Him to fulfill a purpose. **"My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days ("my history") fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them" (Psalms 139:14-16).** Even though the Lord fashioned me for such a plan for my life, I had to yield and say yes to His purpose.*

I remember in 1990, when I was working for a glass company. I was sent on a job to do a window replacement at a house and was informed by the office that no one would be at home. I began to do what is normal with a broken window; I had to clean out the opening so new window glass could be installed. As I began to clean out the opening, a piece of broken glass fell out of the opening and hit a main artery in my arm. I started bleeding bad. I ran quickly around to where the company truck was to get the first aid kit, but I was having a difficult time with all the blood I was losing. As I scrambled to get the first aid kit opened, a blond haired man approached me. I did not know where he had come from, but I was sure grateful he was there! He asked me if I needed help, and I said yes. He began to apply aid to my arm, but more than that he began to minister to me. He began telling me things about my childhood and how God was protecting me while I was in my valley of decision. He continued in telling things about me that only my heart knew of. He said, "The Lord has a work for you to do and you will surrender to that assignment very soon." He then said, "Now you better get to the clinic."

I never understood all that happened that day. But a year later the Holy Spirit revealed to me while at Canaan Land Ministries that I had an angelic visitation. I do know in that encounter, I became aware of God's commitment to bring about a favorable outcome for me. He loved me so much that He would send a messenger from Heaven to inform me of my destiny that was waiting to be fulfilled. I yielded to my spiritual journey at Canaan Land Ministries. It was there I surrendered completely to His Lordship. As I searched the Scriptures I began to find my Identity was In Christ. As I put Him first in my life, He placed many desires in my heart. One of those desires was for a godly wife and shortly after putting my TRUST IN THE LORD, I had a dream about her. After the dream I began looking everywhere for her, but she was not to be found at that time. I learned that God would not entrust one of His daughters to me until areas in my life were healed.

*I continued seeking the Lord for what He wanted me to do with my life. Destiny was crying out and I was not sure how to navigate what was in my heart. I had a passionate desire to help others who were enslaved to drugs. I heard a profound truth that I have always held onto. Someone said; **"A man without a vision is a man without a future and a man without a future will always return to his past."** I have learned that when **"I set the Lord always before me, I shall not be moved" (Ps.16:8).** The Lord ordered my footsteps to become a missionary with Mercy Ships. Little did I know that the woman in my dream in 1991 was about to make her entrance up the gangway on the ship that I was on, in Barahona, Dominican Republic in 1993. I knew that day as I saw Debbie walking up that gangway the Lord was connecting both of us to His Divine plan for our lives. Also in 1995 on board the Ship during my quiet time in the Word and prayer, The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart about the ministry name that HE desired. That day I heard Him say, "Shiloh." I began to do a word study in the 49th Chapter verse 10 of Genesis and discovered "Shiloh" to be a prophecy about the coming Messiah who would establish "dominion & authority" in the believer.*

*Unknown to me all that was to come about and how, I made a decision to hide the matter in my heart and trusted Him to lead me to it. A lot has happened since the dream and the personal prophecy. Deb & I were married in the Shiloh Chapel on October 17, 1998 and then we opened the doors to Shiloh Ministries 14 months later in 2000. It has been an extraordinary journey so far. It has left us in awe of all that has transpired. It leaves us with such curiosity to know Him more intimately. The Lord has become to us a "Faithful Father," the One who has prepared us to rule in this present age and the one to come. When He saved us, He also commissioned us for an assignment. The assignment is the same for everyone. Christ Jesus told His disciples in **Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.***

I believe that the Lord is stirring our affections toward Him in order for all of us to discover that our history has already been written by Him (Psalms 139). We can not experience a fulfilled life, until we surrender all, to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our destiny is found in HIM.

Graduates Testimony

It's been 2 years since I graduated Shiloh, and all I can say is that God is extremely good! I went into Shiloh a broken and beat up man and laid myself upon the altar and allowed the Holy Spirit to operate on my life. Over the course of 1 year, God had revealed His heart towards me, which is the heart of a Father towards His child. 1 month after graduating, I met my lovely wife and we began our relationship. 2 years later we are married and God is showing me the love that a Bridegroom has for the Bride. I am so thankful for the measure of God's goodness that He continues to lavish upon our lives. The road has been difficult at times but the Love of Jesus overcomes all the things. During Shiloh I prayed and fasted for God to send me my wife and I had even wrote down on paper what I believed I wanted in a wife. Toward the end of my course at Shiloh, I decided to burn that paper and told God that He knows better than I do on what I want and need in a mate and that I wanted His choice and not my choice. Upon that surrender, He sent me Anna almost immediately after graduating. We have to learn to get out of our own way and allow God to be the counsel and director of our lives. I had one thing in mind and God had something better! Anna's name means "grace" and that's what God had in mind for me.



Mike & Anna Landry



Pictures above are some completed rooms of the Dormitory. 1st picture to the left is the new bathroom & picture to the right is a student room. We are still involved in the completion of student rooms & Councilors room. We are in need of closet doors, entrance doors, wood trim for doors & base boards, door hardware & Chest of drawers for student rooms. If you would like to give financially towards the completion of our New Dormitory or general funding, the contact information is below. Thank you for your generosity to the Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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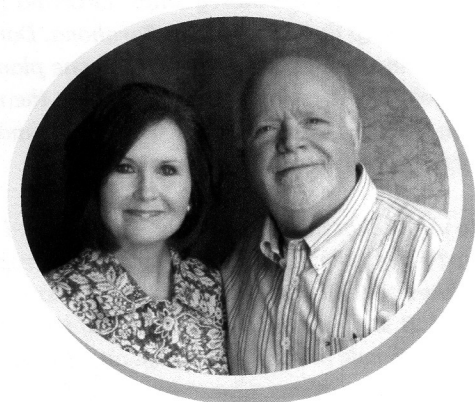
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