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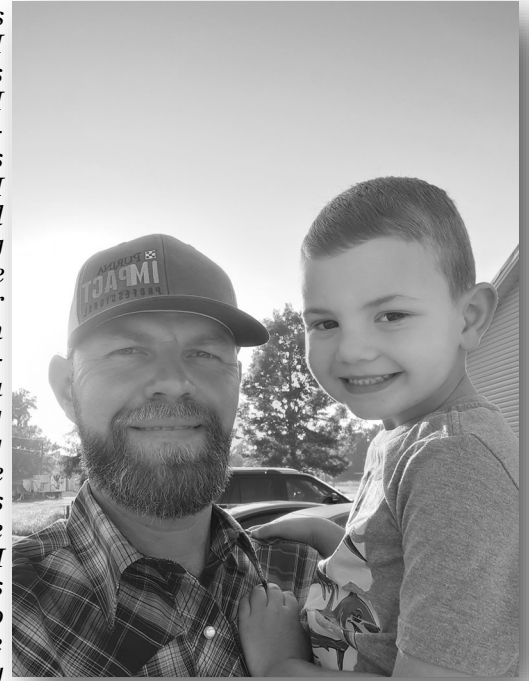
Selah

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life,” Psalms 139:23-24

September has long been a month that is associated with New Beginnings, with the Start up of a New School Year, Education, Sports, & Training. It has been a month of Shifting into, as September has held the promise of a fresh start as the season of summer ends & Autumn emerges. Even though acceleration is activated regarding motion of these activities... there is indeed a uniqueness to September with a special stillness & awe. There are invitations to take notice of, & the privilege of stewarding. These are Selah opportunities as the season transitions & new beginnings come forth. Selah is mentioned seventy one times in the book of Psalms, & three times in Habakkuk. It is a word describing to pause, reflect, ponder, meditate, & think upon. It is that silent moment between the musical notes that we take a breath & savor. Selah for a Follower of Christ invites & urges us to pause & consider what God is saying. What is HE saying regarding the closing of the previous season, how to leave it well, & then the opening of this New season & how to walk in it carrying HIS GLORY? Selah's give us privileges to pause from this extremely intense, chaotic, busy, non-stop life we all are in. A Selah time to consider the mysteries & wonders of God, & how we are to respond to these striking events taking place in our world today. Paul speaks about this in Colossians 2:2-3. "For my hope is that their hearts may be encouraged as they are knit together in unselfish love, so that they may have all the riches that come from the **full assurance of understanding the joy of salvation, resulting in a true and more intimate knowledge of the MYSTERY OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST.**" Therefore Selah is a word that reminds us all to **pause and reflect on Christ, in whom we find all treasure and knowledge.** Some of The Most important Feast on the Jewish calendar occur during September & occasionally early October. For the Discerning Follower of Christ, they will sense this shift of season in the Spiritual realm. The Devoted Disciple will take up the invitation of pausing and reflecting, inquiring of Holy Spirit, and yes realignment if need be. We obviously can indeed observe things in the natural... but there is yet something deep and reverential happening in the Spirit Realm. ***Now for the record, every day is to be one of significant personal inventory inquiring from our Teacher, (Holy Spirit) .. But this Season, this Autumn Season.... has a particular Holy Hush if you will....Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur are 2 of the most significant Jewish Feast & High Holy Days which mark the beginning of the New Year on the Jewish Calendar. *** Now again we want to be clear..... Every-day is significant & to be stewarded as Holy for those who have put their trust in Jesus, (who are indeed Followers of Christ, and who have received HIS Blood atonement for their sins.) We now live under the new Covenant, but there is however something special about these Feasts that we can learn, glean, and apply for our personal inventory of our lives as Disciples of Christ. We find a new season of awe valuable as we yearn earnestly for Personal Revival, and as we cry out in prayer for revival for our Nation & the Nations. The Feast of Trumpets, more commonly known as Rosh Hashanah (Hebrew for "head of the year") has the primary function of asking us one question: Are we prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ who shall appear in the clouds of Heaven with power and great Glory? HE shall come when the world least expects it, "as a thief in the night" 1 Thes. 5:2. Disciples of JESUS will stand before the judgement seat (The Bema Seat) of Christ. While Jesus took the full weight of God's Judgement of sin for us, we must still stand before God for a final review of our faithfulness. As the Nations of the world rise & fall, our personal individual decisions & actions will be judged. On display at the Bema seat will be five great crowns given to loyal & trustworthy servants of Christ. To steadfast Believers tested by prison & persecution even to the point of death, God will give a crown of life. (Rev.2:10). A never fading, never tarnishing diadem awaits the self sacrificing pastor-shepherds of the flock. (1 Peter 5:2-4). Everyone who ran life's race with patient endurance & perseverance will receive a crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8). Evangelists and soul winners can eagerly anticipate receiving the crown of rejoicing (1 Thes.2:19-20). Finally, all who overcome will be handed a wonderful victor's crown (1 Cor.9:25). Which crown or crowns will you have to lay at The Lord's feet? Which of your works will be burned, which will endure? These are sobering thoughts. Yom Kippur follows Rosh Hashanah on the Jewish calendar and is also called the Day of Atonement. The Bible tells us that with out the shedding of Blood there is no remission of sins. (Hebrews 9:22.) Jesus Blood on the cross finished the shedding of Blood for the remission of our sins. We no longer have to await the blood of animal sacrifices. This is however a time of evaluation and repentance (everyday is a day to repent if HOLY SPIRIT reveals sin in our life) yet Yom Kippur is a special time of reflection, & yet another opportunity to inquire of HIM, seek HIM, & behold HIM for personal Repentance and Revival. The Blood of Jesus is Omnipotent. The Bible is clear that no one knows the day nor hour of The Coming of The Lord, but many Jewish Scholars believe it may well happen during the High Holy Day of Yom Kippur. Please note.. Everyday the redeemed, Christ Followers should be ready, alert, waiting, watching, and living to the full, advancing HIS Kingdom upon this earth. Are you ready for HIS coming again? Have you allowed for the special invitations of those Selah Moments in your life to seek HIM earnestly, inquire, repent & realign if need be? SELAH. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN. ARE YOU READY?

Shiloh Graduate

My name is Anthony J. Basden. I am 38 years old and I'm from Austin, TX. I was raised in a single parent household. I grew up on the poor side not having much. I started to realize this in the fourth or fifth grade. Once I got to middle school is when life started to take a turn. I started stealing clothes from stores so that I could fit in with what everyone else wore. In the eighth grade is when I tried marijuana and started smoking. I ended up in juvenile for the poor choices that I was making. I then began high school and started to not care about my education. I then began experimenting with harder drugs such as cocaine, LSD, Xanax. I had also started drinking alcohol. This would be the beginning of a 20-year long drug addiction. I ended up going to State jail when I was twenty-one and had to serve two years. I remember halfway through my time telling myself that I would never get in trouble again. It came time for me to get out and I was so scared to get in trouble I didn't want to leave the house. A few months later I got into a relationship, and she got pregnant with my first child which was a girl! We then had a boy soon afterwards. I was so excited! I ended up getting a good job and staying completely sober for two years. But mind you I was trying to do all of this on my own understanding not Christ's. I knew who Jesus was but never gave Him the time of day. I ended up getting overwhelmed with life and started using drugs again. This caused me to lose my job and relationship. We went our separate ways and I fell further and further into my drug addiction. Seven years later I got into a different relationship, and she got pregnant with my second son who is my third child. The relationship was toxic from the beginning, and we didn't do anything but hurt each other. I then realized that I truly didn't know how to love someone. My brother and sister-in-law ended up with custody of my youngest boy because of the alcohol and drug addiction of the mother and I. This led me to heavy use of cocaine and methamphetamine. I didn't care about anything but getting high. This went on for two years. Then out of nowhere my mom had a massive stroke and I lost the most important person in my life. My brother and I had to make the choice to pull the plug. Once this happened, I spiraled completely out of control. I wanted to die! I continued using until one day I was interrupted by something that I couldn't explain. I then called my sister-in-law from a hotel and told her that I don't want to live like this anymore. I told her to call the police to come and get me. I was on the run from probation. This would be the best choice that I ever made. After getting out of jail I moved to Liberty, TX. My brother got me a job working at the plant he works at. I started working and doing good until I started drinking alcohol to numb the pain of my mother's death. This would lead me to driving drunk and flipping my vehicle. This would land me in jail with a DWI. I was lucky to not have not gotten killed in the accident. I believe Angels were watching over me. I get out of jail two days later and my brother and sister-in-law told me that I need to get help or I need to leave. She told me about Shiloh ministries and knew a person that was part of the ministry. His name is Mike Isham. I then made the phone call that would change my life forever! This is where I would encounter Jesus Christ and give my life to Him! I never had my Father in my life, when I came to Shiloh and gave my life to Christ, I then realized I have had a Father all along. I can't count how many blessings that I received in one short year while in Shiloh! The blessings haven't stopped since!



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