



Shiloh Messenger

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AN OVERFLOW OF WORSHIP

“Go ye into all the world & Preach The Gospel to every creature.” Matthew 28:19-20

As we are in the heat of the very life of our Nation, we are reminded to Worship The Lord, Enjoy His Presence, Keep Focus, Stay in Faith, & Embrace The Father’s Heart for humanity as we imitate Him.

We reflect on an old cartoon sketch of two men crawling on their knees with the blazing hot sun upon their backs in a desert wilderness; both of these men being desperate of thirst cried out. It is quite interesting how they both had the same need, but yet much different requests. One man cried out for water & nothing more, yet the other cried out for a large glass of water with a twist of lemon, & an oatmeal raisin cookie. This comical cartoon illustration has some profound truth in it, & poses a question, Are we believing for The more? We are here not for the satisfaction of the immediate appetite only, but to something bigger, grander, & more eternal. **The God of The Universe delights in Big vision from HIS people.** God’s Word tells us “without vision, people perish.” Proverbs 29:18. When we do not live out that in which we were created for, we shrivel up and die. We may live in the natural, but Our Spirit Man, the part of us that will live for all of eternity becomes apathetic, indifferent and atrophic (wasting away). We are encouraged to cultivate a life of worship unto God. Worship is the manifestation of one that is truly His, being set apart for Him, and growing in Grace & Knowledge of Him. **There is no separation of secular & sacred. All is sacred.** Out of this love relationship with Him, we cannot help but to ask Our Father Big Requests as we have & are in continuation of knowing HIM & HIS WILL. It is not His Will that any should perish. HE has redeemed us by His Grace, empowers us, and instructs us in co-laboring with Him. **He alone broadens our desires to represent Him beyond our local Community, City, State & Nation. He impresses us to pray & to reach out to the Nations even in the Intensity & Instability in our own Nation. Evangelism in its purist form is simply an overflow of worship.** In our past we would have never thought about other people on the other side of the planet much less pray for them or provide for Missionaries to go to them. **His heart is to open our eyes to see His Heart.** “For God so loved The World, that He Gave HIS Only Begotten Son. John 3:16. In the secret place, we get His Heart. Our vision is broadened when we find ourselves praying & believing for those who live next door to us and also the least evangelized across the Globe. Do we think our sphere of influence is only in our family, Church Family, and yes even local community? Because of vast technology we have information about others on the planet who need JESUS. If we cannot go to them, could we pray for laborers to be sent to them? Could we give financially and pray for The Gospel to be spread? And should we not be lifting our vision higher as we come in contact with those right in front of us? And as a result see the lame walk, deaf ears opened, blind eyes seeing, the dead raised & **The Good News on display?** Are we merely asking for water when all the while we could be asking for the tall glass of water with the lemon twist and the oatmeal raisin cookie as illustrated above in the cartoon illustration? **Should we not as The Body of Christ imitate Him and have HIS Heartbeat for Humanity? Jesus paid for us to enjoy His Presence and to do exploits with Him. We are uniquely designed by Him for intimacy and an eternal purpose with Him. Our activities in our life are to be aligned in such a fashion that we intentionally create that space with Him alone. Jesus is our example.** May we sincerely imitate Him and desire to get alone and truly to **Be Still & know that He is God. (Psalm 46:10).** Out of this Love relationship with Him we will be catapulted to see, hear, & act upon that which is HIS Kingdom Come, and His Will be done. “We can be straight as a gun barrel theologically & as empty as one spiritually” “**If we major on knowing God, & cultivate a sense of His presence in our daily lives, & do what Brother Lawrence advices by Practicing the Presence of God daily, & seek to know The Holy Spirit in the scriptures, we will go a long way in serving our generation for God.**” A.W. Tozer. We will appear before The Lord one day to give an account of how we stewarded this great salvation. Were we a living sacrifice not from obligation but from a heart of thanksgiving that wanted to be near Him.? And as a result conformed to His likeness as we requested Him to fill us daily with His Spirit? Billions of people are perishing without the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The time is short. **Strengthened by His help, may we wholly accept the invitation He has entrusted to us to seek His heart for the lost and perishing. May we ask of Him to fill us with His Love, Compassion, & multiplied Grace to do our part to fulfill the Great Commission? (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-49, and Acts 1:8). Is our Worship Overflowing?**

Hello, my name is Craig. I'm 48 years old, born and raised in Texas. I'm the oldest of 5 Children. My biological father died when I was three, so I was raised by an abusive stepfather. At an early age I was exposed to a lot of things a child should never witness. I married young right out of high school and had two sons. Although I was not abusive, I took on other toxic traits from my stepfather like anger, addiction, and perversion. I also fought a lot, much of which stemmed from being a protective big brother over my younger siblings. My crazy lifestyle eventually caught up with me and after 21 years of marriage my wife and I divorced. It was a devastating shock and not long after I became suicidal. Having no hope or purpose, I spiraled down to the darkest and lowest point I could've imagined. It was there I cried out to God and He spoke to me. Everything that had happened was of no fault but my own because I had fallen out of His will. But thankfully He lifted me from my despair through His Grace and Mercy. The Lord began speaking to me about forgiving my stepfather and to take accountability for my own actions. I knew that He had a purpose and calling for my life and I needed to fulfill it. But I didn't know how. I was still struggling with alcohol when I heard about Shiloh. I knew this was what I needed to do so I called immediately. Words cannot describe how much Shiloh has impacted my life and my relationship with Jesus. I've learned so much about God's Character and what it means to truly be a disciple and follower of Jesus Christ. I graduated Shiloh July 14th, 2024, and am currently serving as an intern. God has gifted me with many blessings and I'm looking forward to using them for His Will during my next season here at Shiloh. I know that in time, He will lead me, perfect me, and establish me into my calling to full -time ministry. If you're reading this, I pray that God is blessing you and I thank you for your prayers and support. I have seen many lives changed at Shiloh because of supporters like you and look forward to many more being blessed.



Shiloh Ministries is one of The Lord's many Ministry tools to reconcile men for restoration. We are blessed to be used of Him to preach the un-searchable riches that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). Everyday we are hearing such wonderful testimonies of our Graduates pursuing their calling of a Godly husband, father, missionary, Staff person at local Churches and a minister of reconciliation in the work place. We are asking that you prayerfully consider financially supporting Shiloh Ministries every month. The Lord's ministry at Shiloh has always been financially free for the man who desires freedom from his addictions. Because of this, we simply trust The Holy Spirit to lead people to give financially. This ministry is grateful to those who express gratitude to God by co-laboring with us in discipleship. The expenditures are huge managing a campus that houses over 30 students, staff & interns. Please prayerfully consider Shiloh Ministries every month as good ground for your financial seed. We invite you to visit our web-site and read our Testimony section. It bares witness of our graduates fruit that is on display, for The Glory of God. Thanks for your giving to The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh!



*LORD of the Harvest (Wheat & Weed's),
Matt. 9:38*

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