



# Shiloh Messenger

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## Social In-ept'ness

**"Behold, I will bring health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth" (Jeremiah 33:6)**

Everyday that I live on planet Earth, I try to observe life with a Heavenly perspective. When I have this perspective, then life becomes purposeful. We live in a world that pressures us into competitiveness, where we are self-absorbed to be the best. It is a world that the bible says, **"lies under the sway of the wicked one", ( 1 John 5:19)**. In an environment that demands success, comes the fruit of man's fallen nature (selfishness, envy & pride; Gal. 5:26). Those that lag behind in the achievement department get angry & frustrated, because someone else is getting all the breaks in life. It is this environment where the door opens for demonic influence to breed jealousy. Then one is deceived into believing that it's OK to lie, cheat & steal. After all only the strong survive, right? Isn't life about self preservation & am I not justified? Who needs a moral code, no body lives by them anyway. So man justifies his behavior by perceiving that everyone is cheating in life. Humanity will never change & man will not evolve into a blissful state of nirvana or utopia (Webster dictionary: a state of mind as a place of ideal perfection or an impractical scheme for social perfection). The reality is we need an encounter with God. He is the only One that can heal us of our "social in-ept'ness" (being without skill or aptitude for a particular task or assignment). In **Genesis 6:5; "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"**. I can only imagine how God felt in His heart about the depravity of man & how far he has fallen from perfection. He never intended man to be without purpose & behaving like an orphan. He created him to be a son & to be the crown of His creation. **"What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet" (Psalms 8:4-6)**. So when man was created he had in him the tremendous capabilities to rule & reign from his delegated position. We all know that he failed. But God did not stop in His relentless pursuit for restoration by reconciliation (2Cor.5:18). Christ Jesus came to restore man back to his position of being a son of God (Gal.3:26). The greatest of all privileges is to know God intimately as Heavenly Father. The way that He has established to know Him is communion in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings us into fulfillment. There is nothing that surpasses the privilege of encountering Him in the Spirit. In John Chapter 4, Jesus describes the invitation to the true worshippers. **"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him", John 4:23**. Notice, that Jesus says, it is the Father, who is seeking us. When we respond in loving Him, we feel His Heart towards us & for a world He desires to be reconciled. When we have His Heart we will have a strong desire to help others. We all have in us a capacity to Love what He Loves & hate what He hates. One of our greatest privileges that we have is to be a co-laborer with God. The way that God has chosen for us to change society is for the Church to pray. We have at our disposal all the arsenals of Heaven to push back darkness, obtain deliverance, receive healing & have heavens windows open for our prosperity. I could go on & on about the benefits of prayer that I have experienced in daily communion. Some may ask why do I feel as though my prayers have hit a brass ceiling & fell to the ground? Could it be you are not allowing the ministry of the Holy Spirit to usher you into Gods presence? This is where you experience the Holy Spirit like a "Heavenly Fount". Our spiritual life should be like a flowing fountain. Jesus encountered the woman at the well in **John 4:14**, He said, **"whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."** Most of us know that the woman in this story was being deprived of her relationship with God. But Jesus gave her truth about past lovers that disappointed her & that they could never meet her true needs. She needed an encounter with God by the Holy Spirit. The truth that He gave her at the well was symbolic of dryness of her soul. She needed to drink from a Heavenly well that would spring up in her to encounter the Lord. It is a heart of gratitude that expresses a yearning for others to encounter God likewise. It is in this place where we are confident of bringing Heaven to Earth (Matt.6:10) for others to benefit. **E.M. Bounds** has written many books on prayer. He was able to teach & write effectively on prayer because he lived it & experienced it. One of his quotes from his many books on prayer says; **"Prayer must be broad in its scope—it must plead for others. Intercession for others is the hall-mark of all true prayer. When prayer is confined to self and to the sphere of one's personal needs, it dies by reason of its littleness, narrowness and selfishness. Prayer must be broad and unselfish or it will perish. Prayer is the soul of a man stirred to plead with God for men. In addition to being interested in the eternal interests of one's own soul it must, in its very nature, be concerned for the spiritual and eternal welfare of others. One's ability to pray for self, finds its climax in the compassion its concern expresses for other's."**

This praying for others finds it's fervency in knowing God & receiving His Heart for dying humanity. I do not believe that God expects less from us than from others who have entered into their prayer closets & changed the course of Divine judgment. We cannot sit passively by & let others pray while we sit on the side lines of life & have a prayer-less life. I'm convinced that when we get to heaven & rewards are given out we might be surprised at God's reward system. It might not be the fire brand preacher that preached his fiery message that gets the greatest reward. I believe it might be the one who was actively engaged in the ministry of prayer. It is this selfless life of praying for others that we get fulfillment in seeing chaos replaced with the Light of God's countenance on the faces of people fulfilling a Divine Purpose.

### **Student Testimony**

Hello my name is Luke McGee. I am 29 years old and I am from Oakdale, Louisiana. My life started off normal as any middle class guy's life could begin. But in a world filled with sin my life spiraled downward. I stopped listening to my elders' advice. I thought the world was mine and the rules didn't apply to me. My life got mixed up in self-idolatry. Rebelling against the truth, John 8:32. Before I knew I was a full time addict to prescription pain pills. I thought I couldn't function without a pill. My mind was in complete chaos. I began to ask God to help me; I knew I couldn't change on my own. Suddenly one night I realized I was at a crossroad in my life, I had a choice life or death! (Psalm 66.20) A door at Shiloh opened up for me and my life turned a 180. (1 John 1:9) My life now has meaning; the chaos has disappeared Thanks to the blood of our Savior Christ Jesus! His blood makes all things new. I have been given a second chance at life. I have attained a new best friend with the Holy Spirit that dwells in me. All we have to do is yield to His power. (John 14.26) Everyday is a true blessing from God to wake up and know that the chains that have held me for so long no longer have any effect on my life. I have been given keys to the Kingdom (Luke 17.21). I no longer dwell in the darkness of this world. I am now seated in Heavenly Places! I am able to live a wholesome life the way God intends for us all to live. That's why He sent the Holy Spirit, so we may fellowship with Him. I would like to thank all Shiloh staff for opening up their arms for me, allowing me to learn about God and the way a Christian should live. Everyone needs a Shiloh. I am so grateful and thankful for my wonderful family and all the supporters of Shiloh. It's truly amazing how much we can learn from living a responsible, obedient life. I am so excited about being a light for the whole world to see. I know God has a plan to prosper me as my soul prospers. Hallelujah! God's word does not return void! Amen!



### **Prayer & Update**

**We are excited about achieving our goal to house more men for discipleship. Please be in prayer for the financial needs of this ministry. We have finished the framing phase in the bathroom. All of the duct board for the AC has been ran in the Dorm & bathroom. Our progress with the insulation in all the building is about 90 percent. We have began hanging sheetrock and also texturing, followed with the painting of the inside. In the next 60 days we will have to purchase a 3 ton AC unit for the bathroom and two 5 ton AC units for the main Dormitory. Please prayerfully consider sowing financially into these much needed items. We look forward to the completion of the New Dorm early this year to house & disciple more men. This is our ministry goal. Thank you for co-laboring with us in this amazing ministry tool to show the Love of God.**

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