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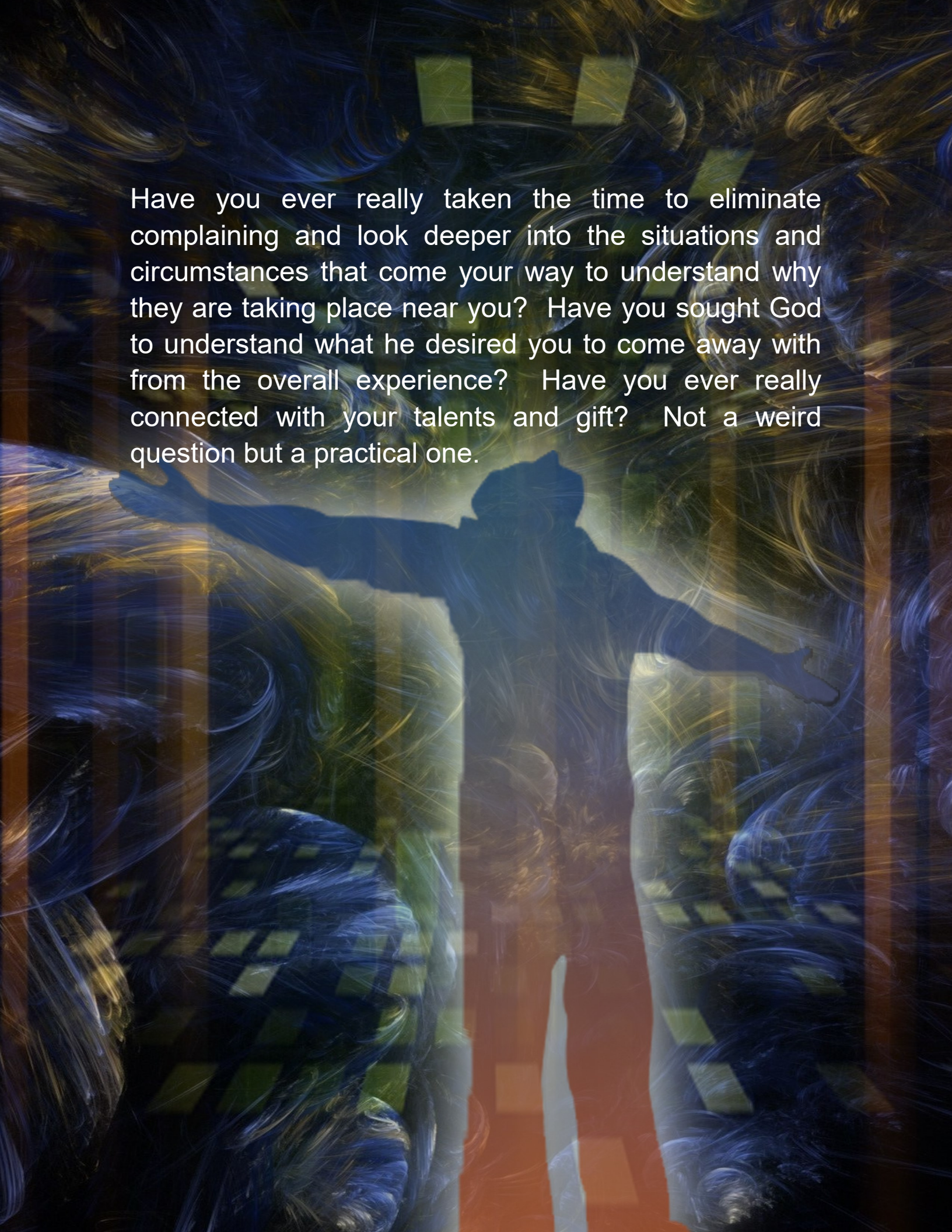
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Do You Know Who You Really Are?

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,
which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10 KJV

A photograph of a person in a plaid shirt with their arms raised in a church setting. The person is silhouetted against a bright light source, possibly a window or a stage light, creating a dramatic effect. The background is dark, and the overall atmosphere is one of worship or praise. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

Have you ever really taken the time to eliminate complaining and look deeper into the situations and circumstances that come your way to understand why they are taking place near you? Have you sought God to understand what he desired you to come away with from the overall experience? Have you ever really connected with your talents and gift? Not a weird question but a practical one.



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A vibrant field of pink and purple flowers stretches towards a bright, hazy sun in the distance, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Spring Forth

Evag. Stacie Daniels

Spring has sprung! Rains showers are watering the earth, flowers are blooming, and the birds are chirping. Spring is that time of the year when you can feel the climatic atmosphere changing. Cooler days become warmer, and the daylight lingers a little bit longer. A new feeling is in the air.

Spring has sprung, and now it is your time to spring forth! Spring forth into what you might ask. It is time to spring forth and blossom into that place, position, and spiritual man that God has destined for you. If we search down within ourselves as believers, and we ask the Father to turn the search light on us, He will do that and show us those things that we need to know. Maybe there is the question resonating within ---- Lord, am I where I am supposed to be? Am I spiritually complete? Is this it for me? Have I accomplished all that has been assigned to my life? Where am I on God's timeline? The scripture declares in ***Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."*** Do you know what season you are in? Spring is a season of new beginnings. Spring is the bridge from winter to summer, one seasonal extreme to the other seasonal extreme. Resurrection Sunday (Easter) occurs during the springtime and Jesus Christ brought salvation, new life, hope, and victory for all. Thus, we have so much to look forward to during this time of year. It is our time to spring forth!

Spring has sprung! Embrace your new beginning. Spring has sprung, walk into the promise. Spring has sprung, level up into the next. Spring has sprung, realize you are a new creature through Jesus Christ. Spring has sprung, transcend past what you see into that which is invisible. Spring has sprung, now **spring forth!**

Purposeful:
Do You Know Who You Really Are?
What Will Be Your Legacy?

By Eunice A. Christian
May 17, 2021

Matthew 7:24-29 ~ ²⁴ *Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall. ²⁸ And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

Romans 8:1-2 ~ ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

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May the memories you have created, and will create, continue to be blessed with the fullness of **Light** (John 8:12).

May the memories of current and past loved ones, friends, and good neighbors not be forgotten.

May we always be mindful and not forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country and around the world.

May we keep up in prayer those who have demonstrated, and those who continue to demonstrate, compassion during these challenging times.

For those of you who are struggling in various aspects of life to the point of feeling overwhelmed, may you soon realize the tender grace, mercy, and favor The Most High God has in store for you, and that you receive the relief and support you need and desire for a far better, more fruitful outcome.

Stay encouraged. You are not alone. Reach out to someone; you'll be glad you did.

My prayer is that we not lose hope or give in to the darkness of this world. May we demonstrate wisdom and knowledge when we address those who promote fallacies and infringements against what is good and just. May we continue diligence in well-doing; unified for the sake of a civil and more perfect union; premised upon what has been deemed good and just according to God's Holy Word.

Remember: ***God is still on the throne, and Jesus lives in us through the power and unction of The Holy Spirit, our Comforter.*** So, trust in God by adhering to His Holy Word. It is my prayer that God will continue to see you through with blessings too numerous to measure or count. ***Again, first trust in God.***

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Matthew 21:9-11 ~ ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!* ¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, *Who is this?* ¹¹ So the multitudes said, *This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.*

My Perspective

The theme for this month is most likely clear for all readers; however, to retain consistency, I will continue my practice of providing my perspective on key words. I would encourage that you conduct your own research, but for the sake of creating a common perspective, my definitions are as follows:

Purposeful: *to have or possess, qualities, characteristics, or attributes that enables one to exercise his or her purpose, or reason for being. (To have a purposeful life, in part, is to have a life continuum premised upon demonstrable love, moral fortitude, purpose, and direction.)*

One's legacy *is the perception of what others perceive or believe as truth about a person's impact during his or her life; usually about someone who has transitioned, and what he or she will be best known for. (Depending upon one's lifetime pursuits or profession, the impact of one's legacy may not be truly known for years to come.)* A legacy can consist of tangibles (*i.e.*, money or property bequeathed through a trust or will). A legacy or can also consist of intangibles (*i.e.*, passing down to future generations one's teachings, cultural norms, or ideologies).

To share, I was led to address the second question first in my article. What I consider most important is that my writings inspire you to learn more about our Lord Jesus, Father God, and The Holy Spirit. I also hope that this article serves to enlighten, encourage, and strengthened you; realizing how much of a blessing you are, and can be, to others in Christ Jesus.

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What Is Your Legacy?

Matthew 7:13-21 ~ ¹³*Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.* ¹⁴*Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.* ¹⁵*Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.* ¹⁶*You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?* ¹⁷*Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.* ¹⁸*A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.* ¹⁹*Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.* ²⁰*Therefore by their fruits you will know them.* ²¹*Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*

In The Eye Of The Beholder

In addressing the second question regarding knowing one's legacy, that is a matter out of one's control. Certainly, one can strive to live a life that may cultivate certain values and norms that forms one's legacy, *but to what degree will such efforts survive the perspective of others after one's demise?* In a world of *microwave-internet-driven* news and commentaries, misinformation and opinions about a person's impact upon their family, community, their country, and so on, one's truths can be overshadowed.

One can accomplish great feats in life and live honorably and respectfully; however, there may be multitudes who may not respect, acknowledge, or even know about one's notably and grand accomplishments. A person's perspective about his or her own legacy may be that all is well in the eyes of others; however, I believe this is worth emphasizing: *A person's legacy is what others believe after he or she has transitioned.* In other words, your legacy is contingent upon another person's perspective about *your* life. *Think about it*, your legacy can be looked upon the same as beauty: *It is in the eye of the beholder.*

To speak about what we think our legacy will be can be likened to seeking a prophet who will share what lies ahead past our demise. For the un-Believer, it could be likened to having a crystal ball to see into one's future—and *there is no crystal ball—but as Believers in Christ Jesus, we do*

know that we have an expected end—and that is a legacy worth striving for. Then, with confidence, because we are saved by God's grace and have lived according to His Word, our legacy will be that we walked according to the Spirit of the Living God.

Matthew 26:48-54 ~ ⁴⁸ Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, *Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.* ⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, *Greetings, Rabbi!* and kissed Him. ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, ***Friend, why have you come?*** Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. ⁵¹ And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. ⁵² But Jesus said to him, ***Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.*** ⁵³ ***Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?*** ⁵⁴ ***How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?***

A Purposeful Life—But Is It On The Lord's Side?

It is customary to develop an interest, or get excited, when learning that someone or a group are focused upon presenting an autobiography about a person/group of interest, influence, or notoriety. For example, a writer or historian can claim they are promoting a documentary or biography based upon someone's legacy, but what matters is the level and depth of truthfulness about their depiction of a person's legacy. Factors that can make this determination is whether the decease's close relations were made a part of this endeavor.

All too often throughout history, it is common to learn that a person's legacy through the lens of another were seen without the authorization from the decease's estate, knowledgeable family members, or close friends and associates. What can be worse, those who were directly connected to the deceased may be unwilling characters in the depiction of this person's legacy, and find that such a project may be invasive, false, and misleading. The end result can be that there is a finished creative work; but, without willing participants with valuable knowledge and information, the decease's legacy can be tarnished or fantasized. So, again, without truly knowing most or all about the person's life, their legacy can be equated to getting an opinion—*and an opinion is like a nose, almost everyone has one.*

I shared a bit about legacy to make this point: *A person can take great pride in doing good works that will reflect their desired legacy—and can even declare to the world how he or she would like to be remembered—but after transitioning, it is left up to others to declare.* That is why it is important, especially as a Believer, to focus on what pleases God, for only what we do for God will last, and is what truly matters.

It is best to focus upon one's own walk in Christ Jesus to ensure that he or she leaves a legacy that honors The Most High God. While one's personal, professional, and societal impact can certainly serve to support what one's legacy can or will be, it is God in heaven who has the ultimate power to determine what one's impact upon this world will be, and whether a person has lived a purposeful life.

I Am A King's Kid

Romans 8:14-15 ~ ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, *Abba, Father.*

My primary response to the first question: *Do you know who you really are?* would have to be in alignment to the purpose of my article, and that is to profess Jesus as Lord and God as the center of my life. So, my initial declaration would be that *I am a King's Kid.* As it pertains to other circles, wisdom would, of course, dictate when such a verbal response is appropriate or advantageous. I, no doubt, would make other declarations based upon personal and professional skills and attributes according to the appropriateness of the situation.

I declare that *I am a King's Kid* because of my relationship with The Most High God, and how He calls me His own. This would clearly be my initial thought and response because my experiences have proven to me that my Lord and God are real; that I not only know who I really am in the sight of God, but just important, who God is to me based upon The Holy Scriptures. It is written that I am co-heirs with Christ Jesus, His beloved Son, and that I am destined to be with Them one day (Romans 8). Certainly, if I transition before Jesus returns, my desire would be that when I meet God face-to-face, He will say, *Well done. How about you...do you know who you really are?*

If We Are Called

Galatians 6:4 ~ ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Our legacy should be that we were called; that we were God-fearing. Not being perfect in and of ourselves, but that we were made perfect in Christ Jesus because we lived a life that followed what was just, right, holy, and acceptable according to The Holy Scriptures. As Jesus said during one of His parables, ***For many are called, but few are chosen*** (Matthew 22:14). Forbid that any of us would be known for willfully sinning because we were under the umbrella of God's grace (Romans 6:15), or that we were known to have claimed ignorance to His Will (as was the case of one of the wedding guest (Matthew 22:9-12).

To share, I recently rekindled my admiration for a gospel song that came out several years ago; the artist I did not know or remember. So, while attempting to find its title, I also learned about the artist/group. What I learned was disheartening. What I will share is that while this gospel song is so inspiring, at the time of learning about the artist's back story, I began to find it difficult to separate the message from the messenger. *This artist's legacy might be prolific in the music/gospel industry, but...as I shared...it is God who really knows what one's legacy will be.*

What are you doing that could or would define your legacy? Again, if you do much good in the world, but fall short in a personal matter, will that personal matter overshadow the good you have done? Will the temptations experienced in your life define your legacy? That is why reading The Holy Scriptures for ourselves on a continuous basis is so important, because it is life's application; it is the guide to a Child of God's life that promotes spiritual wellness, stability, and strength.

Note: I hope the following two segments, *The First Family Of Sin and Brothers Esau and Jacob*, will encourage you to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior should you feel your life is not what you desire it to be. If you are a backslider, with a sincere heart of repentance, God can turn your life around according to His divine plan and purpose.

First: The First Family Of Sin

Genesis 3:9-13 ~ ⁹ Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ***Where are you?*** ¹⁰ So he said, *I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.* ¹¹ And He said, ***Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?*** ¹² Then the man said, *The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.* ¹³ And the Lord God said to the woman, ***What is this you have done?*** The woman said, *The serpent deceived me, and I ate.*

Temptation—we all are faced with temptation from time after time. What is important is what we do when we are faced with temptation. Whether combating spiritual wickedness in high places, or combating temptation while in areas of comfort, or when around those we trust, temptations and spiritual attacks against us as God's chosen have to be fought the same way—and that is by adhering to His Word with the power of His Holy Spirit.

First: When Eve was confronted by the Serpent, she knew enough to tell the Serpent that she was forbidden by God to eat fruit from the tree that was in the center of the garden, but she still did so anyway. As we are aware, and as it is written, Adam, in turn, also disobeyed God because he

listened to his wife, Eve, and had accepted and eaten the forbidden fruit. Therefore, their legacy is mostly remembered as the first humans who sinned against God; that through their disobedience, they brought sin into the world. Adam and Eve, to put it simply—have the legacy of being *The First Family of Sin*.

Needless to share, disobedience to God can lead to defining one's legacy in a most unfavorable light. *Adam and Eve's disobedience to God, and then the act of their first child, Cain against his brother, Abel—would on its face seem unredeemable. However, because God Is God, He knows all. God had a plan to turn matters around for all mankind; in particular, for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose and glory* (Ephesians 1:11).

Second: Brothers Esau And Jacob

Genesis 25:29-34 ~ ²⁹ Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. ³⁰ And Esau said to Jacob, *Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary.* Therefore his name was called Edom. ³¹ But Jacob said, *Sell me your birthright as of this day.* ³² And Esau said, *Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?* ³³ Then Jacob said, *Swear to me as of this day.* So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Second: Jacob took advantage of Esau's vulnerability because Esau lacked respect for his birthright. If you have read for yourself The Holy Scriptures about these two brothers, you may come to the same perspective as I; that Esau's downfall was predictable; that his brother, Jacob, and his mother, Rebekah, knew he was weak in his flesh. As it is written and indicated above (Genesis 25:29-34), Esau traded his birthright over a bowl of stew—*because he was exhausted and hungry*.

Question: *Has life's challenges ever pushed you to the point that you have committed acts that equate to despising your legacy?* Esau could have prepared his own meal, but when he saw what he considered good to the eyes, his flesh overrode his spiritual senses; or rather, what was right in the sight of God. *Does this seem familiar? Sure it does!* This is similar to what happened to Eve and then Adam when the Serpent *beguiled* Eve to eat from the Tree of Good and Evil (Genesis 3). I placed emphasis upon the word *beguiled* because one is not being tricked or deceived if one decides to disrespect authority or fails to listen to instructions.

Esau knew that his birthright entailed a blessing from God through his father, Isaac, who was on his deathbed. Regardless as to the influence of Rebekah (she did favor Jacob more than she did Esau), Jacob did not have to succumb to trickery in order to be blessed by God; especially, to the point of tricking his dying father into getting his older brother's birthright. Also, if Esau had honored God, it would not have been so easy for him to succumb to trading his birthright for food. As in the case of the two brothers, Esau and Jacob, our legacy can definitely be affected not only by the choices we personally make, our legacy can be affected by the influences of others.

If you value someone or something, you will do what is admirable and respectful. Knowing that we are but flesh, we have God and Lord that we can go to with a sincere heart of repentance. What was unfortunate is that Esau did not value God's blessings upon his family when his father was on his deathbed, for all blessings come from God. This tarnished his legacy, but God still had a plan for Esau—and just like Esau, as long as we have blood running warm in our veins, God can touch our circumstance and turn it around according to His riches and mercy.

Legacy Spiraling Downward

What was initiated in the moment of weakness, or what can be looked upon as a disrespect for family values and one's lineage, had turned into a tempestuous path for Esau. After realizing the impact of what transpired (Jacob received his blessing), Esau became bitter and rebellious against his family. He declared upon the death of his father that he would kill his brother. Also, against the

desires of Rebekah and Isaac, Esau married outside of the lineage God desired. Esau allowed one temptation (the bowl of stew) to further tear apart his legacy, not only in the eyes of his parents, but also in the sight of God.

One aspect of Esau's legacy was that he allowed an act of temptation to snowball into greater offenses that, if it had not been for God on his side, he may have been spiritually lost; but God had a plan for Esau. When Esau pleaded with his father, Isaac, for a blessing, his father granted him a blessing, but there was an interesting aspect to it:

Genesis 27:39-41 ~ ³⁹ And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; ⁴⁰ And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. ⁴¹ And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

Did you get what I am referring to? It is written that Esau's father said '...and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his [Jacob's] yoke from off thy neck.' Isaac foreknew that Esau would become burdened by Jacob's act of deception—or rather, and perhaps a more accurate perspective, Isaac was led by The Holy Spirit into declaring a blessing over Esau that Esau would not always be burdened by what Jacob had done to him. Isaac pronounced upon Esau that he would one day *have dominion*; that he will break the burden of Jacob's yoke from off his neck.

Esau and Jacob Reunited

Genesis 33:4 ~ ⁴ But Esau ran to meet him [Jacob], and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

Approximately 20 years later after the rift was created between Esau and Jacob (which also led to Rebekah sending Jacob away from Esau for his safety), their paths were reunited (Genesis 31:38; Genesis 32:3). The manner in which Jacob sought to seek forgiveness from Esau, as well as what he did to protect his family and possessions from Esau, spoke volumes. He feared his older brother immensely. However, unbeknownst to Jacob, at the time of their meeting, the stony heart that Esau once had for Jacob had transformed to a heart of clay.

The Scriptures did not detail what happened to Esau after he and Jacob separated; nor did The Scriptures indicate how Esau was able to acquire his wealth or possessions (Genesis 33:9-11) (and actually not important for this issue). What was written is that Esau loved and missed his brother. In spite of what Jacob thought, Esau no longer possessed the spirit of revenge as in times' past. This was evident by Esau weeping with gratitude over seeing his brother again. Esau forgave his brother, but most likely had repented before God, too. Esau's mindset and change of heart could only have come to pass by the blessings of an Almighty God—and unbeknownst to Jacob at the time when they were both reunited, his yoke upon his older brother was broken—just as Isaac's blessing had pronounced 20 years earlier.

When You Least Expect It—Be Purposeful

Not that long ago, I was walking down a block of a shopping center when I noticed a man speaking loudly behind me as he briskly walked in the same direction. As he caught up to where I was, it was so obvious that he was extremely upset. He was speaking to himself; maybe, to me, as we eventually became parallel to one another. From what I gathered is as follows: A customer service representative refused to take the time to write down a phone number on his behalf. He stated that he was directed to come into the facility, but was then turned away; having been informed to seek his desired services online. He said how he informed the agency that he did not want to come in; that he was not feeling well, but was told he had to come to their office. From what I

gathered, whatever services he needed, they told him to go online. He spoke rapidly of the insensitivity of the situation—angry that he was forced optioned into going to their office, just to be declined services.

I believe he mentioned he did not have something to write with—he repeated that all he wanted was to have the representative write down a phone number. I believe that is what caused him to become so upset. He repeated over and over again how insensitive this person was to him. As he spoke, I so wanted to respond, but his demeanor was concerning. He was so angry and hurt. Of course, I really do not know the entire situation; and that was not my place to know. All I could sense was that this man was going through a major challenge.

A Purposeful Legacy Premised Upon Compassion

For some reason, I felt compelled to say something, but did not, and that made me feel like a contradiction. *What was going on with me?* I was literally struggling from within as to whether I should say something to him as he eventually caught up to me, then becoming parallel, and then eventually outpacing me. I am more apt to share words of encouragement than not to; however, not always is someone wanting a response, or someone to address them when they are angry, which is what initially came to mind. Also, in this climate where so many people are lashing out, discernment is extremely important.

As he was just about to step into the crosswalk, I shouted, *I hope you feel better! He heard me.* He swung around and replied, *Thank you...!* And then he shouted back as he started crossing the street, *You made my day.* He then continued to share, in so many words, that is what we need...*we need to show each other more compassion.* I thought, *Wow.* Those were my very same thoughts just a few days earlier. *We need more compassion.* I cannot remember exactly why I felt that way when that same sentiment came to mind, but I could identify with what that man said. *We need more compassion.* To have been given such a response...to be given such a reaction—to God be the glory.

I was so very close to staying home that day, but was compelled to go out. I was prompted to purchase whatever it was that got me out the door. Needless to share, what I was led to purchase was not nearly as important as being at that place at that time—*where that man was*—to share words of kindness. For me, being purposeful does not mean making a scene or grandstanding; nor does it mean having to have words to share for every situation. What happened to me that day brought me a sense of relief in knowing that I did what I was led to do; that I could give someone a bit of encouragement—and it did not require the church doors to open, or searching for someone to minister to—and *it was someone outside of my circle of family, friends, and influences.*

Compassion One To Another

The Spirit of Christ compels us to demonstrate compassion one to another. If we do not demonstrate compassion and empathy, we are not giving an account of who we should really be in Christ Jesus. My encounter with that man is an example that it does not take a sermon to reach someone—to *make someone feel that they are not alone, forgotten, or uncared for. What we need is a little more compassion which can take us all a long way.* I was able to be purposeful, even if for only a moment in time that day for a person I did not know. I was able to remain true to myself because I know who I really am—I am a King's Kid—I am a Child of The Most High God. *My purpose is to be a minister for Christ Jesus, and while doing so, to be a glimmer of relief—a glimmer of Light—to others who feel or who believe they are in the shadows.*

Our Redeemer Who Lives

Matthew 7:1-6 ~ ¹ *Judge not, that you be not judged.* ² *For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.* ³ *And why do you look at the speck in*

your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, Let me remove the speck from your eye; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. ⁶ Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

Needless to share, we were not born saved. We are sinners saved by grace. We were born in sin, but by God's grace, mercy, and abundance of favor, we were brought from darkness into His marvelous Light. God not only knew us before we were even formed within the womb, He loved us before we knew to love Him or ourselves for that matter. *How did God demonstrate His love for us?* God demonstrated His love for us by sending His only begotten Son to redeem us from eternal death (John 3:16). Furthermore, Jesus continues to show *His* love for us after He was crucified and had risen from the dead by sending The Comforter, His Holy Spirit to abide within us, His chosen. *That was part of Jesus' purpose for our sake—to be our Redeemer who lives.*

Who Do You Say I Am?

Matthew 16:13-16 ¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, ***Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?*** ¹⁴ So they said, *Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.* ¹⁵ He said to them, ***But who do you say that I am?*** ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, ***You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.***

By Jesus' stripes, we are healed. We are delivered. We are saved, and we are set free from the bondage of sin and eternal death. The power of The Holy Spirit is able to rest upon us to do the Will of God our Father. So, when we go forth, we should not be confused or confounded when we share to others who Jesus is, and just as important, who we are to Him. *We should not be ashamed of, or doubt, who we really are.*

When Jesus walked the earth, He was called a prophet (Luke 7:16). He was called the son of a carpenter and the son of Mary. Jesus was a brother to several siblings (Mark 6:3), and had at least one cousin (John The Baptist) (Luke 1). But when Jesus asked His intimate disciples, *Who do you say I Am?*, Simon Peter answered Jesus correctly.

Matthew 16:17-19 ~ ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, ***Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.*** ¹⁸ ***And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*** ¹⁹ ***And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.***

Isn't it marvelous when someone identifies you for who you really are? And yet, the painful truth is even after Simon Peter's response, which was inspired by God, Jesus had to rebuke Simon Peter soon thereafter:

Mark 8:30-33 ~ ³⁰ Then He [Jesus] strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. ³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him [Jesus] aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, ***Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.***

We, too, have to be mindful that we are but flesh, and that in a blink of an eye, we, as Children of God, can do something that could be considered contrary to the cause of Christ, which, in turn, can damage our testimony...*our legacy*. That is why it is so important to consistently focus upon what God would want us to do as we are guided by The Holy Spirit; as we adhere to God's Word. It is so important to keep God first place in our lives, lest we become distracted from demonstrating who we know we really are—*God's chosen*.

Know Who Jesus Really Is

Luke 23:13-15 ~ ¹³ Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, ¹⁴ said to them, *You have brought this Man [Jesus] to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having*

examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; ¹⁵ no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him.

Jesus was called derogatory names by those who despised Him, and was rejected not only because of His teachings, but because the hearts and minds of those who were not receptive to the Spirit of God. Jesus was resented for His influence upon others; in particular, by some of the Pharisees; mostly the Sadducees (Acts 23:1-9) who craved power and prestige; and by others who were doubters of God's Truth. Jesus angered commoners who refused to acknowledge Him as The Son of The Living God, but simply as a man (Mark 6:3). Multitudes thought that He had sinned against His own Father because He spoke with spiritual boldness and authority because *Jesus, while here on earth, knew who He was, He was God's Son in the likeness of flesh* (Romans 8:3). Furthermore, to add to Jesus' pain and suffering that was to come, after He spoke about drinking His blood and eating His flesh, many who professed to know Him walked away; with the exception to the disciples who were chosen to fulfill prophecy and to spread His Word.

So, if we had witnessed for ourselves the ministry of Jesus before He was crucified, *would we have believed in Him? If we had witnessed Jesus being arrested, beaten, spat on, spewed with foul language, and other malfeasance pronounced upon Him, and then after all of that, witnessed His crucifixion, do you believe we would have still claimed that we really knew Him and respected what He declared would be His legacy? Would we have believed that He Is The Son of God, our Redeemer? The One destined to take away the sins of the world? Would we have recognized His purpose?* I pose these questions because there are multitudes among us who are going through intense persecution, but are looked upon as outcasts in spite of accepting Christ Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior and living the life.

Jesus told His disciples that if they persecuted Him, they will persecute them also (and His remnant). Many are being persecuted during these modern times; and as was the case with Jesus, many of us experienced not only *friends* turning away, but as was the case with Jesus our Lord (Luke 22:47-48), have experienced *friends* taking part in acts of betrayal. Yet, God Is still on the throne, and He has a plan for those who love Him; who are the called according to His purpose. Our legacy should be that in spite of what we go through, we have an expected end; and that all is well because God knows our legacy, and because we believe in Him, we have God's blessed assurances that our legacy in Him is safe and secured.

Revelation 20:12 ~ ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

Tell Them 'I Am Redeemed'

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time, and have been led to help him or her, but have not extended yourself as yet? Be led by The Holy Spirit. On the other hand, if you are someone who needs assistance, or would just like someone to talk to, know this: Try God. Speak to God from your heart; He will comfort you. I want to share with you that God loves you and He cares for you—that you are not alone. I pray that you get the support and strength you need to continue to live a purposeful life—the life God desires for you—so that one day you can share your testimony as to how you were able to overcome—and just as important—how they can overcome, too.

In spite of what anyone believes, if you believe in God Almighty and in His Holy Word; if you have professed that Jesus Is The Christ, The Son of The Living God; if you have been directed and governed by The Holy Spirit to share the gospel, then regardless as to what others may think, say, or do, your reputation, testimony, your legacy is signed, sealed, and on its way to being approved by

the Living God. So, if anybody asks you, *Do you know who you really are? What is your legacy?*, simply tell them, *I am a King's Kid! I am redeemed! 'Nuf said!*'

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The Book of John, Chapter 15 (NKJV)

- ¹ *I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*
- ⁵ *I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. ⁹ As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.*
- ¹⁰ *If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.*
- ¹⁵ *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another. ¹⁸ If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*
- ²⁰ *Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.*
- ²⁵ *But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' ²⁶ But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.*

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I would like to express my deepest and sincerest condolences to those who are experiencing grief and hardship during this COVID-19 pandemic. As I pray for my family, friends, and those I encounter, I pray for you, too.

May God's grace and mercies keep you; and that the joy of the Lord and the love of God which surpasses all understanding strengthen and encourage you always.

May God continue to bless and uplift all those who seek His Face, and may the Spirit of the Living God bless the works of those across the nations who serve to make this world a better place.

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Stay Encouraged

We cannot truly fathom how great our Lord and God is, but what we can identify with is our Lord and our God's mercies towards us. Knowing that there are recorded accounts of how Jesus the Christ walked this earth—and how He lived and died for us—should cause us to want to serve Him with an abundance of gratitude and humility. We know that we could never repay Him for what He has done, and continues to do for us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, but the way we can honor Him is to trust, love, and obey Him.

Therefore, be willing to spread the gospel so that the Holy Word may be received by all who will believe—and for those who truly believe, may we rejoice together, and be continually encouraged in knowing that we have a glorious expected end in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:14-16 ¹⁴Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

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*There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption.
So, if you have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus while you still have time.
Have a transformed mind, look to Jesus.*

Be blessed and be a blessing. ❤️

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PSA (Public Service Announcement)

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

We hear the term these days upon the news regarding getting back to normal. Well, we will not be getting back to normal, however, we may create a new sense of normalcy in our daily routine. We have to come to terms with the fact over the last 18 months and even further the world has transitioned through a lot of events that have been traumatic. To say getting back to normal is to gloss over the life's loss, the destruction that has occurred. We have been within a boiling pot of purification and the dudge has boiled to the top so to speak as a way for us to identify, correct and align ourselves with the principles of God which have been present since time began. When mankind gets too far away from those principles cause and effect create an atmosphere that turns the hearts and minds back towards God. Whether you desire to admit it or not history will provide the evidence. We are in a period of self-assessment, re-alignment, a reconfiguration towards an individual transformation. God created us all with and for a purpose which we are intended to fulfill. So not back to normal but new beginnings with opportunities.

It is very important that we grasp and understand God's grace and overwhelming mercies has been granted to those of us who still remain not to go back to this so-called returned to normal. We who remain in all that has transpired was to gain our proper place within the will of God. So, "In all our ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct our paths." Proverbs 3:6 KJV "Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom, All with all thy getting get understanding.". Proverbs 4:7 KJV



Walking in Purpose

Evang. Stacie L. Daniels

Do you ever stop and question what is the purpose of the moon or what is the purpose of the sun? If I had to guess your answer to the following questions, I am sure it would be no. Everything that God created serve purpose including the little ants that crawl on the ground. It is remarkable to observe that all the host of creation except man seem to be fully vested in their divine purpose on the earth, including the angelic hosts who stand ready to fulfill every command. Thus, it is fitting to look introspectively and ask: Who am I and what is it that I will be remembered for? However, it is more important to examine these life questions through a spiritual lens and not a carnal lens?

What a critical time it is to have insight into our purpose. The Bible states in 1 Cor 6:20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." In whatever we do in life, it should stem from this global purpose for which we were created and bought as we do not belong to ourselves. Jesus Christ purchased us back to God when He died for our sins and rose from the dead. Further, it goes without saying that THEE ONE who created the creation holds true ownership. Therefore, it is imperative to ask God to align us with 1 Cor 6:20 spiritually, professionally, and physically. We brought nothing into this world, and we will not take anything out when we depart. However, we will be remembered for the life we have lived and the things we have done. What an awesome privilege it is to speak words to someone that will have a lasting impact on them or facilitate positive transformation. Jesus never failed to recognize the Father when He walked the planet earth doing ministry. He also knew His purpose and He was all about fulfilling that purpose. Jesus declared in John 9:4 "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Our lives are not all about what we want but it should be rooted in the purpose for which we were created. One might ask how can I glorify God in my profession (ex: doctor, lawyer, teacher, nurse)? It is essential to seek Him before we choose our profession because we first want to be in the will of God. If the profession is aligned with the will of God, then we can ask God to give us the wisdom and strategy to make a difference to His glory. He will do just that! God's position is not secondary but primary in our lives. Joseph was an important government official in Egypt and God used him to preserve the Israelites during the time of famine (Genesis 47). Daniel was made ruler over the entire province of Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar and found favor under King Darius (Daniel 2, 6). Daniel never failed to uphold the principles and statutes of God and pray to God the Father and God rewarded him openly! God not only rewarded him but gifted him and used him as a prophet to foretell many things to come beyond his time.

Our bodies must align with the purpose of glorification to God because the scripture teaches that the body is for the Lord and the Lord for the body (1 Cor 6:13). The body is not for fornication, adultery, sodomy, or any sexual perversion. The body is not to be abused or mishandled. We are to respect and honor the temple which God has given us. There are consequences for destroying the temple (1 Cor 3:16-17).

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A LEGACY OF PURPOSE

BY Elder Diane Harvell

Legacy-In short, Legacy means something handed down from an ancestor or predecessor.

Within my ministry “N.O.W.A.T.W. our statement of purpose begins by stating we are established to restore a broken life to the extent that one’s purpose in life will be authentic and clear.

God says He already has a plan for your life. He says so in His word. **Jeremiah 29:11-“For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”**

Therefore, we too must know the plan for our lives, what we shall leave to others that will significantly impact their lives and our existence. I utterly understand that it is vitally important that we work while we are here on this earth because there is no other place or planet where we will be able to tangibly bestow our gifts, our talents of who we are and who we are meant to be. This earth is where it will really matter. This earth is the only place where we can impact someone else’s life negatively or positively, whether we are in the body of Christ or not. **Romans 2:10-“But glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: v.11-For there is no respect of persons with God.**

It is imperative that we know who we are and most importantly we must be honest and know what our motives are for doing the things that we do. What motivates our actions in anything? Have you ever asked yourself, what is my motive or reason that I do what I do and what I have planned to do? What are you passionate about? What excites or interests you to the point of purpose? Without interest and passion, we’re just spinning our wheels, or going along with whatever the crowd is doing. But whatever is within, will most definitely come out. **Matthew 15:18-But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.”**

So, whatever it is that you hold within your heart and declare with your mouth, whether it is positive or negative, will determine what you produce and will determine the fate of your life.

Part of my legacy is to draw others to God, to draw people together and to help them to heal. And this is my passion. Spreading the love of God and seeing others experience His love and become who He purposed them to be despite the odds in life that have come to defeat them!

What I will leave this earth, my children, and to those that have been assigned to me, is the love of God whether saint or sinner, I am humbled to have been chosen as an example and to spread and teach the Word of God to His precious saints.

Regardless of the disagreements or disappointments that may come, God has an expected end for our life. And this is the motivation that should keep us working with the gifts and abilities that He has given us. Many times, we take for granted a gift or talent that may come easy to us. That gift is to bless someone with and to glorify God with which will bring you before great men. **Proverbs 18:16-“A man’s gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.”** To stand before great men is to be well known because of who you are and to what you have done upon the earth. Although this statement could be taken positively or negatively, God has declared it as a blessing. As we work the gift that we have been given, doors will open that only God can open. To stand before kings and great men is because you have done something memorable. You are blessed because of what you have done and so is the beneficiary. This is Purpose. This is the expected end that God has for us, to bring Him glory and simultaneously bless our lives as well.

The greatest universal question of all time is, “who am I and what am I supposed to do in life?” I believe the answer to this quest is what you are passionate about. If we all knew the answer to this quest early in life, this knowledge would help alleviate wasted time and expansive immorality. Not only does God supply the gift, but He also supplies a peace and tranquility that one cannot deny, and thus give Him glory!

Today there are a sea of prophets, a ton of apostles and so on and so forth. Are there no more gifts and talents in the body of Christ upon the earth? Of course, there are! So, let us work with what we have been given while it is day for afterwards no man can work when he is gone.

What will be your legacy? What will you leave upon this earth?

Will it bless the beneficiaries and simultaneously glorify God?

II Peter 1:10-11-“Wherefore the rather brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.”

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Welcome To The Neighborhood

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Well, welcome to the land, or better yet let's call it the neighborhood called a reality check. We all live and travel through fantasy island every now and then when we think of this self-absorbed script where everything goes our way no matter what or how insane it may seem. The only problem with this delusional script is we forgot to inform the other cast members of how they are supposed to play their roles.

On the delusional set when reality pitches a few curve balls and we swing and miss we lose our ever-loving mind. Throw the bat have a tantrum and go hide in the dugout. News flash well we are not Babe Ruth or Hank Aaron we don't possess the skills to practically hit a homerun every time. We may be fortunate enough to hit a single or a double.

As the cache goes "The old folks use to say get off your high horse" meaning come down to level ground have some sort of humility. Unfortunately, there is a element of entitlement that rears its ugly head every now and then trying to push back on the principles of God. Which than activates the response of cause and effect placed within our atmosphere to keep things as God intended. It's sort of like that mischievous or bully kid always trying to get something stirred up causing trouble. And when the adult shows up with accountability measures the instigator has run off and hidden themselves as if they were so innocent. But the funny thing about that in today society is the videos don't lie and share facts. When you still dispute what is clearly shown it speaks to your character and integrity. Unless you fix your issue, it will resurface again on that most important individual accountability day. Where we all stand alone, let that marinate for a minute, you stand alone.

This is the ultimate payday that has been spoken about for generations so it will no longer be here say but an actual reality. It is up to us individually to acknowledge our shortcomings and take the necessary steps to empower the appropriate change within ourselves. If we fail it's on ourself. One of the beautiful things that God provides is Grace and mercy which God applied to our outcomes when we repent and humble ourselves before Him. That's not a hard thing to do since he is omnipresent so that eliminates our excuses.

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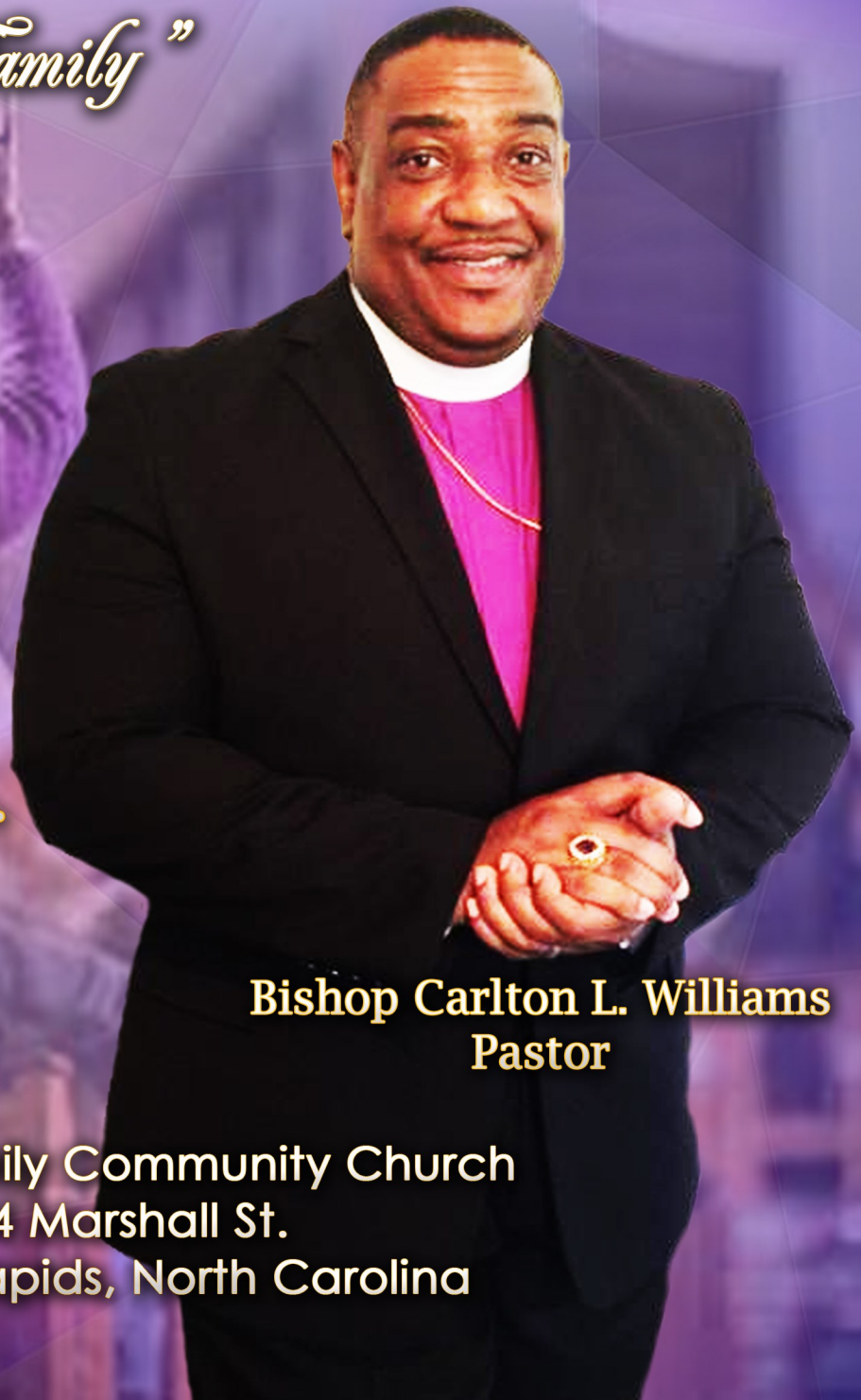


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Sometimes Things Need to Be Stated

Dr. C. A> Dangerfield II

Sometimes in life, some things need to be stated to help lift us up from going into a place of despair. Overloaded with all the issues of life seeking desperately for one bright light of hope. Well, it's always been here but unrecognized because many have failed to uncover the place where it resides. Upon our creation, God masterfully and purposefully place gifts and talents within each one of us. It is due to a lack of awareness foster by a minimal relationship that lacks strong communications that would create greater outcomes and more abundant life.

Our true abilities are within us but due to the nature of the environment in which we reside, we are inundated with so much that our focus is pulled from one extreme to another. Where it becomes an overwhelming battle of wills, distractions, and sometimes just frankly exhaustion. Now we have the onset of frustration, resentment, and just total chaos. We have to plug into the true source that has all of the unfounded answers to properly build whatever this life is truly supposed to be. Rather than still being the reciprocates of passed down consequences from 3 and 4 generations back. Reestablish the same course of action for 3 or 4 generations in the future rather than getting to the root of the issue and correcting them properly. So those true blessings can come forth.

Why must future generations continue in the same insanity? Why sacrifice any more generations due to our lack of willingness to be obedient to the principles of God? These are the hard questions and our obedience is the only way to initiate different and having more promising outcomes getting us to the promises of God. A Bishop I once served under taught that rather than move forward into disobedience mark time a military term means march in place not moving ahead or back. But remain in the same spot until obedience finds its way into your nature so you can be found operating within the will of God. Then you can proceed forward. Because you are now in the right frame of mind and you have eliminated regrets on your path forward.

Recognizing also that the mark time was an opportunity for us to commune with God recognize the right voice and make the right decision. In the mark time, it does require you so much to voice your opinion. However, it allows you to focus on the still soft voice that is speaking to your spirit. Affording you the opportunity to do the right thing by setting aside all pride, malice, disdain, anger, and strife. These attributes delay or completely help you in becoming the purposeful person you were created to be.

We have to become more aware that the fallen are very strategic in trying to get you in the same predicament of no return opportunity because we have fallen outside of grace. Just like a strategic game of chess or even checkers getting

successfully to the other side comes with rewards. We have to recognize the challenges and be prepared to overcome them. That requires our ability to read the board so to speak observing possible obstacles and unforeseen traps to most.

Your gifts can sometimes be seen by others before they are seen by you. We are purposefully and marvelously made for the father's use. Knowing who and whose we are in the Kingdom of God gives us so many advantages in this Spiritual battle. Helping in bringing others to the forefront when they too have the understanding of just what we are standing for. Having obtained that immeasurable favor of God makes us a different kind of warrior that won't stand down.

We understand things deeper than most and we learn to become overcomes applying the weapons of our warfare which are not carnal in an application whose battles are fought in the spiritual realm which fixes those generational issues that may be in the natural have a sudden turnaround. Proving scriptures over and over again. Ultimately providing us the greatest understanding of bridges of trouble waters and impacts that leave mortal men, men without Godly relationships. Lacking the understanding of " I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me." and "No weapons formed against me shall prosper it won't work" We are working through His majesty, Kingdom Authority, once crucified now Glorified, King of All Kings. Purposeful stand on it enlightens the world of His great power. Learn to do more in Christ because there is room for the worker, not the spectator unless you're working and observing

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We Have to Do a Better Job of Communicating

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We have to do a much better job of communicating with our youth regarding the truth about the difference between infatuation and a truly committed love relationship. Not understanding the difference between the two can do tremendous damage for generations. A candid conversation with transparency is the first step in attempting to head off the pathway which can create major hardships throughout life-limiting the potential that could evolve thru a person.

Emotional baggage can be overwhelming causing a person to second guess their abilities and formulate a lack of confidence, trust and even drive. When you are dealing with the residue of a messy or heartbreaking relationship it lingers until deliverance takes place and unshackles from the burdens. Our society has done a poor job of building relationships because everything is built on promoting lust. Which builds our beliefs and trust on false hopes because it focuses around the physicality of a person rather than the spirit which is their true essence.

We teach our child to focus on the material aspect of life which 9 times out of 10 renders instability within a relationship because objects are more important than people. Objects don't reciprocate with warmth, encouragement, and much need hug at the end of a rough day. There is not a spiritual nor a much-needed emotional connection. Our society has not really focused on the true aspects and attributes of creating and defining a sound relationship. Don't get me wrong I'm not saying there aren't any because their many who have taken the necessary steps to make the two halves of their relationship into one whole one. They communicate, they find and recognize strengths in each other bridge and build to reap the benefits that they receive from each other to fortify their foundation more because they value their partner. Remember we are all uniquely created by God. So that makes us purposeful.

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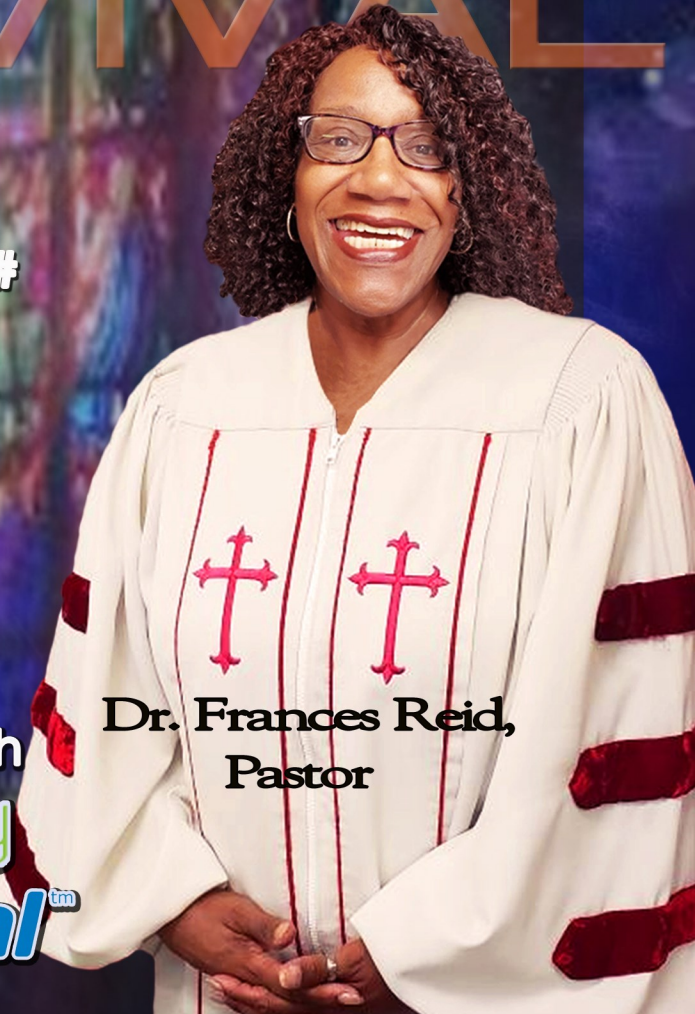
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Hidden History when uncovered reveals so many truths and exposes the real weakness of the oppressors. It shows why they hide behind privilege and are fearful of exposure. It demonstrates real motive strengthens and unites stronger the oppress because all of the lies are revealed. The new reality for oppressors in any given situation is the inability to adapt to equality and fairness. God will always bring balance when we operate outside of His principles and understanding His correct will. The inability to comply with the oppressor will lead to their demise and destruction. History has also proven this fact time and time again. The more one seeks to oppress eventually God will bring their agenda to an abrupt close to foster peace. All power belongs to God, our ways are not His ways, but we should acknowledge Him in all ways and He will direct your path when you yield your will the outcomes are better.

We have been in a pivotal period of transition without a clear connection with the father it is hard to see His mighty hands at work in the midst of turmoil and what man deems as uncertainty. But the scriptures provide an illustration of these periodic times in history where man has failed to honor and be obedient to the will of God. Showing the consequences that came first and then the grace and mercy which God applied. Giving another opportunity to comply with the principles and will of God. Rather than being totally destroyed.

The arrogance of man creates reoccurring posturing of the future generations who feel that others excelling for the mark of oppression had missed a step and since they recognize the missed opportunity by others they try to follow thru and be a successful one. But again this contrary spirit will meet with the same or worst demise as their predecessors by continuing to walk in darkness rather than light.

Each generation that has fostered the will of God has advanced so much further than the previous generation and we must stay focused to recognize and understand the hand God prevailing as spoken thru His word and His prophets throughout the scriptures. Stand on His Word has a better track record than any other document. Man's finite mind hasn't got a clue. Unless we take out the time to study and allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us towards the truth. We will continue to face consequences time after time following the blind oppressors. Who have fallen into the state of the reprobate mind and cannot recognize that which they have become.

Why is it so hard for you to live equally with others? Is it that you recognize your own inadequacy and realize you're not willing to demonstrate any level of fairness and integrity? Do you continue to turn your back and walk by every door of opportunity that God gives you for change to make a difference as though it's not there? Do you still hold conversations belittling others in order to feel superior within yourself?

These questions apply to every person who has breath in his or her body. For this simple reason, we have an opportunity to make a correction within ourselves and reprogram the errors of our ways. Stop making excuses for any form of oppression towards another. Frankly, that behavior is a true sign of weakness. Eventually, the outcome and agendas you inflict on others will find their way home to you.

Because of this environment, we tend to be mentally programmed against the very principles Jesus came to teach as well as demonstrate. We may start off correct but within elevation, we become misaligned with what Christ taught and demonstrated. Because we allow ourselves to become self-absorbed and overbearing towards others.

Constant prayer and studying bring clarity and strength providing us the ability in God to know and understand what is Kingdom obedience.

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