

Time to Wake Up To God's Reality For Our Life! Have you checked into who God said you were created to be? Have you turned the light on to that truth? Have you connected to Him so that you can clearly hear His voice for the instructions that He is giving you? These are the questions that must be answered to live out your truth.



#### Table of Contents

	Page
Wake Up Obtaining a greater understanding o	5 of God
Eunice A. Christian	
Eating ourselves to death in Jesus N Sgt. Nate Griffin	lame 14
It's Time To Make A Definitive Decision Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II	ion 17
The Real Truth  Elder Diane Harvell	23
Let Us Remain Aware Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II	26

If you are having an upcoming event and would like to advertise your event, email your details to inform@thetransformu.com and a representative will contact you.

#### **Transform You Magazine**

Publisher/Chief Editor

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

contact us on www.thetransformu.com

Feature Editors / Writers
Department Editors / Writers

Diane Harvell, Editor - Philadelphia, PA

<u>Dharvell215@gmail.com</u>

Eunice A. Christian, Editor - Brooklyn, NY <u>eunicec434@msn.com</u>

Stacie Daniels - Columbus, OH stacieldaniels@gmail.com

Ella Alexander - New York, NY ella.vlfm@gmail.com

Judith Allwood - Jacksonville, FL judith allwood@hotmail.com

Min. Donna Jones – Atlanta, GA 478-954-2454

Neva Brooks – St. Louis, MO ministerneva@gmail.com

Horace Brooks - Anderson, IN hvbook@aol.com

Nate Griffin-Philadelphia PA <a href="mailto:sgtnatefitness@gmail.com">sgtnatefitness@gmail.com</a>

Elder Linda Guest -FL

Rachael Voss- NY releaserealignwellness@gmail.com

PJ Robertson-VA pjrobertson23@yahoo.com

#### **Advisory Board**

Dr. Melvin L. Howard, Sr. Dr. Gerald L. Morgan Rose Marie Fisher-Dangerfield

If you are interested in submitting an article to the magazine, please submit your article and contact information to an editor for consideration.

Thank you for your interest!



## December 3 & 4, 2021

God Given COGIC 1027 9th St NE, Canton, OH 44704 Superintendent Ace Gillems, Host Pastor

## Spiritual Empowerment Rally

Bishop David L. Herron Sr., Jurisdictional Prelate Mother Mattie Mayes, Jurisdictional Supervisor Emeritus

**Evangelist Stacie Daniels, YPWW President** 

## "A Firm Foundation

Matthew 7:24-27

December 3, 2021

6pm Workshop: 'The Inside Job'

The Vine Ministries

7pm Evening Service

Mask wearing is Required

Guest Speaker: Evangelist Sheri Allen

(Author, Preacher, Motivational Speaker, Christian Counselor)

Passaic County, New Jersey

December 4, 2021 Talent Showcase 1pm @ God Given COGIC

#### Wake Up Obtaining a greater understanding of God

by Eunice A. Christian November 20, 2021

- Matthew 20:28  $\sim$  <sup>28</sup> ...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.
- 1 John 5:18-21 ~ <sup>18</sup> We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. <sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. <sup>20</sup> We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup> Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.
- Revelation 1:4-8 ~ 4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. <sup>8</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:18 ~ <sup>18</sup> I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

\* \* \*

My article is **Wake Up: Obtaining a greater understanding of God.** My focus is upon who God Is, and what He Is to us...to mankind...according to The Holy Scriptures.

- **Joshua 24:15** ~ <sup>15</sup> And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
- Mark 1:24 ~ <sup>24</sup> What do You want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!

#### The Adversary Knows Him

The Holy Scriptures is a collection of God-inspired writings that are divided into 66 books informing mankind about God and His relationship to humanity. God Is The Alpha and Omega. He Is our heavenly Father. God Is The Father of Jesus The Christ, who was part deity and part man, and who had returned to the right side of His Father in heaven. Due to God's amazing love for mankind, as well as Jesus' willingness to give His life, He became the propitiation for our sins (1 John 2:2). After Jesus was resurrected and walked again among men, He returned to heaven enabling those who believe and receive in Him, the blessings and power of The Holy Spirit, our Comforter (John 14:26). Collectively, these three divine beings are known among Believers as The Holy Trinity.

The Scriptures, in particular, The New Testament, recorded a number of accounts pertaining to encounters Jesus had with unclean spirits while He was in the form of flesh. It was recorded that when these unclean spirits came in close proximity to Him, they would acknowledge Him for who He Is—*The Son of The Living God*. All Jesus had to do was show up, and if there was an unclean spirit in the midst, or if there were contrary spirits in the midst, these spirits could not, nor would not, keep

quiet or be still. These unclean spirits were in the presence of God in the flesh and knew the power that Jesus possessed—and because these spirits were not on the right side of God, Jesus' presence affirmed to them they were facing their Judge; The One who has all power given to Him by God His Father to pronounced them to eternal death (Zechariah 13:2; Matthew 10:1; Mark 1:27).

There were volumes of writings that prophesied about the coming of The Lord—not only contained in the Old Testament, but writings that were not included as part of The Holy Bible as we know it today. These writings not only foretold the coming of Jesus, The Christ, these writings foretold of His divine purpose—to redeem mankind from eternal death. Yet, in spite of actual witnesses of these God-inspired writings, multitudes still prefer to deny that God exits, and would scoff at the notion that there is a God, further digging themselves into darkness due to their disbelief; thereby establishing them as those in the number who will face the wrath to come. It is disheartening to know that many are called, but few will be chosen (Matthew 20:16). Yet this is God's Word, and His Word is true.

#### Can I Get A Testimony?

If we were in a court of law where a case was being presented, there would be at least two (2) parties—the petitioner and the respondent. It is written in the law of the land that the petitioner has the burden of proof. Needless to share, this is not always exercised in today's court of law. However, taking the position that this court is fair, in most cases, the respondent does not have to say a word or defend him— or herself verbally. Again, depending upon the type of case, in many cases, the burden of proof is with the one who initiated the case—the petitioner.

Unfortunately, we should acknowledge for we should know all too well that it is common for a diaspora to be considered guilty first and then be declared to have the burden of proving themselves innocent. For the sake of this article, let us establish that the system is just; that the petitioner has to prove that the respondent committed a violation. If the petitioner presented documentation that revealed actual people and accounts, as well as possessed written testimonies from volumes of records and eye witnesses, and that these testimonies had clear and substantial supporting information such as dates, locations, and outcomes that occurred, one would then take the premise that the petitioner had established his or her case well. Yet, we have The Holy Bible that gives an account of Jesus' coming in The Old Testament by His prophets, and yet, when He appeared in the flesh, having amazing knowledge and power, He was not only denied, but at times He was feared, ridiculed, hunted, and even beaten. Having laid down His life willingly, He hung on a cross to die for our sins—yet, to the amazement of even His disciples, He rose again and was seen one last period of time before His return to heaven. All of this was foretold in The Old Testament.

Would you agree that if we were in a court of law, and the petitioner presented overwhelming evidence from both sides of the spectrum—that evidence was received from those who acknowledged who God Is and even from those who were on the dark side of who God Is—that such evidence should affirm that there is a God above that we should acknowledge and revere? So, why is it then that in spite of having read or heard the gospel, that people continue to refuse to understand who God The Almighty Is? Why can't or why won't people wake up to the realization and understanding that God Is real?

1 John 5:6-12 ~ <sup>6</sup> This is The One who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. <sup>9</sup> We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about His Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony:

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

#### Are You Spiritually Awake?

The question is: Are you spiritually awake? Alternatively, are you spiritually asleep? Are you experiencing spiritual slumber, or are you spiritually dead; that is, are you an atheist who doubts that there is a God up above? Do you have any understanding of not only that there is a God, but also an acknowledgement of who He Is, and what He Is to the world? Have you accepted that God is a supreme being who has blessed mankind with His divine plan to redeem man from a fallen state? That this divine plan involved the birth, voluntary death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus?

Many are called, few are chosen. I pray that if you have not received Jesus The Christ as your personal Lord and savior, that you do so right now, while the blood is still running warm in your veins and while your cognitive state is able to receive Him in spirit and in truth. I pray that if you have not as yet received The Holy Trinity, that you wake up from the darkness that has you bound. In order to become spiritually aware, you must be born again.

The evidence is out there for you to attain. The verdict is in—we are sinners that are in dire need of deliverance—and Jesus Is the only one who had the power to set us free. If you have not chosen Jesus, wake up! Learn of God...understand God and His purpose for you. Study God's Holy Word! Read Books of Roman 8 and 1 Corinthians 15 of The Holy Bible—study the entire bible!

Ask God to help you draw nearer to Him by asking Him for clarity in His Son's name, under the power of The Holy Spirit for forgiveness and redemption. As you develop your relationship with our holy God, daily ask Him for clarity of mind and heart for the nourishment of your soul; being mindful that no one can come to God The Father without first accepting His Son Jesus, and His Holy Spirit, our Comforter and our Guide here on earth.

#### The Greatest Testimony

In the days when Jesus walked the earth, there were many writings of His coming—far too many to be included in The Holy Bible for us to carry on our persons—the paper based version! Yet, from the Books of Moses which are the first Books of The Old Testament, to The New Testament that gives numerous accounts of Jesus and His teachings, we have supporting documentation that helps us to understand and to know who God Is and what He Is to us. **Don't be in that number who still doubts the writings created over 2,000 years ago that attest to the coming of Jesus as The Messiah. Don't be in that number who is still waiting for His first return!** If even the Devil, that is, Satan knows and understands who God Is, why do you have such unbelief?

God gave man a mission to fulfill His glory, but He also gave mankind a free will. So the choice is yours—do you want to believe in God The Father of all creation who gave His Son Jesus so that we would not perish in a sinful state? Do you, therefore, having accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior also receive The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, who was sent to us after Jesus ascended so that we may not only have a Comforter to guide us, but also have gifts and power that can only be gotten from God The Father in the name of His Son Jesus? The choice is yours...seek our God and our Lord in the power and unction of The Holy Spirit while you still have time. Not only read The Holy Scriptures, but study The Holy Scriptures for yourself to not only have an understanding of who God Is, but to also develop a meaningful relationship with Him.

To Know God Is To Know His Son.

To Know His Son Is To Know The Power Of The Holy Spirit.

Come to Jesus while you still have time.

Wake Up!

1 Peter 2:9-10 ~ <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.



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.

Eunice A. Christian

Content Writer; Missionary

#### 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 walked this earth—and knowing how He lived and died for us—should cause us 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—we know this—but the way we can honor Him is to love and obey Him.

We should, 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** <sup>14</sup> Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup> that 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, <sup>16</sup> holding 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.

There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption.

So, if you've 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Unless otherwise indicated, all bib<mark>lical references are from the Ne</mark>w Kings James Version (NKJ<mark>V) - Public</mark> Domain.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Words in **bold** are words spoken by Go<mark>d our Father, and the Lord Jes</mark>us Christ; exceptions a<mark>re when e</mark>mphasis has been applied.



## Releasing & Replacing Limiting **Beliefs Bundle**

Flash Sale: \$99.00

Limited Time Only



#### Get your Bundle today!

#### **Bundle Includes:**

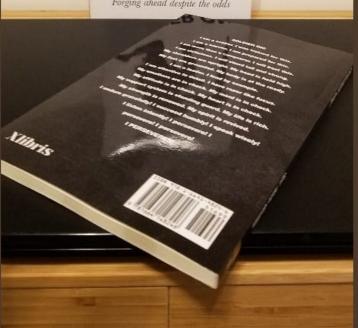
- One 50 minute Zoom session to clear energy blocks contributing to your limiting beliefs around a specific goal.
- Two 30 minute sessions via Zoom or email to release the limiting beliefs blocking you from achieving what you desire.
- A compilation of tailored Positive Affirmations just for you

Rachael Voss Certified Emotion Code & Body Code Practitioner Release & Realign Wellness LLC https://live.vcita.com/site/releaserealignwellness Phone number: 410.259.4327 releaserealignwellness@gmail.com

Worth \$297.00







## "Soldier On!" By Sgt. Nate Griffin

Hardcover | 6 x 9in | 140 pages | ISBN 9781664148253 \$26.99

Softcover | 6 x 9in | 140 pages | ISBN 9781664148246 \$16.99

Available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble

## Autographed copies

www.sgtnatefitness.com

Softcover \$24.99 Hardcover \$36.99

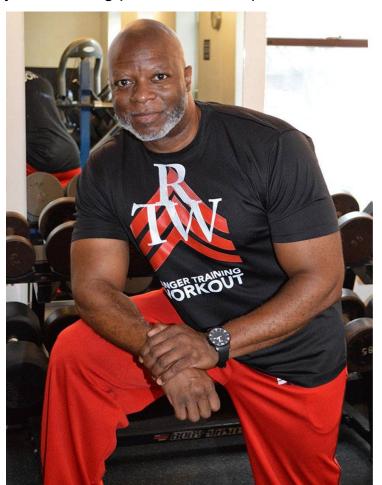
**NOW IN AUDIOBOOK \$9.99** 

UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, Pa. – In his first publishing foray titled "Soldier On!" (published by Xlibris), Sgt. Nate Griffin offers readers a collection of inspirational and insightful quotes that seek to empower readers, help them readjust their focus and find the inner strength needed to continue life's journey.

Over the past 40 years, Griffin has encountered challenges that have left him feeling hopeless, fearful, powerless and lost. Each of these experiences has inspired one of the many quotes contained in this book. Through these writings, he aims to build "mental toughness" in the individual venturing into his/her professional career or tackling the day-to-day grind of everyday life. Combining his military and religious training and upbringing, the author hopes to guide readers to find their own personal uniqueness and develop it to become the best version of themselves possible.

"In light of recent pandemics, social unrest, economic setbacks, and personal failures, this book will help empower the reader to search deep within themselves to find that intrinsic motivation that's needed to press toward the mark of their higher calling. This book will help each reader realize, just as they have overcome past challenges, the ones they may currently be facing, will also soon pass in time. If they can just weather this storm long enough, the journey will be well worth it.

"Soldier On!" will appeal to leaders, mentors, students, business owners, entrepreneurs, or anyone seeking personal development.



#### **Eating ourselves to death in Jesus Name**

Sgt. Nate Griffin

It was man's appetite that got him into trouble. It has been doing the same since day one.

We pick the sins we don't like in others and condemn them for it. Yet, when it comes to our appetite, we justify it with humor, jokes, and even scriptures.

Like any other addiction, food can be a crutch that will end up killing us before we realize it, while making us "FEEL GOOD" in the process.

So, just like that first man and woman who questioned God instead of heading his warning. We choose pleasure over principle.

It was man's appetite that got him into trouble. It has been doing the same since day one.

We pick the sins we don't like in others and condemn them for it. Yet, when it comes to our appetite, we justify it with humor, jokes, and even scriptures.

Like any other addiction, food can be a crutch that will end up killing us before we realize it, while making us "FEEL GOOD" in the process.

So, just like that first man and woman who questioned God instead of heading his warning. We choose pleasure over principle.

**Ezekiel 47:12** And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

**Revelations 22: 2** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

**1 Timothy 4:4-5** For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

**1Timothy 4:8** For bodily exercise profits little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

These are just a few scriptures the saints of God will use to justify eating what they want to eat with little to no exercising to condition the body to create a balance. We are stewards of this temple. If we abuse it or defile it in any way, the Lord himself will deal with us accordingly. I'm not advocating doing body building or becoming a gym rat. But, a body in motion, stays in motion.

People will pack out the alter on any given Sunday to pray for healing, then go back out and eat the very foods that made them sick in the first place. Yes, God heals, delivers and sets free. But do you think God would continue to bless you financially if you kept miss using the finances?

Many of the foods we eat in the African American community (slave food) taste great. The aroma is unforgettable. We ate what was left after the more desired parts were taken by the slave masters. Over 400 years of eating this, and you can see how hypertension and other health related issues still run high in the African American community. We've gone as far as made these foods "soul food" delicacies.

Hog mauls, pig's (feet, ears, tails, feet), scrapple, chitlins, souse meat, fat back, homemade biscuits, and the list goes on. High salt, high sugar, high fat, low fiber, low nutrition. The results, diabetes, kidney failure, strokes, blindness, colon cancer, dialysis, amputations, inflammations, digestive disorders and more.

All of these can be prevented, controlled and in some instances, reversed through nutrition and exercise. Many people will argue in favor of continuation of consuming such foods. He that have ears to hear... Warning always comes before judgment. I know this is a very delicate subject. But, if we the church can preach against, lying, stealing, adultery, murder, homosexuality, violence, infidelity and so forth. It's only fair to preach against defiling the temple of the Holy Ghost. Just because you pray over it doesn't make it okay. That's like praying before you go out to commit one of the other sins listed in scripture.

Let us pray that the Lord will give us strength to make the right decision when it comes to what we eat and drink. The scriptures states, that whatever we do, eat or drink, to do so to the glory of God. Pray wisely, eat wisely! Soldier On!

## #BibleStudy4Life

Join Bishop Carlton Williams

# Colober-November Theme "Falling Forward" Every-TUESDAY Night at 7 pm



S CashApp \$1134RFCC



Roanoke Family Community Church
1134 Marshall Ave. Roanoke Rapids, NC

#### It's Time For A Definitive Decision

Claude A. Dangerfield II

Have you ever observed a bottle where the content has something made of carbonation in it and you shake it up it pressurizes to the point that it could exploded. Then it is set to the side, now if an unexpected person were to open it immediately a reaction will occur. But if the content is permit to settle for a period of time it maybe less reactive.

In light of the things that have been transpiring around the world and also with in our nation. The tone is about like the content in our illustrated bottle. The content of the world under pressure is fear and injustice and/or intimidation overtime this pressure becomes extreme until there is a reaction. Most of the time societies are not equipped to adequately respond therefore we experience a devastating responds which in turn leaves horrible scars as a reminder of the events that took place.

Historical this has become the normal outcome and realized truth. But, there is always a better response than reliving the same negative reaction because nobody wins. Because there is a smoldering resentment awaiting a time for possible retaliation from this generation or the scars observe by the next. You have to really think about it to gain a enlightened understanding of the facts as they are or you will totally wave it off and it will continue to intensifying as a vicious cycle.

Throughout the course of history similar event tend to recycle within life's path. But, we tend to respond as this is just another thing that just happened. Incorrect assumption or analogy because even when we study the word of God it tells us that there is nothing new under the sun. Therefore we should be able to learn from history and choose other options to gain greater outcomes.

During this period of time in our history the world is experiencing a pandemic as it has in the past. The issue is that we continue to respond with a human eyesight rather than in conjunction with a spiritual one. In the case of our present situation we feel we may have found a cure however the condition keeps resurfacing with what has been describe as a variance. For me that brings a very important question to mind have we put God on mute not truly hearing His instructions? Has our overall behavior been in alignment with principles of God should be the question we should be asking ourselves?

Think about it from this perspective over the last decade God has moved in so many ways to get us to place where the prayers of past generations had been answered. However the ugly side of mankind has showed it's ungrateful head and has pushed back to rejuvenate that distasteful side of our nature. When a child is disruptive,

disrespectful and disobedient the parent must respond with correction to get them back in line with principles that are in place. Otherwise they will take it too far and in trying to get things back to normal. Let's be honest this tone is coming from a selfish nature for the most part. In order to see and understand this statement you have to understand the tone of humanity prior to the pandemic. Mankind was demonstrating a attitude of defiance and entitlement that looked nothing like the two simple rules that mankind was given to live by. Some may ask what's that. First rule "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and mind" Second "Love thy neighbor as thyself" If we are honest it has been hard in the mainstream to consistently see this. It wasn't until what I call God shutting down the world where we came to an abrupt halt that a lot of us woke up to a new or reclaimed reality of who God is. Also gaining the understanding that He is definitely in control. For those of us who understood the wake up effect of this that we are experiencing, quickly started getting back into alignment.

Our failures in keeping our relationship in the right standing makes it necessary for these pronounced attitude adjustments to occur. Especially for those professing faith in God but choosing to stratal the fence so speak conforming to the worldly lifestyles to be accepted and trying to act as if we holding fast to the principles of God. According to the word of God this is being lukewarm which is unacceptable to God. He wants us to be hot or cold by making a definitive choice to whom we will serve God or man.

I encourage you to remain steadfast to the will of God.



## CHERYL BASS-FOSTER BOOKS

BROKEN TO BE MADE WHOLE

#### Will You Be Made Whole?

The experiences brought seemingly irreparable childhood scars and hopelessness that predisposed her to a life of self-hatred and self-destructive behaviors often resulting in suicide attempts and poor interpersonal relationships. Sharing personal stories and her testimony of transformation, in the pages of this book, you will soon discover that Cheryl has lived your life, felt your fears, and understood your circumstances.

Now, she is well able to show you how to get some use out of your abuse, and where to find hope! If you have ever felt the depth of brokenness, then Broken to Be Made Whole is a must-read!!

"This is a story of Brokeness, Transformation, Restoration, and Wholeness."



You can email us directly at: info@cherylbassfosterbooks.com





Defining Our Essence From The Inside Out

Uncovering deeper truths hidden within ourselves!

#### Come experience the Spirit of the Lord with us!

RCH OF GOD



JOIN US ON



Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Sunday Morning 11:30 A.M. Bible Studies Tuesday 7 p.m.



Superintendent

Dh. Melvin L. & Lady Betty

Howard Sr.

Donate at:

Givelify

ST. JAMES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 1838 Main Street SW Warren Ohio 44485 330-393-9011 Insert from the book "Praising my Pond" by Elder Diane Harvell

"As I stood and watched all of this play out, my heart began to race. I couldn't believe what I'd just seen and heard. Why was Joe dead? Why would Richard ask Mommy such a thing? Richard left and Mommy walked out of the kitchen. I quietly sat on the metal step chair in the kitchen and wondered WHY????"



Visit her website www.nowatw.org and order your copy today.

#### The Real Truth

By Elder Diane Harvell

Contrary to each person and their personal truths, my truth, your truth, everyone has a truth that they believe in but according to Yale historian, Jeroslav Pelikan who says, "Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of the Western Culture for almost 20 centuries."

This is because while he was on the earth, Jesus impacted every facet of life and spoke of the victory as well as the penalty depending on the act or way of life. Yet today righteousness and the proverbial Christian standard has been reduced to unrighteousness and anything and everything unlike God is acceptable!

The standard of being what I want to be, and I can do what I want to do is the exact language the serpent spoke to Eve, and she was deceived! And those who follow this mantra are also being deceived! Although Eve's sin was unintentional, but Adam's was intentional because he knowingly chose to follow another god. The bible says, Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned. Wake up! Intentional sin will lead to a definite and permanent death!

Jesus was our example for:

Children

Educators

Caregivers

Servants

**Teachers** 

**Pastors** 

But the ancient world only recognized virtues like courage and wisdom, but not humility. People were ranked into first class and coach, anything below that (today's middleclass and the poor), was not acceptable. But Jesus' life was that of a footwashing servant of humility. As in the ancient world, it seems today's world has lost Jesus' attributes and his values.

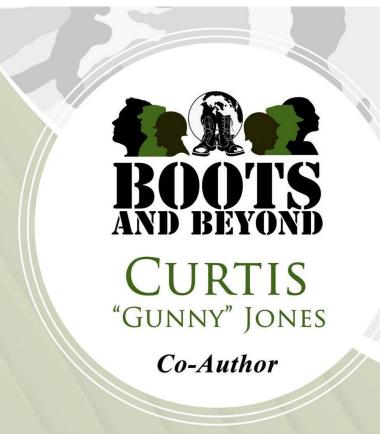
Therefore, today, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century because of our ignorance, intentional or unintentional, our deliberate defiance to what is right in God's eyes has caused a modern-day enclave of plagues drought, pestilence, murder, lasciviousness, hate and abhorrence!

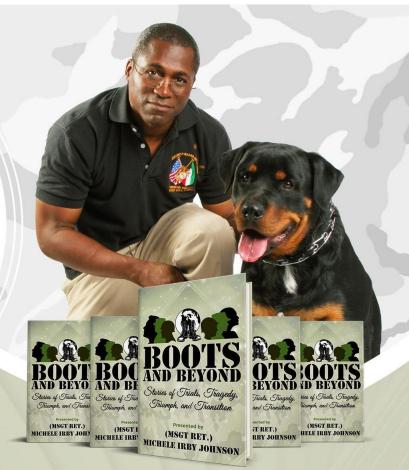
The effects of disobedience can clearly be seen yet we wink at the obvious proclamations! Christianity's truth and the consequences of non-acceptance of its truth, creates a perfect repeat performance of destruction of life as we know it.

Sadly, we've grown in knowledge, but we've sacrificed our humanity and our morals for temporary pleasures. We are playing the childhood game of "Truth, Consequences, Dare or Repeat" with life without any hesitation or consciousness. Are we really "woke?"

There is a level of standards that Jesus has provided for us to follow and to live by. He is Thee verified and undisputable fact of existence. Jesus is the only one who has the truth, He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, (John 14:6) and He is the only way we shall see the Father.

Peace to All and May God Bless You!





**PRE-ORDER TODAY!** 

Email: Gunny2581@gmail.com

**Book Release Date: November 11, 2021 • Veteran's Day** 

(MSgt RET.) Michele Irby Johnson, Visionary



#### Let's Us Remain Aware

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

Every single day I turn on the news there is another person who has lost their life to unnecessary violence. It appears that our society has become immune to these events because in some areas of our nation it's viewed as an everyday normal occurrence until it directly affects one's own family then it becomes a call to action.

The problem as I see it is for generations, we have not addressed the root issues and they have mustard into so many more different issues. So how does one fix it. You have to go back to the foundation and refortify the structure. The Bible tells us to do our first works over again by reestablishing the principles of God which have been taken out. When we are honest and take the time to serious assess all the issues we are faced with in society and the world. It points right back to how mankind has mismanaged and manipulated the principles of God. To the point that we would prefer to point fingers at everything and everyone than own up to the fact that we failed in our initial assignment and not being good stewards of what God has given us to manage.

When we have the spotlight shined on us for our individual shortcomings we always seem to try and divert attention onto another. That maybe easy to do now however there will be one time for certain that not one of us will successfully be able to do that. So, for best practices sake we all need to take ownership for actions and participation because we all have the ability to say NO when something is clearly not right. So that on our individual accountability day for the decisions we have made we will not have to be ashamed. We might temporarily get away with it now, but definitely not then and the consequences are far greater especially when we hear the words "Depart from me for I know you not you worker of iniquity". We must really understand the severity of that statement and we must let it marinate in our mind so that we don't run the risk of hearing it and then experience the wake-up effect.

The fact that we acknowledge God and serve and obey Him is paramount to our eternal reward. Taking chances and making excuses doesn't solidify the correct behaviors to make that happen. If you are reading this at this very moment then take an assessment of yourself to see if you align up with the principles of God. If there be any doubt this is your opportunity based on your decision to correct that which you see and move in the right direction. You extended life depends on it.

We are here to influence and impact the world for the cause of Christ. The conditions that we see every day is because of our lack of influence. At times we become more like spectators rather the influencer or participants in the things that have capture the minds of mankind that has drawn their focus away from things of God. That's why in Romans 12:2 it tells us "Not to be conformed to the things of this world... it the distractions that are constantly placed in our path to get us off our intend journey headed in other direct which will eventually demonstrate that it has nothing to do with our intended path.

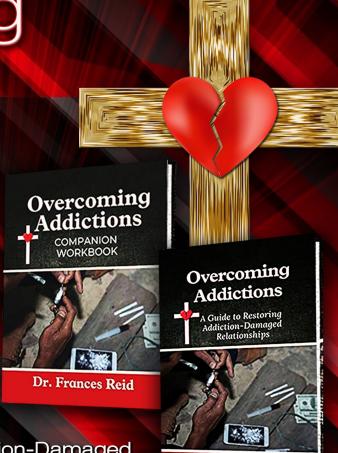
We have to stay attentive to our relationship with God, understand the giftings He has placed within us to fulfill the purpose we were created to fulfill. Our prayer life and studying of the word of God to gain the necessary understanding of the knowledge of God's intent us should remain at the top of our priorities. We can make a difference to those who God has directed onto our pathway to impact and influence. Keep those around that will help sharpen you as you also sharpen them. Remain awake and effective with your influence as you bring more to the will of God for their lives.

Overcoming Addictions

Available at

amazon

Overcoming Addictions: Companion Workbook Paperback \$14.99



Dr. Frances Reid

A Guide to Restoring Addiction-Damaged Relationships Paperback \$14.99

Overcoming Addictions is a powerful new resource to shine light on how addiction destroys relationships, as well as tools to support those who are on the road to recovery. Each day God continues to tap the resources of heaven's loom to weave divine healing to the tattered souls of His people. The resources that are identified in this book have been used with spiritual guidance to bring about renewal and transformation to countless individuals. The purpose of Overcoming Addictions is to combine the study of Scripture with other methods of ministry including the Twelve Step program, to guide addicts through an experience of restoring broken relations via transformation. Through meditation and journaling, participants will be exposed to biblical truths that will transform them, aligning them with the character and ways of God. Through this encounter, they will overcome the poverty, addiction, and destruction associated with their addictive behavior and emotional dependencies. When coupled with the Overcoming Addictions Companion Workbook, this powerful tool becomes a blueprint for substance abuse recovery programs facilitated by faith-based organizations.

## We Need A Taking Responsibility Applying the Necessary Steps Focused On Overcoming Resistance Moving in TransformU Authority thetransformu.com Towards ntended Outcome Newness