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DEDICATION

My autobiography was written in dedication to the Trinity in my life. God my Father, Jesus, and The Holy Spirit. I am forever grateful for the Holy Spirit Gifts and HIS anointing poured out on my life to do the work HE has called.

The Holy Spirit is continuously instructing and conforming my life to be the spirit HE desires according to HIS Word. I am a continuous work in progress. I dedicate this book to my family and friends. I love you each one of you. I forgive you for all the things that have happened in my life with you. I know God has forgiven you and that Jesus loves every one of you. I pray that God will give His blessings upon your life.

To all the adversaries and evil doers that shattered my life with darkness over the years. Your attacks allowed me to strengthen my walk with holy boldness, increased courage, receive supernatural strength, love like Jesus for others, increase my wisdom and knowledge, and overcome the wicked plans of the enemy. You helped push me to move faster into my destiny with God. I have forgiven and forgotten you, Satan.

Now Lord, forgive them for they know not what they do.
Amen.

To my readers, I pray that God will open your heart to receive from the Holy Spirit transforming and touching your life. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak life into your mind, body, spirit, and soul bring hope, love, peace, and joy. I pray that if you are dealing with or struggling in any area of your life such as family death, divorce, alcohol, drugs, identity theft, financial and human loss, infertility, trauma and tragedy, pride, materialism, division, depression, or spiritual devastation you will find the Lord our God somewhere in this book that will reveal HIS love for you and the Holy Spirit power to heal you and overcome the darkness bringing you into HIS light.

By the Blood of Jesus, In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.

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Life Is Like A Baseball Game

Take the game of baseball. You play it every day.

It's not the breaks you get, but the kind of game you play.

Stop and look the whole team over. You've got dedication there.

Your bound to be a winner with the players who really care.

Your pitcher's name is courage. You need him in this game.

For truth and faith your keystone men, the grounders they will tame.

Your center-fielder is very fast, though small and hard to see.

So, watch him when he gets the ball, he's called opportunity.

At first base there is religion, it took the test of time.

At third base there is brotherhood, a stalwart of the nine.

Your catcher's name is humor. He is important to the scheme.

While honor's pitching on the mound, your game is always clean.

With love on your bench and perfection in their hearts,
They knew they were a winning team right from the very
start.

The other team is strong, but with greed, envy, and
hatred as their goal.

You'll have to play extra hard, with all your heart, mind,
body and soul.

Discouragement and falsehood are the big boys on the
mound.

You'll have to swing hard, when you meet up with them, to
knock these pitchers down.

Careless and a man called waste, you'll find them playing
hard, and selfishness and jealousy, you cannot disregard.

There is one more man you will have to watch. He's
always very near.

He's the pitcher for the team. I am told his name is fear.

This game will not be easy, there will be struggle and
strife.

To score the winning run you know this game will be
played on the field called life.

So, stand behind your team. There will be many who
applaud.

Remember you are the player, and the umpire is God.

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 1:5

ONE

LIFE BEGINS

My life begins in a small town southwest of Chicago, Illinois. I was born on March 16, 1965. I grew up in South Holland, a town known for faith, family, and future. A religious community of thirty churches and no bars. My dad (Dean) grew up in an orphanage with one baseball and a stuffed bear. He was never fully educated, however; he enjoyed woodworking as a hobby and flying model airplanes with his adopted brother. As a young man, he constructed a wooden boat and always dreamt of being a carpenter one day. Instead, dad worked his way up the ladder in the phone company at age eighteen. He worked part-time as a paramedic-policeman. Later in life, he flipped houses. His dream became a reality when he built that dream home nestled in the northern woods of Wisconsin. My mother (Diane) was parented with one other sibling (Elaine). Granddaddy worked at Standard Oil. And I remember, granddaddy visiting the family every weekend with a fresh box of Dunkin' donuts and his warm smile. He very humble, loving and kind. Mother taught private organ lessons and later became a cosmetologist. My Aunt Elaine was a jewelry maker and special need art instructor in Boston schools. While Grandmother remain a housewife. As a young girl, I was born with my feet and legs inverted from Juvenile Arthritis. I cried out nightly. Lord, please come into my heart, Heal me. I love you Lord. I recall wearing the painful wooden braces every night in bed to realign inverted hips, legs, and feet. The family prayed for me, and with plenty of exercises the juvenile arthritic disease disappeared but left my leg muscles very weak.

Allow me to lead you through what I walk out in my life. I will show you the Three Strikes and how it will get you into the kingdom with God. While I share my story with you I teach you how you can have a new beginning with Jesus by using the three R's: Receive, Repent, Restore.

I further reveal how the Holy Spirit transforms your new beginning into a new season through the restoration process using the Three R's: Realignment, Restitution, Recompense.

Now, walk with me onto my field of dreams.

Dad was Catholic. Mom converted to Christianity after she remarried. When visiting the Grandparents, Grandmother observed all Jewish Holidays cooking with mother the traditional meals.

I was confused being told two different things. Attending a reformed religious church. The Church taught me to beg for Jesus to come into your heart. I beg and pound down that door. The Christian church taught to ask Jesus. The Word says, knock and Jesus will open the door. Luke says, So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. And in Revelations, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will eat with him, and he will me. Parents tire of children begging to buy a toy or give a treat. But, you heavenly Father never tire of your children asking.

I learned that Our Heavenly Father loves everyone and wants to give. Even when what we ask for might hurt us. Our Father never wants to hurt us but help grow us by the mistakes made.

Religion kept me bound, and I never developed that relationship with the Holy Spirit because of:

A) Strongholds and sinful habits:

- Of our pride - we have justified our behavior from an early age.
- We are so used to living like that, it seems normal.
- Other people exhibit the same behavior, so we assume it's okay.
- Satan's strategy is to keep it hidden from us.

We need to recognize behaviors in ourselves that are not godly. These can be things we do such as lie or gossip, things we feel maybe fear or resentment, things we think can be looking down on others and so on. These behaviors, however, are often symptoms of lies we have accepted and agreed with, or deeper unbelief or rebellion.

The good news is that the Holy Spirit, who guides us into all truth, will reveal what we need to know. He enables us to deal with the root cause through repentance.

B) There are several ways we can recognize sin responses or patterns. Such as:

- God shows you personally as you wait on Him.

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

- Stronghold prayer – through others praying with you.
- Our reaction to someone else's bad treatment!

This last one is a common occurrence but requires humility on our part to respond in the right way. Do you excuse your own wrong doing by putting it in the light of their action?

For example:

"I felt so rejected, I couldn't pray". or
"He made me so mad I slapped him".

Our sinful reaction whether physical or verbal to someone else's sin is never justified. In recognition, we are not only seeing the sin but taking full responsibility for it. We can't blame our past, our parents, our partner, the children, friends, or co-workers. In recognizing, repenting, receive forgiveness and realigning every direction of our lives, we stand in the legal strength of Christ's victory for us on the cross.

Once the word of salvation is spoken, the enemy has no hold on any area of your life. We can exercise authority and live in the freedom that Christ has promised.

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.

- We reject lies and the deception.
- We renounce diseased, destructive thinking and behavior.
- We command the enemy to leave and no longer have any influence in that area.

Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

New Beginning with Jesus using the three "R" principle

#1. RECEIVE

A person who gets or accepts something that has been sent or given to them.

"the receiver of a gift"

Prayer of Salvation - Say It & Mean It Now!

Do you agree with everything you have read so far? If you do, don't wait a moment longer to start your new life in Jesus Christ. Remember, this prayer is not a magical formula. You are simply expressing your heart to God.

IF you are ready to begin a new walk with Jesus.

Simply pray this prayer of faith: RECEIVE JESUS into your heart.

"Father, I know that I have broken your laws and my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry. I want to turn away from my sinful past and live my life with you. Please forgive me, and help me avoid sinning again. I believe that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me obey You, and to do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen

TWO

LITTLE LEAGUE

At age five, dad and I played baseball thinking this game would improve muscle strength and balance. I remember Sunday afternoons flying model airplanes in the field with dad and my brother. Summer was spent in Michigan at Gun lake fishing, catching frogs, water skiing, and swimming. Just learning to be a tom-boy. Meanwhile, mother enrolled me into the tap dance and ballet. A feminine classical dance form demanding grace and precision with expressive movements. This talent led to dance recitals, beauty pageants, and church plays. I remember my brother Scott and I took mothers bed sheets to set up a stage in the basement. We pretend the audience of stuffed animals would enjoy the performance of our play-acting theater. Mother knew one of two siblings is called into acting or drama. Mother allowed for us to carry on. One day she enrolled Scott into acting school, causing more family drama. Scott had no interest in acting, and it didn't take long for him to quit. His only love was the railroad. He graduated with an electrical engineer degree and became a railroad engineer in Chicago. He has been married for over twenty years to Gina with two children, now adults, Amanda and Danny. Gina has been Director of Oncology unit since she graduated from nursing school.

By age seven, I knew my parents were getting a divorced. They fought constantly placing my brother and I in the middle of every disagreement in front of a judge. It caused me to become very rebellious withdrawing from school and friends. Home was no longer a happy place. I found myself with a loss of interest for the activities and sports I once enjoyed.

One day the pastor caught me looking in the church windows of vacation Bible school. He said, "Go on in. Go see what they are doing." I said, "I already attend a church with my family." I thought, the only thing I can remember about that church was the peanut butter and jelly sandwich that the pastor was building during service. I never remember the word Jesus being mentioned. The Pastor said, "Go on in." So, I did. I found that shooting rubber bands at the boys became more interesting than coloring Bible stories. However, I still felt empty inside. To fill the emptiness, I asked Jesus to come into my heart as a young girl, not realizing it only took one invitation. What I was lacking was a real relationship with Jesus.

That following summer was spent at a Christian Camp while my parent finalized the divorce. The bible says "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12. It didn't say to agree with the decisions they make.

Our family spent every summer time at the lake house in Northern woods of Wisconsin. One day our family visited friends that had a log cabin located on the other side of town. The couple has one daughter named Suzie Gentz. My mother said, "Go visit with Suzie." I said, "Mom. I don't want too. Let me stay with the adults." Mom won at this game. I entered the log cabin room and looked around.

All the furniture was hanging from chains. Everything. Suzie ran over towards me. She grabbed my arm and said, "Come on. Come on." Suzie was no ordinary girl. Suzie was different. She was special and challenged. She had Down syndrome - Mongoloid. That day, I learned a lot from Suzie. We are all God's children no matter what we look like or our physical condition. God has given us a compassionate heart, mind and love for others. Suzie showed me that Jesus' love and taught me how to love others despite the outer appearance.

From elementary to middle school the counselors misdiagnosed me with a "TEXTBOOK" definition of a slow learner. Back in those days, cognitive skill levels were incorrectly diagnosed. The counselors found a place to hide you instead of helping you. They placed me in a classroom with kids mentally challenged. I accepted each person like Jesus did. Remembering Suzie Gentz showed me how to love all people. The counselors and teachers were baffled and discovered that the only challenge I faced was family division with lack of love at home. So, they removed me from this special need classroom and placed me among the rest of my classmates.

I was rebellious at home. I had crooked bucked teeth and never happy with the way I looked. One day I got caught stealing make-up hoping it would hide my looks. Sin is sin, and I had to face the punishment. My mother made me return the makeup and apologize to the owner. I asked God to forgive me. I was quarantined at home for a week.

The kids bullied me. But, little did they know I was an over achiever and intelligent. Junior high through high school I couldn't wait for summer time to arrive. Back at the lake house with mother, step dad and family. Two weeks to three months of swimming, fishing, shopping, diners in the town and just family fun. Until one summer I was water skiing and tubing with friends on the lake. I slipped inside the tube. The boat pulled me underwater. Seemed like a life time. I was pulled up out of the water into the boat. I only remember coughing up water. A near death drowning scared all of us. We headed back to shore and no more tubing for me. The devil still lost this fight.

Summer ended and Fall begins my senior year in high school. I was anxious to finish and enter college. However, I was not sure what I wanted to study. Mother supports my life goals, dreams & heart desire. She said, "Ignore all the negativity and do what makes you happy." And that is what I did. Success was the goal. I was out to prove to the world that working harder would make me successful and stable while paying my way through college. Going away to college was out of the question. Mother was concerned college trouble would find me. I stayed at home and attended the community college. I prayed for direction in my career path. That evening I read a passage from Luke 6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you'll not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." Suzie Gentz was my inspiration to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy, help the helpless and see through the eye of Jesus Christ.

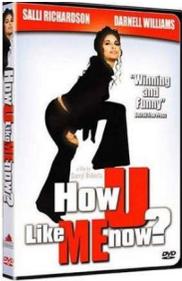
My senior year arrived, I had more than enough credits to graduate early. Instead, I stayed in school. The counselors were shocked to see the acceleration. They enrolled me into work-study program. From eight o'clock to twelve I was in class. From one o'clock to five I worked at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in the occupational therapy department. I found the time to write for the school newspaper. Sports and cheer leading fizzled. Creative writing and the arts were my passion. Dad despised education and attending my church recitals or graduations. He declined to help pay for our college. My stepmother encouraged me to get a masculine look by cutting my hair short and wearing work boots. They suggested working as a garbage truck driver to a full-time job as a construction worker. They reminded me I would never amount to anything if I went to college. I needed that fatherly love of support and to speak blessings over my life, my marriage, career, and finances. I realized my father and stepmother didn't want to assist paying for college tuition. Encouraging masculine jobs would discourage going to college. My dad never had the opportunity going to college and wanted me to walk in his footsteps. He said, I can not wait for you to graduate from high school and get a job. Education was important to me. I said, Mom, my curvy figure doesn't fit in a mans world. My mother told me to follow your heart. I didn't need someone encourage me to become a masculine woman. My brother Scott has his share of negative remarks about his love for trains and the railroad.

We felt cursed with rejection from one set of parents. We didn't understand but continued to love our parents. While the other set of parents were positive and spoke blessings. A girlfriend from high school was going to college. She offered her summer job working for two twin dentists. One was an orthodontist and the other a dentist. I learned dentistry on the job. I had no desire to become a dentist. However, I learned a lot from the twin dentists. I eventually worked for an oral surgeon assisting in surgery. Very interesting. I had no idea later in life, God would use the dental skills on a medical missions trip in Guatemala. I share my Holy Spirit encounter in the book, My Secret Place.

At 27, I beeline into creative self-expression, working my first movie extra role in "How U Like Me Now" with Darnell Williams (1992). What a title for where I was in my life! It was difficult for me to pretend to be someone I am not. Remembering my lines was always a challenge. Improv or speaking from the heart was natural. Several other movies filmed in Chicago kept me busy while attending college and after I married. I never took acting serious other than a fun hobby. It was all I can do to escape my alcoholic husband. At three o'clock in the morning, I found an angry drunk man swinging his fist into the bathroom door. Their team lost another hockey game. I stayed attending college and while being a housewife.

THREE

TRAINING



Enjoy highlights behind a few movie scenes



As a Choreographic Dancer for Cape Christian Fellowship Church (1996-97). Played the role of Mary Madeline in "Resurrection" and set construction for the outdoor life event with Cape Christian Fellowship Church. I remember the challenges faced with tomb constructed within the screened Lanai, transporting tomb to set, set up the stage and costume change for the live event. I recall that "Resurrection" a life touching experience for everyone and well worth the effort.

Someone offered me the opportunity in Music at Gateway Church. They orchestrated a music vocal recording with Integrity Music, Inc.: Live CD/DVD, Vocals/Choir, Gateway Church with Integrity Music, Inc. called "Living for You" (2006). Live CD/DVD, Vocals/Choir, Gateway Church with Integrity Music, Inc. called "Wake-up The World" (2008). Live CD/DVD, Vocals/Choir, Gateway Church with Integrity Music, Inc. called "God Be Praised" (2011).

In 2009, someone offered me the opportunity to be a part of the "Seasons of Grey" starring Andrew Cheney. And Steve Camp, executive producer and CFO for Desert Wind, Executive Producer of Brother's Keeper and TEN10 feature film projects requested me to write a movie blog on God's love in (2010). I jumped at the chance.

The opportunity arose to work on *Bail Out* starring Dennis O'Neil and Terry Kiser (Lead Cast Bernie from the movie *Weekend at Bernie's*) in (2010-11). The networking journey continues through films, commercial prints, commercials, and T. V. series. Gatorade commercial with Abby Wambach (2012), *Luna de Noche* commercial (2012) *Subway Commercial Vocals* (2012). In *Luminous Journey*, post-production was about the centenary of Abdu'-Baha in America 1912 documentary (2012). I played a train traveler and a portrait of a wealthy millionaire. *Paper-thin* (2012) I played a police accountant. *Cracking The Case* (24 hours film festival) Lead role, Carly in (2012). *Big Rich Texas* (2011-12). I played interviewed/ reporter for the film *Finding Hope* (2013). It was the most touching project tells the story of a baby girl who survives an abortion procedure, and how her survival touches many lives. Summer of 2013, *Charlie: I filmed A Toy Story*. In 2013-14, I volunteered at Prestonwood Church taking part in live Christmas program. Summer of 2015 was my last film *My All-American*. At TCU (Texas Christian University) football stadium.

I had elapsed IMDB (International Movie Data Base) credits as ministry and writing became my number one focus. My acting hobby ended. I continued to enjoy golfing, boating, tennis, water sports, roller-blading and writing.

FOUR

DOUBLE PLAY

At the wedding, dad said, "This marriage will never last. Over my dead body will you forever have kids." After the wedding, we tried to conceive. Only to experience one loss after another including a set of twins. Our marriage dissolved lasting only a year. I would miscarry between 7 to 8 week. I wanted more answers and closure. I scheduled an appointment for the reproductive endocrinology & infertility specialist. The door opened and in walks the doctor. He was a look-alike of Ron Howard known as Richie from 1974 to 1984 TV sitcom "Happy Days." Moments later, in walked his wife and partner within the practice. Both specialize in Ob-Gynecologist patients. He said, "Have you ever had a chromosome test?" I said, "No." Both doctors shared their testimony of how God blessed the family with twins. Twins will skip a generation. My Grandmother was a twin. The test is thousands of dollars and insurance companies will not cover the expense. I was tested. Several months later, I received a call from the doctor. The doctor said, "I am sorry. You have an extra chromosome in your genetic link, only comes from God." Between 7th-8th week of gestation stage, the fetal heart doesn't develop because of the extra chromosome link. The doctor prayed over me. In humans, each cell contains 23 pairs of chromosomes, for a 46 total. Twenty-two of these pairs, called autosomes, look the same in both males and females. The 23rd pair, the sex chromosomes, differ between males and females. Our genes are a gift from GOD. You cannot change your internal genetic makeup. You can alter your outer appearance with gender surgeries. However, GOD either makes you a boy or a girl through the genetic chromosomes' links.

At first I was devastated. I felt robbed of motherhood. I would cry out to God. Asking. Why? God. Why? All I ever wanted was to be a mom, wife and have a family.

Then God showed me the scripture verses in Isaiah 54. And the Lord spoke..., *Future Glory for Zion*

Sing, O childless woman, you who have never given birth! Break into loud and joyful song, O Jerusalem, you who have never been in labor. For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband, says the Lord. Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense! For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your descendants will occupy other nations and resettle the ruined cities. Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Do not be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood. For your Creator will be your husband; the Lord of Heavens Armies is his name! He is your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, the God of all the earth. For the Lord has called you back from your grief— as though you were a young wife abandoned by her husband,” says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will take you back. In a burst of anger I turned my face away for a little while.

But with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. Just as I swore in the time of Noah that I would never again let a flood cover the earth, so now I swear that I will never again be angry and punish you. For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken,” says the Lord, who has mercy on you. O storm-battered city, troubled and desolate! I will rebuild you with precious jewels and make your foundations from lapis lazuli. I will make your towers of sparkling rubies, your gates of shining gems, and your walls of precious stones. I will teach all your children, and they will enjoy great peace. You will be secure under a government that is just and fair. Your enemies will stay far away. You will live in peace, and terror will not come near. If any nation comes to fight you, it is not because I sent them. Whoever attacks you will go down in defeat. I have created the blacksmith who fans the coals beneath the forge and makes the weapons of destruction. And I have created the armies that destroy. But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken!

That day I knew I wasn't called, but a chosen one. I had a hard time accepting no children or family. In time, God healed my broken heart and wounded spirit.

Human sexuality is spelled out starting in Genesis: "So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them. God blessed them and told them, multiply and fill the earth and subdue it" Genesis 1:27-28.

Genesis 1:31 tells us that His creation was excellent in every way. To say gender does not matter is to disagree with God's design for creation. A God proclamation is superb. God is also clear about appropriate sexual behavior. Sex is to be a monogamous marriage relationship between a man and a woman in 1 Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4. Homosexual behavior is wrong in Genesis 19:1-13. Romans 1:26-27, "For this, cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. In Leviticus 20:13 If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a detestable act. They must put them to death, for their guilty of a capital offense. 1 Corinthians 6:9 Don't you realize that those who wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God?

Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality. It is a detestable sin." Leviticus 20:13, "If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a detestable act. They must put them to death, for their guilty of a capital offense." 1 Corinthians 6:9, "Don't you realize that those who wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Cross-dressing is unacceptable in Deuteronomy 22:5, "A woman must not wear mens clothing, nor a man wears womens clothing, for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this," God talks about gender roles, such as male headship of the home and church Ephesians 5:21-33.

However, the Bible does not discuss stereotypical gender roles. In fact, it gives a full view of person hood. While keeping the male-female distinction clear, the Bible provides multiple examples of men and women who are both nurturers and courageous leaders (such as David and the Proverbs 31 wife). Nowhere does the Bible imply that a person's sex is negotiable or optional. The Bible affirms both males and females in their worth and their person hood. People's gender matters, but we are not sexual beings in Galatians 3:23-29. It would seem those sex-change procedures are not scripturally acceptable and the devil created lies with deception and confusion.

CONFESS. "I have the mind of Christ. Jesus loves me. I am covered with the love of Jesus Christ." This is the confession the Holy Spirit placed in my heart to say aloud. I combat the torment and lies of the enemy upon my mind. I AM a child of God. God has not given me a spirit of fear but power love and a sound mind.

However, some very rare exceptions are mentioned. There are people who experience physical defects regarding gender. The most common—although still rare—would be that of an inter-sex condition in which a person has a mixture of male and female sexual organs. For people with disorders of sex development (DSDs), it is possible to determine their genetic gender and correct the birth defect through medical intervention. This is not a sex-change operation but a remedy to a physical problem.

Why do I elaborate on this topic? After several losses and trying to conceive my heart hurts for this young generation to fall into a false belief, sin, and parents encouraging children to sin. Abortion or Gender distortion is a sin, but those struggling with their gender identity have an answer. For those who consider a sex change surgery due to past brokenness or abuse, there is healing through Jesus Christ. Those who wish to challenge the categories of gender to find freedom or justification can instead find true freedom in a relationship with God. Those who wish to change their sex to engage in sinful sexual practices can repent and seek Jesus Christ.

Paul wrote, "Or do you not know wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God," 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Apart from Christ, we are all dead in our sins (Ephesians 2:1). But in Christ, we are made alive (Ephesians 2:5) and given a new identity, as a member of God's family (Romans 8:14-17).

I accepted I would never naturally conceive giving childbirth. And after several miscarriages later our marriage dissolved, lasting a year. I prayed that my ex-husband would find a partner and build a family. The facts are if a parent tells a little girl how to become a tom-boy, that girl will grow up to think something is wrong with their gender. Teach a little boy to be a girl-girl, that boy will grow up wearing high heels to think they should become a female. You can change your outer appearance, but you cannot alter the chromosome genetics that GOD created within the human body. A male will never have the natural ability to conceive or give childbirth. God created the female to be the reproductive system. So, why do I focus on this topic? Because the devil is confusing our young people into altering the mind and body. God never intended to alter yourself but to love who our creator intended for reproductive life. The truth needs to be told.

Little did I know that one day I would meet the twins.

I thank GOD I know my identity in Jesus Christ at an early age. The bible says, train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6. God has not given us a spirit of fear but power love and a sound mind. If you are someone dealing with confusion, fear and gender deception then pray this simple prayer:

Dear God,

I come before your throne of grace and confess our need for you, your healing and grace to restore. I need reminders you work on behalf of those you love. Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own, for running all different directions and spinning our wheels to find help. Our true help and healing come from you. Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you with the places we are hurting. You see where no one else can understand. You know the pain we've carried. The burdens and cares. You know where we need to be free. We ask for your healing and grace to cover every broken place. Every wound and heartache. Thank you, that you can do far more than we could ever imagine. Thank you for your Mighty Power that acts on behalf of your children. We reach out to you and now you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory. You will never waste our pain and suffering. We love you. We need you today. In Jesus' Name, Amen

FIVE

MINOR LEAGUE

During my internship my granddaddy became very sick. He was admitted into the hospital into ICU/Isolation. At that time, I was fighting a cold/virus with sore throat, fever and low immune system. Granddaddy asked for me daily. Mom said Go visit granddaddy. But, I was afraid he would caught this virus. I thought. Granddaddy will be fine. i will see him when he gets out of surgery. I never spoke to my granddaddy before he went to surgery. I waved at him as he was rolled down the hallway. He passed away in surgery. I never forgave myself and carried the grief and pain of his loss in my life. Only Jesus can heal this grieving pain and guilt.

After graduating from Occupational Therapy school, I attempted to pass national state boards during my granddaddy's funeral. I failed. It was another game lost. Three months later, during the second state board exam attempt, my Aunt Elaine passed away after a bout with cancer. I was spiritually broken from all the family trauma. Daily, I prayed with determination, "Jesus help me pass the state board exam."

Three months of waiting. The envelope arrived in the mail from National State Board of Exams. I opened the letter and read, "Pass" I wept with joy.

I thought. *Finally, I won this game.*

In my early intervention as a new graduate, I worked at the University of Chicago burn unit and the Rehab Institute of Chicago. An unforgettable experience. I worked with challenged patients providing acute care OT services for several traumas, burn unit, surgeries, and illnesses. Beth-Shan association was the unique experience. Beth-Shan is a faith-based organization providing homes and support services for people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. They believe every individual is a person of worth. A great experience with a population of value and rewarding. My career highlight was the combination of therapy and ministry skills was in a third world country in Casa Esperanza House of Hope Orphanage trip during 9-11. I received healing being around the children. I stayed involved in professional organizations such as IOTA, AOTA, FOTA, TOTA and NBCOT association and volunteered for Special Olympics. Throughout my career path, I have worked my way up the ladder from a staff therapist to rehab director to an independent contractor and finally home health therapist. Through these experiences, I have developed not only technical skills but likewise necessary soft skills such as patience, compassion, passion and clear communication. I became burnt out from therapy and became empty. The profession no longer was fulfilling unless I return to college to further my education in the occupational therapy profession. I had no desire since climbed the ladder only to reach college debt and eventually a lower pay rate from health care changes. I bloom where God planted me and eventually became dry ground.

Eventually, I met my second husband and married for six years this time. We built a home in the west suburbs of Chicago. Our lifestyle was family, corvette car shows on weekends and living the mid-western life until we sold everything. He wanted to move to Florida. I didn't. The ex eventually won this game. On Easter Sunday nineteen ninety-five, we moved from Chicago to Florida. That day they packed the truck down. We said goodbye to our family and friends then entered the highway. I was following behind my ex while he trailed the covered corvette. We drove in the far left lane on the busiest freeway in Chicago. About six minutes into the drive the corvette cover unattached off the car and covered the windshield of my vehicle. I thought my life was over. JESUS. JESUS. JESUS. Just then on my right side, the car cover flipped over enough for me to roll down the window. The man in the car next to mine guided me off the freeway. It shook me up at first until I realized that day two things. One the devil was trying to stop me from moving to Florida. The second thing that hit me, I had something so great in my future and blessings coming my way. I calmed down and had peace the rest of the trip. I landed safely on the side of the busy freeway. Satan lost this deadly attack.

We finally made it to Florida. We lived on Matlacha Island. A small fisherman island off Sanibel Island and Cape Coral. The drive into town was long and inconvenient. But the sunsets and peaceful waters made up for the long days.

No sooner we purchased a waterfront home with an electric boat dock, various citrus fruit to avocado trees, shuffleboard court and Olympic size pool. Next came the speedboat and toys. Weekends landed us on the gulf waters with beach-side lunches, night time fishing to dolphins, manatees and sunset cruises. His income declined 75-80% while my income rose to double. I worked two jobs supporting the family. We had everything you'd think would make a person happy: waterfront home, a speedboat, corvettes, and other toys. But there were also bills. His career did not provide enough and was eager to start a business called, Physically Unlimited, Inc. However, he wasn't business savvy.

In the nineteen-nineties, the government created PPS known as they implemented a progressive payment system into the health care. This payment system changed the rules of the game. They were into playing a whole new game. Instead of helping people they became all about monopolizing a health care system for corporate gain. I was working as a staff (COTA) therapist. I witnessed patients being taken advantage by this "new system". Overcharging and medical errors was on the ultimate high.

If you see a problem, solve it. My colleagues supported the business motto and my decision. Our company Physically Unlimited, Inc. provided patients with the proper safety equipment before discharge from the hospital.

It offered five packages ranging from no income to low income, inexpensive, deluxe, to the elite. Each package comprises a bath bench or bath seat, 3 in 1 commode chair, grab bars, long-handled shower head, and a bath sponge. It included installation in each package. Business was booming in the therapy department. The only difference between my company and the Hospital was my company didn't make a dime, and the hospital marked up the durable medical equipment by 80-90%. Physically Unlimited, Inc was in the business of helping others. Our motto was, "It's not about making money but helping others."

I'll never forget that day the hospital CEO walked into the therapy department and asked for me. The man said Ms. come with me, please. I said, sure. I walked through the hospital down into the corporate headquarters. We walked into the boardroom full of directors, board members, and hospital staff doctors. He said, please have a seat. He said I understand you are running an empire out of the therapy department. I said, Yes, Sir. He said, "Do you know this is a conflict of interest? Now you can shut this thing down or resign from your contact with this Hospital."

I looked down at the table. Looked up at each one. Looked down. Then I placed both hands on the table and said, "You're out". I got up and left the room.

It wondered the staff therapists what happened. I shared my story. As I packed my belongings I said, in observing how "the corporate sports" play this game, I would consider this hospital professional if they would play this game with integrity.

Play sports because you respect the team, care for people and love the game. If you know the other team is cheating that is when it's time to walk off the field.

2 Timothy 2:5 says, "And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules". Cheating and stealing from patients and insurance companies are not playing by the rules. That's how you play the game. God's way. What will do you next? I said, move forward and build this business.

The company "Physically Unlimited, Inc." was getting out of control. The hospital colleges continue to refer discharged patients to our company for medical equipment. Until the health care system hit the ground hard. From many changes, staff and payroll cuts to governmental manipulation. Many therapists bailing out of the allied health care profession venturing into different career paths only to survive. Progressive payment systems were being implemented that would have changed the entire health care system. I want no part. I knew the patients in the wheelchair will be the one to suffer. It broke my heart. They tied my hands and by this time, I wanted out. I prayed Please God get me out.

SIX

INJURED

My therapy contractor sent me to another hospital covering a staff therapist on vacation. I walked into the patient room to find an obese woman lying in bed. It was time to walk her and provide therapeutic exercises. She needed much encouragement. She agreed to get up out of bed. I set the walker up in front of the patient. My trunk was bent overlooking towards her wounded leg. I help guide the leg onto the floor. NO. No. No. she said as the lady plopped 375 pounds onto the bed. I screamed. HELP. I was on the floor as I watched the nurse push her medication cart past the patient doorway. The nurse ignored my need for help. No teamwork in this hospital.

I woke up in E.R. to find I couldn't move my back or legs. The ER doctor said you will never walk again. You can't lift past 5 lbs. and you will be in a wheelchair the rest of your life. Oh, my God, I thought. Never. That will never happen. I refused to listen to the negativity. A therapist in our rehab department helped me get home. I called my mother to tell her what happened. We spoke on the phone for hours thinking of a job I can do lifting less than 5 lbs. Our conclusion is there is no job lifting less than 5 lbs. I lay on a cold concrete floor for 6 months. It was like ice packs yet my muscles froze up. I spent many months in rehab to straighten out my back and hips. Months I dealt with the pain and unable to move my lower back or hips. I cannot bend or put on socks. I read the healing scriptures and prayed daily. I refused to allow Satan to win this battle.

I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. Matthew 18:19

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." James 5:14-15

I realize I don't have enough faith to get healed. The bible says if two or more agree then I shall do it. Then I heard about a healing evangelist named Pastor Billy Burke of World Outreach Ministries. He would be in town. I realized he is my agreement. That night Pastor Billy prayed over me. I felt a rod of heat run up and down my back. He said to do something you cannot do before. So, I bent down to my feet. Turned body to left. Turned body to right. He said check it. Where is your pain? I said I have none. He said, Praise the Lord. I was in my late thirties and after that day; I was committed to change my lifestyle. Lose weight. Eat right and work out in the gym. I was determined to keep my healing. I prayed and prayed that God will open a new door. God will answer your prayers when you believe that you receive without doubt in your heart. God, you know me so well. You created me. You know the number of hairs on my head, and you even know the thoughts conceived in my heart before I ever vocalize them. You've told us to come to you and ask for every need of life.

You are Jehovah-Rapha, the God who heals, and you have the final word on my destiny, the number of years I'll live and serve you on earth. Pray this prayer:

Dear God, (APPROACH THE ALTER) I come boldly before your throne of Grace. I need your healing touch today. (RECEIVE) I ask for your grace and my hope restored. I need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully, completely. (REPENT) Forgive me for trying to fix situations on my own. Forgive me for running in all different directions and spinning my wheels to find help, when true help and healing must be found first in You. Forgive me for forgetting how much I need you, above everyone and everything else. I come to you and bring you the places I am hurting. (NAME THE PLACES) You know the pain we've carried. The burdens and cares. I place this pain on the alter and give it all to you. You know where I need to be set free. (RESTORE) Holy Spirit please heal every broken place. Every wound and heartache. (GIVE GRATITUDE) Thank you that you are able to do far more than I could ever imagine. Thank you for your Holy Power that acts on behalf of your children. I reach out to you, and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory. Thank you for giving me the grace to receive and your power to restore me. I love you. I need you today. In Jesus' Name, Amen

SEVEN

COACHES

Until one day my husband and I were on an airplane traveling home for the Holidays. We met a businessman that sat next to us on the airplane and we established a relationship. When we returned home, we eventually dissolved our company Physically Unlimited.

Eventually, a sports company, memorabilia, and publications company incorporated with part of my inheritance. Business savvy my husband was not. I worked the businesses to support the family. We had everything you'd think would make a person happy: waterfront home, a speedboat, sports cars, and other toys. We made time to attend and serve in the church. I found my husband running off with the cigarette boats and beach-side drug addicts My husband's affair led up to another divorce and soon after; I found out that he passed away with cancer. My baseball hit the ground again, but I picked up myself again to play the game called "life."

Then, another health crisis hurled an unexpected Curve ball that changed my entire game. This career path pole-vaulted into several directions. The nightmare game was not over. What? Another loss. This time it was my step-dad. He died of natural causes.

My mother visited Florida to help with the baseball camps. I introduced her to several directors and business associates with in the corporations. My mother eventually remarried an entrepreneur businessman who was a former professional baseball player.

My second step-dad is Bob Dowdell. Bob was a pitcher and played for the New York Yankees in 1952 until he threw his arm out. Bob always said we played for the love of baseball, not money.

I sought even harder for success with several sports corporations, and marketing publications. Success became measured by owning fantasy baseball camps, a sports memorabilia company, a public relations and marketing company, travel agency company, I Co-hosted a cable sports TV show and surrounded my life with retired professional baseball players. Bob, often his shared baseball stories and coached me within the business. I found myself surround by Carl Yastrzemski, Fergie Jenkins, Lee Stange, Tony Oliva, Brooks and Frank Robinson, Bill Lee, Sami Sosa, Mark McGuire, Ted Williams and so many other professional baseball players. There was always a "father figure" type speaking encouragement, inspiration, and advice I never got growing up from my dad.

My success was like a baseball game until pride was up to bat. I swung at the ball. "Strike." I watched that ball hit the ground hard. My game became too big for me to handle. I realized lessons in life taught by how we play by the rules of the game, know your players and how they play this game called life.



Bob Dowdell (now my Step dad), myself, and Carl "YAZ" Yazstremski

Bob Dowdell, Jr. is a true Massachusetts and former New York Yankees baseball player. Bob was a left-handed pitcher for the New York Yankees in 1952 and played football for the Baltimore Colts. His career lasted a year after throwing his arm out.

Dowdell graduated from Norwich University with a business degree. Bob developed a strong sense of devotion for the nonprofit sector. Norwich University named Bob in honor of donating several thousand to the university alumni.

Bob Dowdell has a heart for physically challenged sponsoring Special Olympics. He founded the Challenger baseball little league for young adults and families to enjoy a special Saturday morning playing tee-ball, signing autographs, enjoying a barbecue and playing ball and with retired professional baseball players during each camp. He became a successful business entrepreneur owning a landfill, general store, and sports baseball company in Vermont, VA.

Elisabeth Von Tripp, (Bob Dowdell's neighbor), would sing the national anthems at every baseball camp. For Elisabeth Von Trapp, the sounds of music are part of her earliest memories. Born and raised in Vermont, Elisabeth is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron Von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. She has also sung the national anthem three times at Boston's Fenway Park.

Carl Michael Yastrzemski is better known as nicknamed "Yaz" or "Captain Carl", born on August 22, 1939, in Southampton, New York. While still in his first year at Notre Dame, his limitless potential on the ball field led him to sign a baseball contract with the Boston Red Sox. He was also named the league's Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year. In 1960 he moved up to the Red Sox Triple-A Minneapolis team. In 1961, Yastrzemski finally arrived in the Major Leagues as the heir apparent to the legendary Ted Williams in left field.

Carl Yastrzemski played 23 years with the Boston Red Sox. He is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, elected in 1989. Yastrzemski selected to 17 All-Star Games, won 7 Gold Gloves, achieved 3,419 Hits and 452 Home Runs and won the Triple Crown in 1967. His famous #8 retired by the Boston Red Sox and sits on top of Fenway Park. And, Yaz? What a career he had. Whatever we needed - big hit, game-winning homer, great play in left field, he delivered, over and over."

A seven-time Gold Glove winner, Yaz earned the honor of 18 All-Star Game appearances and considered one of the finest defensive left fielders of all-time. Yastrzemski retired after the 1983 season, taking his memorable final lap around Fenway Park. Elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame on the first ballot in 1989. Yastrzemski is now a roving instructor with the Red Sox.

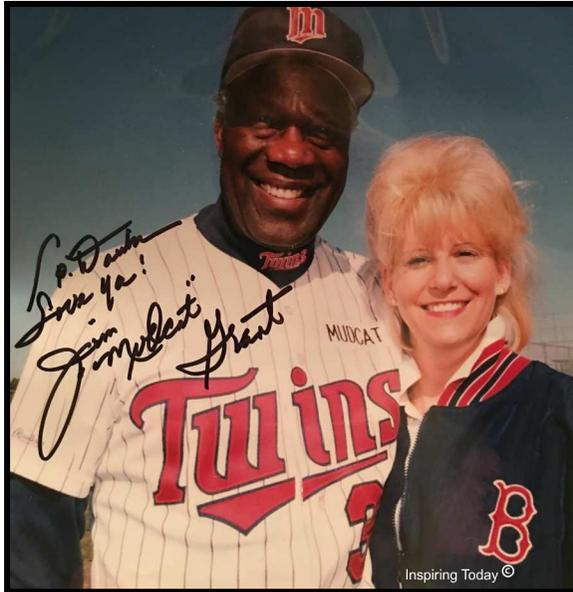
Q: "And if I have my choice between a pennant and a triple crown, I'll take the pennant every time."

"You don't always make an out. Sometimes the pitcher gets you out."

"I was lucky enough to have the talent to play baseball. That's how I treated my career. I didn't think I was anybody special, anybody different."

Carl "Yaz" Yastrzemski

Then the twins arrived. The Minnesota Twins that is!



Jim "Mudcat" Grant Minnesota Twins

On September 9, 1961, Jim 'Mudcat' Grant gave up home run number fifty-six to Roger Maris during his historic sixty-one home run season. In 1965, Jim 'Mudcat' Grant joined the elite twenty wins club in the American League. Another pitcher made the "club" as well that season, remember who it was? Did you know in 1970, Jim 'Mudcat' Grant pitched in eighty games placing him in the top fifty single season games pitched leaders? I didn't know that. He said I was born in 1965.

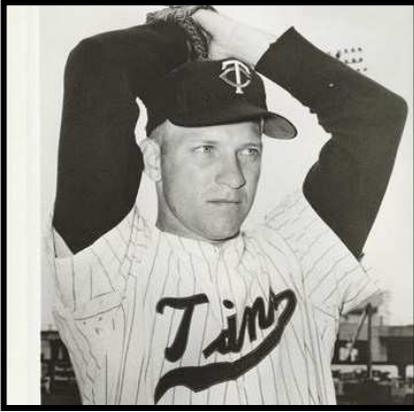
James "Mudcat" Grant, the former top Major League Baseball pitcher and advocate for the history of African Americans in baseball received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Whittier College on February 8, 2016.

Albert Lee "Stinger" Stange is a former MLB Pitcher who grew up in Broadview, Illinois. A journeyman pitcher who played for the Sox from 1966-1969. They called him the "Stinger" and his first name was Albert. Why Stange used his middle name as his first, I really can't say. The right-hander was signed by the Washington Senators as an amateur free agent before the 1957 season. He played for the Minnesota Twins (1961–64), Cleveland Indians (1964–66), Boston Red Sox (1966–70), and Chicago White Sox (1970).

Back in my day, we did not have Little League, Stange said. Most of the time it was just the kids playing together. I had a field about a block away from my house, and we were always playing baseball in the summer". (I can relate) Stange served as the pitching coach for NCAA Division II Florida Institute of Technology, a position he has served in since 2005. Stange now 80 years old and living in Florida, can be proud of what he gave to the young Bo Sox - steady starts that included six complete games, two of which came during a season-defining 10-game winning streak.

Q: "I would say that I was a make-'em-hit-it kind of pitcher," Stange says. "Move the ball around the strike zone, and let the defense take care of the rest."

Albert Lee Stange



Lee Stange played for the Minnesota Twins from He played for the Minnesota Twins (1961–64). Stange was later a pitching coach for the Red Sox (1972–74; 1981–84), Twins (1975), and Oakland Athletics (1977–79).

Ferguston "Fergie" Jenkins, Albert Lee "Stinger" Stange, And Petro "Tony-O" Oliva



Ferguson “Fergie” Jenkins signed with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1962 but didn’t find great success until the Chicago Cubs took him out of the bullpen and converted him into a starting pitcher five years later. In his first year as a starter in 1967, the right-hander notched 20 wins to go with a 2.80 ERA and 236 strikeouts. He tied for second place in the voting for the Cy Young Award. The following year, he again won 20 games, had an ERA of 2.63 and struck out 260. From 1967 to 72, Jenkins won 20 or more games each year, striking out over 200 in every season, averaging 314 innings pitched. He also threw 97 complete games over that span.

Fergie’s best single-game performance came in the 1967 All-Star Game when he struck out six of the top sluggers in American League: Harmon Killebrew, Tony Conigliaro, Mickey Mantle, Jim Fregosi, Rod Carew and Tony Oliva.

His best year came in 1971, when Jenkins was the National League Cy Young Award winner. He went 24-13, throwing a complete game in 30 of his 39 starts, walked 37 and struck out 263 in 325 innings. Jenkins also became the first Cubs pitcher and the first Canadian to ever win the Cy Young.

Ferguson Arthur "Fergie" Jenkins Jr. is a Canadian former professional baseball player. He was a Major League Baseball pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago Cubs, Texas Rangers, and Boston Red Sox, from 1965 through 1983.

"One of the best pitchers in baseball said Cubs manager Leo Durocher.

In 1974 with the Texas Rangers, he had a career-high 25 wins, and became the first baseball player to win the Lou Marsh Trophy, an award given each year to Canada top athlete. He was inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987.

Jenkins led the NL in wins two times, complete games four times and had the fewest walks per nine innings in the league five times. The right-hander is one of only four pitchers in major league history to record more than 3,000 strikeouts with fewer than 1,000 walks. As a hockey, basketball and baseball player growing up, Jenkins eventually found a focus, but never completely gave up other sports. In fact, he played with the Harlem Globetrotters during the baseball off-season on multiple occasions.

Q: "Mental attitude and concentration are the keys to pitching".

Ferguson Arthur "Fergie" Jenkins, Jr.

Pedro 'Tony' Oliva Jr., or 'Tony-O' is a Twins player and coach, was a man who seemed to excel in all aspects of the game. He could hit for power and average, run, field and throw, and his versatility made him one of the most feared hitters of his day. Tony-O collected 1,917 hits and retired with a .304 career average. In his 15-year career, which still stands as the club's longevity mark. Oliva may have been the best of them all. He won the first of his three batting titles as a rookie in 1964. He made the All-Star team eight straight years, before a series of knee surgeries sabotaged his career. If not for knee problems which cut his career short, Oliva would have been a certain choice for the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Oliva, began his coaching career in 1976. He also works as a hitting instructor in the Twins minor league system and scouts for the club. He had his number 6 retired July 14, 1991 and was selected to the Twins 25th Anniversary Team in 1986 and the 40th Season Anniversary All-Time Team in 2000. He was inducted into the Twins Hall of Fame on August 12, 2000 and was named one of the "50 Greatest Twins" in 2010. In 2013, he became the eighth ever recipient of the Herb Carneal "Lifetime Achievement" Award. The many injuries Oliva played through, Oliva's success didn't come without a cost. There are tales about the rickety plane he flew on in the Minors, the first time he saw snow, the unorthodox medical treatment he received in Mexico to cure a sore arm, how an outfielder who came into baseball with a reputation for being a poor defender eventually won a Gold Glove Award.



Most Humble & Kind Person Tony-O

Q: "I love New York. I love to come here, to play here, the tradition here. I'll never forget my first home run was over Micky Mantle's head"

" The people who run the game, they are the ones who what to change it and make people believe that it is different somehow. It's not different. The only difference is that some baseball players today have a chance for a four- or five- year contract and they can make big money."

Tony Oliva

Challenger Baseball League is for children with disabilities that prevent them from participating in normal recreational activities such as the baseball league. Athletes of all abilities playing on the field together, offering everyone involved life changing experiences.

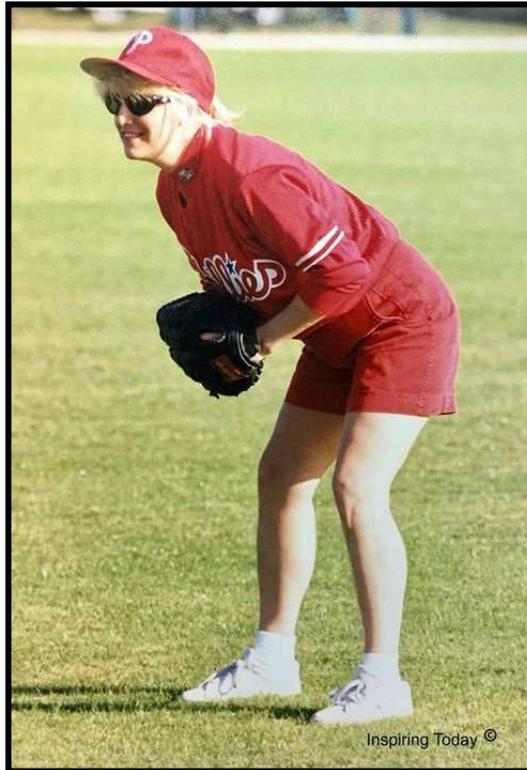
The support of World Series of Fantasy Baseball and several retired professional baseball players provided the athletics with jerseys and proper equipment to make their fields of dream reality. The greatest reward is watching children hit a ball for the first time, making new friends who will never forget the time you spend with them, knowing you were able to change a child's life, and help them do things they normally couldn't do.





Q: "SOME people will leave a lifetime of scares hard to bare. SOME people will bandage wounds who really care. SOME people will cause you to hurt and bleed. AND.., SOME people will help you with all your needs. SOME people will leave seeds of memories. SOME people will impact your life, so you can help others to succeed."

Dawn Ezelle

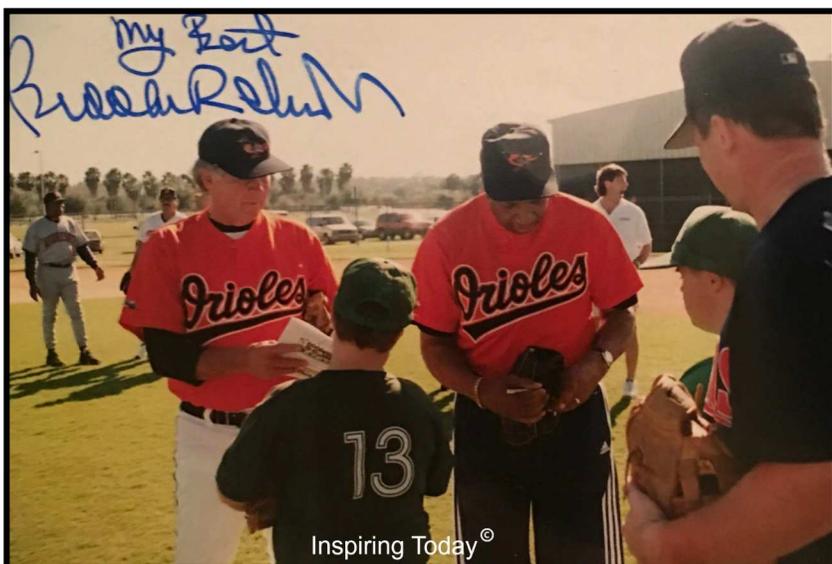


Dawn Ezelle

As a Therapist, the greatest joy was to meet other inspiring kids and adults with disabilities who are changing perceptions and reaching for their goals at Major Sports Fantasies. Playing baseball with some challenger players and professional baseball players was the most rewarding comradery. God gives all of us the ability to be versatile on and off the playing field wearing from one hat to the next.



Hammond Stadium & JetBlue Park is two of four Spring training facilities in Fort Myers. City of Palms and Terry Park Ball field (also known as the Park T. Pigott Memorial Stadium) in East Fort Myers are not in use. The City of Palms is the former Spring Training home of the Boston Red Sox, and Terry Park Ball field is the former home of the Philadelphia Athletics, Cleveland Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates and Kansas City Royals. Minnesota Twins MLB Spring Training (1991-present).



Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Steve Lomberdozzi and Challenger Players

Brooks Calbert Robinson Jr. is an American former professional baseball player. He played his entire 23-year major league career for the Baltimore Orioles (1955–1977). He batted and threw right-handed, though he was a natural left-hander.

Nicknamed "The Human Vacuum Cleaner" or "Mr. Hoover", he is considered one of the greatest defensive third basemen in major league history. He won 16 consecutive Gold Glove Awards during his career, tied with pitcher Jim Kaat for the second-most all-time for any player at any position. Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of fame in 1983. (I graduated from high school in 1983).

Robinson serves as president of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association, an organization that assists players and fans to interact off the field. MLB legends Bob Boone, George Brett, Robin Yount, Rusty Staub, Carl Erskine and Al Kaline preside as vice presidents. The organization assists former major league players through its wholly owned for-profit organizations MLAM (Major League Alumni Marketing), and MLAS (Major League Alumni Services). MLAM's goals include implementing a player pool and gaining compensation for former players through appearances and endorsements while protecting the names and likenesses of former players from unauthorized uses.

Robinson is one of the investors in the Opening Day Partners group, which owns four teams in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball. The group named Brooks Robinson Plaza at the entrance of People's Bank Park in York, Pennsylvania, in his honor.

In the 1970s, Robinson published an autobiography, *Third Base is My Home*.

He met his future wife, Constance Louise "Connie" Butcher, on an Orioles team flight from Kansas City to Boston in July 1959, where she was working as a flight attendant for United Airlines. He was so smitten with her that he kept ordering iced teas from her. Some of his teammates encouraged him to go talk to her. After drinking his third glass, he returned it to her in the galley.

There he told her: "I want to tell you something. If any of these guys, the Baltimore Orioles, ask you for a date, tell 'em you don't date married men. Understand? I'm the only single guy on the team." Before the plane landed in Boston the two had made a date to go out. He was not the only bachelor on the flight. Brooks and Constance were married in her hometown of Windsor, Ontario, Canada on October 8, 1960. Raised a Methodist, in 1970 Robinson converted to Catholicism, his wife's faith. On March 31, 2011, Robinson was admitted to Greater Baltimore Medical Center for emergency surgery after he developed an infection and fever. In the two weeks he spent in the hospital, he received an outpouring of letters and well-wishes from fans around the country. He was also successfully treated for prostate cancer in 2009. Robinson is now 81 and resides with his wife Connie in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Q: "I'll play out the string and leave baseball without a tear. A man can't play games his whole life."

Q: "I was fortunate to play with teammates who were the best of the best at every position."

Q: "I never thought of you as fans, only as my friends."

- Brooks Robinson



Frank Robinson

Q: "Managers don't have as much leverage as they used to have. We can't really be the boss"

Frank Robinson

Frank Robinson is an American former Major League Baseball outfielder and manager. He played for five teams from 1956 to 1976, and became the only player to win league MVP honors in both the National and American Leagues. He won the Triple Crown, was a member of two teams and won the World Series (the 1966 and 1970 Baltimore Orioles), and amassed the fourth-most career home runs at the time of his retirement (he is currently 10th)

Frank Robinson was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1982.

Robinson was the first black manager in MLB history. He managed the Cleveland Indians during the last two years of his playing career, compiling a 186-189 record. He went on to manage the San Francisco Giants, the Baltimore Orioles, and the Montreal Expos/Washington Nationals. He is the honorary President of the American League.

Robinson is the Bibliography of three books. *My Life is Baseball with Al Silverman*. (1968). *Frank: The First Year with Dave Anderson* (1976). *Extra Innings* (1988)

Robinson is (83) and resides in Beaumont, Texas

Bernardo 'Bernie' Carbo is a former outfielder and designated hitter who played from 1969 through 1980 for the Cincinnati Reds (1969-72), St. Louis Cardinals (1972-73, 1979-80), Boston Red Sox (1974-76, 1977-78), Milwaukee Brewers (1976), Cleveland Indians (1978) and Pittsburgh Pirates (1980). He batted left-handed and threw right-handed. He was raised in the Detroit suburb of Livonia and graduated in 1965 from Franklin High School. Bernie started his career with Cincinnati where he was the Reds' number one draft pick in the inaugural 1965 draft, the 16th overall pick and ahead of Johnny Bench. In his 1970 rookie season, Bernie posted career highs in batting average (.310), home runs (21), runs batted in (63), hits (113), on base percentage (.454), slugging average (.551), OPS (1,005) and games played (125). He was selected Rookie of the Year by The Sporting News.

Carbo admitted to doing drugs during the 1975 World Series. He states, "I probably smoked two joints, drank about three or four beers, got to the ballpark, took some [amphetamines], took a pain pill, drank a cup of coffee, chewed some tobacco, had a cigarette, and got up to the plate and hit." It was not just a one-time binge, however. Carbo states, "I played every game high. I was addicted to anything you could possibly be addicted to. I played the outfield sometimes where it looked like the stars were falling from the sky."

Carbo was out of baseball by age 33.

As the path of fame often does, my career bottomed out because of my alcoholism and drug addiction. My long-standing substance abuse problems led to a downward spiral which got so bad that I began to deal as well as to consume the controlled substances. I hit rock bottom in 1993 after my mother committed suicide, my father passed away, and my first marriage dissolved. My ex-roommates and fellow “Buffalo Heads” Bill Lee and Ferguson Jenkins helped me find the Baseball Assistance Team (BAT), an organization that helps needy former players. This was instrumental in getting me into recovery from my addictions. While in rehab, I found that God had a plan for my life. Through the healing power of Jesus Christ, my life was dramatically changed.

Carbo readily admits in a book he authored with Dr. Peter Hantzis – Saving Bernie Carbo – that his life and baseball career were derailed in their prime by alcoholism and drug addiction.

After retiring, he since become a born-again Christian along with where he operates the Diamond Club Ministry, an organization founded in 1993 that helps him guide youngsters and their families through tough times using baseball as a healing tool.

In 1993, he founded the evangelical organization "Diamond Club Ministry." and now spends his time ministering to families and their children through his love for the game. Carbo offers kids hitting instruction – and, yes, he uses high-tech videotaping software – while spreading the word about his Christian values. The purpose of the Bernie Carbo Fantasy Camp is to bring men together to fellowship with Christ. It is our desire to bring glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in all we do. 1 Peter 2:17 states “Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, Honor the King. We believe if we create an environment that fulfills this passage we will have created an opportunity for men to develop a network of brothers that will strengthen their relationship with Christ, their wives, and their families. We also believe this will be a place to bring a lost friend to experience the love of Christ. John 13:35.

On November 10, 2004, Bernie was inducted to the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame.

In September of 2012 Bernie was named to the 100 Year All-Fenway Park Team which consists of the top 40 Red Sox Players of all time. Bernie is also in both The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and The Ted Williams Museum under the unsung heroes' section.

Bernie resides with his wife Tammy in Mobile, Ala.



Bernardo 'Bernie' Carbo

Q: "I threw away my career", said Carbo. "If I knew Jesus Christ was my savior at 17, I would have been one heck of a ballplayer, a near Hall of Famer. Instead, I wanted to die."

Bernie Carbo

Walter "Moose" Dropo who played 13 seasons in the majors and won the 1950 American League Rookie of the Year award with the Boston Red Sox. Dropo, who lived in Peabody, Mass. He was affectionately nicknamed "The Moose from Moosup." He played football, basketball and baseball at UConn in a career that was interrupted by three years of military service during World War II. Dropo was a three-sport star at UConn in the 1940s and one of the greatest athletes in school history. Drafted by the Chicago Bears in the 9th round (74th overall pick) in the 1946 NFL Draft. Bob Dowdell, (my step dad) resided in the same town and played baseball with Walter Dropo.

In 1950, Dropo beat out New York Yankees pitcher Whitey Ford to win AL Rookie of the Year honors after batting .322 with 34 home runs and a league-best 144 RBIs in 136 games. He also made his only All-Star team that year. During a 13-year career in Major League Baseball, he played for the Boston Red Sox (1949–1952), Detroit Tigers (1952–1954), Chicago White Sox (1955–1958), Cincinnati Redlegs (1958–1959) and Baltimore Orioles (1959–1961). He soon became Boston's first AL Rookie of the Year, playing on a star-studded team that also included Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, Johnny Pesky, Dom DiMaggio and Mel Parnell. Dropo was also recognized in IMDb (International Movie Data Base) for Himself !950 MLB ALL Star Game Walter Dropo played himself - AL First Baseman. In 2000, Dropo was credited in ESPN Sports Century - as himself.



Walter "Moose" Dropo

Walt Dropo was an outstanding gentleman and did a lot of good things for our organization in the community when his playing days were over. "He was a giant of a man and very proud of his family and heritage. When he walked into a room, he had this great presence. Dropo died of natural causes on Dec. 17, 2010 in Peabody, Mass. He was 87.

Q: "I just stood there and prayed that the ball would fall into the stands,' he sighed. 'I watched it all the way and my heart sank when Micky Grassco, Washington catcher, squeezed it for the out.'"

Walter "Moose" Dropo

Steve Lombardozzi, Sr. is a former American professional baseball player who was a second baseman for the Minnesota Twins and Houston Astros for six MLB seasons. Lombardozzi, perhaps best known for his defense, provided key hits in the 1987 post season when the Twins won the World Series. Lombardozzi finished the series leading his team in hitting, batting .412. He was second with Tim Launder in hits (7) with a HR & four RBIs. Despite his World Series heroics after just one more season, the Twins acquired veteran Tommy Herr by 1989 & Lombardozzi was traded to the Houston Astros. There he helped tutor Craig Biggio with his transition to second base. He played very brief in two seasons in Houston & his playing days were over by 1990. In a six-year career he hit .233 with 20 HRs 61 doubles 107 RBIs. He posted a .986 fielding% making 31 errors in 1837 chances.

Retirement: After his playing days, he ran a small business & raised his family. He eventually went into coaching & is a minor league instructor for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In was long before Steven Paul Lombardozzi Jr. following in his father's footsteps. Steve Jr. was born with a clubbed foot deformity. At two years old he needed surgery which was done by the old NHL Minnesota North Stars hockey team surgeon. His clubbed foot never hurt his ability to play baseball.

The Lombardozzi family are helping relief efforts for victims of super storm Sandy and various charities.



Steve Lombardozzi, Sr.

Q: "The feeling was unbelievable. As soon as I hit it I knew it was gone, but I didn't believe it. I hit first base and between first and third, I had all these thoughts about all the friends and family and relatives that were all back home. I was visualizing all these different families - there were probably 10, 12, 15 of them all huddled around a TV going, 'Oh my God, our Steve hit a home run in the World Series! It was a highlight of my whole career.'" (WSC 1987)

Stephen Paul Lombardozzi, Sr.

Teddy Samuel Williams was born and raised in San Diego. Later to be known by nicknames like "The Kid", "The Thumper" and "The Splendid Splinter", he formally changed his first name from Teddy – after President Roosevelt - to Theodore.

He grew up in a poor family but was always able to play baseball, excelling in his local sandlots and playing for the San Diego Padres, then the local minor league team before being picked up by the Boston Red Sox in 1939. Nineteen times an American League All-Star, he was a six-time batting champ and was elected to the baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 1966. Ted's career numbers would have been even better had he not lost six years to the military service in World War II and Korea.

Drafted at the start of 1942, Williams, ended up joining the Navy Reserve in May 1942. After his Triple Crown season that year, he went on active duty in 1943 and served as a naval aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps.

After the war, he returned to baseball as one of the premier sluggers in the game. However, in 1952, Williams was enraged when he was recalled from a list of inactive reserves to go an active duty in Korea. However, he felt it was his duty to re-up and he did.

He was such a talented flier that he was wingman to future astronaut John Glenn in Korea and safely landed a plane that had been hit with flak, an incident that might have killed a lesser pilot and that earned him the Air Medal.

Amazing as he was in so many ways, he was far from perfect. His fielding and base-running skills were, nothing to brag about and he slumped badly in his only World Series appearance in 1946, when the Red Sox lost the St. Louis Cardinals.

He also had strained relations with the local fans even refusing to tip his cap when he circled the bases with a home run in his final at bat at Fenway Park. It wasn't until 1991, thirty-one years later, when he was honored with Ted Williams Day at Fenway Park, that he pulled a Red Sox cap from his jacket and tipped it to the fans. (one-dimensional on the field and temperamental)

Moreover, he was a genuine star across the county in every sense of the word, as you can see in this guest appearance on TV's "What's My Line." even hosting a TV show about fishing and gaining membership in the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame. Ted also worked as a commercial spokesman for the Sears retail chain. Ted married Dolores Wettach a former Miss Vermont and Vogue model. She was the mother of Ted's son, John Henry who Ted tried unsuccessfully to turn into a baseball player.

Yet despite the anger and bad feelings, Ted gave generously to the Jimmy Fund of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for children's cancer research and treatment. Ted's last great hurrah on a baseball diamond came at his home field, Fenway Park, at the 1999 All-Star game. That was the last time I saw Ted Williams.

In his later years, Ted had a pacemaker implanted in 2000 for a heart condition, cardiomyopathy. There was open heart surgery in 2001 and after suffering a series of strokes and heart failure. And not long before he died, Ted went full circle, with becoming the first inductee to the Hispanic Heritage baseball Hall of Fame. Ted's baseball legacy is secure, as a member of Major League Baseball's All-Century Team, All-Time Team. The Boston Red Sox retired his number 9.

Ted's will be stated he wanted to be cremated with his ashes scattered in the Florida Keys, and his oldest daughter Bobbi-Jo went to court to see that those wishes were respected. However, her half-brother John Henry and half-sister Claudia produced a document in which they and Ted all agreed to have their remains frozen cryogenically, with the hope of being revived in the future. It led to some brutal jokes about Ted's frozen head. John Henry eventually died of leukemia and his body was also transported to the cryonics facility to fulfill the family agreement. Ted remains interred at Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Scottsdale, Arizona



Teddy Samuel Williams and Yogi Bear

(Bob knew Yogi Bear)

Last time I saw Ted Williams he was sitting in a wheelchair

In 1999, Bob said to me, "Ted is an Atheist". That statement never left in my mind. In 2001, I felt lead to sow a bible into Ted Williams with his name engraved on the front cover. I mailed his bible to the Ted Williams Hall of Fame Museum in Orange, Fl. I don't know if Ted read the bible or found Jesus. "Teddy Ballgame" died of a heart attack at the age of 83 on July 5, 2002.

Q: "God gets you to the plate but once you are there, you are on your own."

Ted "Teddy" William

"Find your identity in
Jesus Christ and
not in the coaches
that mentored
you though life"

Dawn
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For as long as I can remember, I've been insatiably amazed by the promises written in God's Word. I wanted to know, what exactly is it that makes people genuinely joyful, successful, prosperous and creatively fulfilled? Why do some people struggle while others find a way to thrive, often despite the most challenging circumstances?

I was also passionate about a multitude of seemingly unconnected things: After several failed attempts at corporate jobs and a lot of angst trying to choose just one thing to be in life, I realized that my unusual combination of interests, gifts, and talent was a strength, not a liability.

The Coaches God placed in my life became stepping stones to identify my destiny God planned in my life.

EIGHT

MAJOR LEAGUE

And it was when stolen identity felt like I had struck out. I stared at the man sitting behind the desk. His badge read Investigator of the Economic Crimes Unit. That's right, Captain Hook, it's a manager who often takes a pitcher out of the game at the first sign of trouble. He is part of the white-collar crime unit to help public businesses with a personalized identity thief. The box of files sat on his desk with close to 400,000 in business and charge card fraud. The only hope to restore my identity was that man and files in the box. My heart fell to the floor as the man said, I'm sorry ma'am. Your dollar amount is not big enough for us to investigate further. We deal with casino amounts into trillions of dollars. I'm sorry." Then the man got up and left the room. The police officer escorted me and my box full of tears out the door. My desert awaited me as my well dried up with hopelessness. The feelings of victimization filled my empty spirit. How can I be so stupid? Why did this happen? The thief that come to steal, kill and destroy took all my dreams and hope for a future away. I returned home, walked into the bedroom with my box and dropped to my knees. Knowing man was not my only hope but seek Jesus. My baseball glove had nothing to catch but faith as I raised my hands to heaven. Father, I have struggled with success, pride and greed. Oh Jesus, please heal me." Jesus softened and healed a difficult heart. Jesus showed me how to be strong, yet tempered the strength with His grace, mercy, and compassion, even in the face of all my adversity and human struggles.

#2. REPENT

Feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin.

"the priest urged his listeners to repent"

- view or think of (an action or omission) with deep regret or remorse.

"Marian came to repent her hasty judgment"

God's desire is for us to be free to develop to be the way he designed. We need to turn away from sin and everything that entangles us to receive the blessing and freedom that God the Father wants to give to us.

Repentance is God's gift to us, to enable us to receive his generous blessings of forgiveness, freedom, son-ship, and fullness of life.

In the Old Testament God often called his people to repent through his prophets:

Joel 2:12-13 That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don't tear your clothing in your grief but tear your hearts instead." Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unending love. He is eager to relent and not punish.

Ezekiel 18:30-32 Therefore, I will judge each of you, O people of Israel, according to your actions, says the Sovereign Lord. Repent and turn from your sins. Don't let them destroy you! Put all your rebellion behind you and find yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O people of Israel? I don't want you to die, says the Sovereign Lord. Turn back and live!

In the New Testament, God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus. (Luke 3:1-18) When John appeared it was to a people were in slavery - not just to their Roman oppressors, but also in slavery to sin. John preached that people could repent, change their ways and turn back to God. Why did John the Baptist come?

God promised that he would send him to turn our hearts back to him and each other. (Mal 4:5-6) Mark 1:14-15 Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news".

It was necessary for him to preach repentance and baptize to prepare the way for Jesus, "filling in the valleys and lowering the hills" to maximize the people's receptiveness to Jesus. It was an extra work of grace. People flocked to John because they realized he was speaking God's message to his people for the time.

When they arrived, they went down into the river with him and received a symbol of cleansing, allowing them to turn back to following God and his paths and make a new start, with the past put behind them. John's preaching came with a due warning regarding a refusal to repent, and that God was about to "lay an ax to the root of the tree". He "exhorted the people and preached the good news to them" (Luke 3:18). Jesus preached repentance. Repentance is at the heart of our gospel message and is involved when we first turn to God to be saved through Jesus Christ.

Romans 2:4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? We are not the judge or jury of how someone should be with their repentance. However, I will openly share my experience. The moment I repented of my own sins that were the moment in time God opened the door for healing to begin. My attitude and behavior changed. It is a sense of deep sorrow about our actions and turning around about the course our life was taking. Repentance is a key part of the Christian life, but real repentance can be elusive. Repentance is more than simply acknowledging wrongdoings. It is a change of mind and heart. It includes turning away from sin and turning to God for forgiveness. It is motivated by love for God and the sincere desire to obey His commandments.

About the time my corporate games ended, God placed several women with white-collar crimes into my path to provide them with hope, help, and healing. They also tutored me in facing divorce, trauma, death, and loss. I lived out Galatians 6:3-4 that says, "If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load." I also learned that Jesus can help you right where you are. Whether you are facing loss, death, trauma, tragedy, grief, pain, sickness, or divorce. We remember that Earth is not our home but only the field of dreams we play on until eternity.

We can also remember that life is a ball. A baseball thrown up in the air comes down hitting the ground just to pick up and thrown into the air once again. We never know where it travels as we run to beat the ball called "life."

After this extra inning game, I stayed close to God and church. And soon friends introduced me to a single minister. We courted and within months got married. Dad said, "Three is a crowd and it will destroy your marriage." I didn't need to hear his negative voice again. By this time, I felt my dad had a grudge against marriage. I asked myself, How can a man bless another least his heart is not in the right place. I realized dad never got over the heartache of his own divorce. I pray that God restores his broken heart.

NINE

HOME RUN

#3. RESTORE

Bring back (a previous right, practice, custom, or situation); reinstate.

"the government restored confidence in the housing market" reinstate, bring back, reestablish "the aim to restore democracy"

Return (someone or something) to a former condition, place, or position.

"the effort to **restore** him **to** office isn't working"

Repair or renovate (a building, work of art, vehicle, etc.) so as to return it to its original condition.

"the building has been lovingly restored"

After becoming disciples of Jesus, we continue in the gracious gift of repentance. God has begun a good work in us, transforming us and perfecting our faith, and will continue it until the day of Christ. Repentance from sin is an ongoing process! JESUS wants a relationship with you. Spending time with Jesus in HIS word, praying, worshiping will develop a that long-life relationship.

- Three of the seven churches that Jesus addresses in Revelation are commanded to repent. (Rev 2:5, 2:16, 3:19). But to all seven churches, Jesus reveals his desire for them to remain in him and to overcome.

- Paul exhorts us to get rid of the bad stuff and replace it with the good stuff.

Colossians 3:5-10 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

Ephesians 4:21-24 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God — righteous and holy.

In teaching the parable of the sower, Jesus brought to his disciples a picture of how sin is like thorns (representing various sins) choking our growth and making us ineffective. In Mark 4:18-19, And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. We need to get rid of these things.

Hebrews 12:1 tells us to throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so entangles so we can run our race with perseverance. How do we throw off the sin? Through repentance!

We choose by faith to set our hearts, minds, and wills on the ways of the Kingdom and obedience to Jesus. Choose, believe, declare. Speak out the new way of thinking and feeling you enter by grace. Matt 12:43-45

When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So, it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. Then the spirit finds seven other spirits eviler than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. As an illustration, if you took your car for repair and removed a faulty part but didn't replace it with a working one, there would be no value in the repair. When we take something out of our lives, we need to fill the vacuum with a replacement - often the opposite. For example, when saved from fear, replace it with faith. Be proactive in this, not passive. We need to replace old patterns of thinking and behavior with the truth and obedience.

Restoration takes some time because it is an ongoing process. It is standing in the victory Christ has won for you and walking in the fullness of life he has planned for you.

TEN

GENERAL MANAGER

Of all my struggles, the most difficult is to forgive family, enemies and to show love for them. Forgiveness is the key to unlocking the vault. My heart said forgive and sow a seed of forgiveness in the church. God said one thousand. What? I heard one thousand. I argued with God and won this last inning. I sowed a seed on Easter Sunday 2000 and prayed God if you want me to go to Bible school, then you pay for it.

That evening we returned for the second service. The Pastor prayed over me and said, you will never leave this place the same way you came in. I didn't understand his meaning until I was riding home. This was a two-hour drive back home. As soon as I sat down in the van I sensed a pouring. God's Holy Spirit poured down from the top of my head to the souls of my feet. I was being delivered. It was as if someone peeled open the rooftop of the van and poured a presence into the van. I had no idea what this was as first. I remember a sensation around me of peace and the feeling of love. All the pain in my heart such as condemnation, rejections, verbal abuse, religious spirits, and lies from the enemy I lived with for many years disappeared all at once. The heaviness lifted off me. I would weep, then laugh, then speak in unknown language. The atmosphere filled instantly with peace and joy. God was touching my heart. I noticed a change take place in my heart. This lasted three days. When I woke up the next day, there was a sense of love. As if I was being held in someone's arms. Everything appeared in a different light.

For the first time in my life, the truth was being revealed to me through my heart. It was the most wonderful encounter I will ever experience in my life. I will never forget the gentleness, peace and love of God's Holy Spirit. He filled me with the power of His Holy Spirit. I reached the top of my game called "life" I believe no matter what your dreams or obstacles, through the Holy Spirit you have the power to change your life and your world.

New Season with the Holy Spirit used the three "R" s within the restoration process:

Realignment. Restitution. Recompense.

1. REALIGNMENT

The action of changing or restoring something to a different or former position or state.

"the scheme will require the realignment of local roads"

My Noah's ark days began.

Two months later, I received several phone calls from creditors. We found fraud on your accounts. Bam. 50. 75. 35. 17, 000.00. On and on. Crazy numbers and financial recovery began. But that's not all. It offered me a part-time job while God blessed me with Bible School. Two months later, blessed with Bible school, books, food, and tuition all paid in full.

#2. RESTITUTION

The restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner.

"seeking the restitution of land taken from blacks under apartheid"

Recompense or injury or loss.

"he was ordered to pay \$6,000 in restitution" "restitution for the damage caused"

Satan has stolen so many things from the body of Christ. Many times we let it go. According to the Word of God, there is a law of restitution biblically that you should be given back what Satan stolen. The bible speaks of restoration about seven times the amount or sevenfold return. Take back what Satan has stolen. Rise up and shake off apathy, depression, stress, and melancholy. You will begin to see miracles where things are going to be restored to you that you thought were gone. Ask Me for the amount of money maybe a former family member, somebody in a previous generation or how Satan robbed your family, and say, 'I want to possess my inheritance. I want it back.'" If you will do this, you will see that there will be the hand of favor come upon you. You're going to have extraordinary favor, and you're gonna get things that you thought you would not get." You need restitution and restoration." I've begun to call it back those things taken from me. I have great faith it's going to come back.

Holy Spirit, I just thank You right now that You are opening people's minds, ears, and thoughts of the different things in their life that have been stolen. I thank you that whatever happened in relationships, in families, in inheritance that You will give restitution and recompense to that situation. The Lord says, If you believe for the favor you need for it to come back, it will surely come back to you.

Two months later, a healing evangelist said HE calls you into ministry. I saw things in a different light. My hunger for God grew daily as I served the Lord full-time. I got lost in a ministry serving God from battered women to pregnant teens ministry, medical missions and I was a pastor's wife.

Two months later, my husband and I visit a new church in town. That afternoon Dr. David T. Demola offered the opportunity to sponsor our bible school. Paid in Full. books. Tuition. God even provided a part-time job in the afternoons while I attended an accelerated 2-year bible seminary in 6 months.

After graduating from the bible school God further covered my graduate school and received a four-year degree in Theology at Christian Leadership University. God provided all my college education. All from sowing a seed. praying. believing and receiving.

We were the second class to graduate from Faith International Training School. God provided through prayer. I was a pastors wife serving in our church full time and working with battered women and pregnant teens.

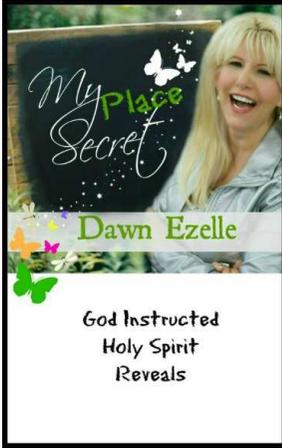
In my last book My Secret Place, I openly share my journal and journey with God in my book, My Secret Place. God Instructs. Holy Spirit Reveals. This book was written Fall of 2017. I am transparent about my walk with the Holy Spirit.

My spiritual mother and I traveled to North Carolina to attend a weekend conference at Shiloh Tabernacle. The conference turned into a week as I was (kidnapped) and taken up into the mountains. The Pastors dropped me off at a log cabin chapel. I spent 3 days in a log cabin chapel and one day in a prayer tower to hear from God. God said Orphanage. Are you ready? During 9-11, I traveled on a medical missions trip to Guatemala, C.A.

About the book

A TRUE STORY In her own memoir, Dawn Ezelle is transparent sharing her second Holy Spirit encounter that begins in 2001 nestled deep within the Blue Ridge Mountains. Dawn spends 3 days in a log cabin chapel to hear from God the next steps to walk. Travel with Dawn as she embarks on her journeys and solitude with God. Her photo album walks you thru 3 different mountaintop encounters. Are you searching for a deeper relationship or intimacy with God? Dawn's personal experience will help you discover yours. Her struggle with darkness, despair, and unbelief seemed like an eternity. Dawn found out that GOD is real, and the Holy Spirit is omnipresence. Her journal reveals a deep insight uncovering revelation as Dawn is led by the Holy Spirit from one mountaintop to the next. Know you are not alone. Stay encouraged and on the course. GOD will bring you into a close intimate relationship with HIM. Come retreat from daily distractions, be refreshed and find a quiet time with Jesus in worship, prayer, and fasting. Dawn's passion is for you to learn how to hear from God, obeying HIS voice and experience your own personal Holy Spirit encounters.

"God has a purpose, plan & destiny hidden behind every wildfire in life"



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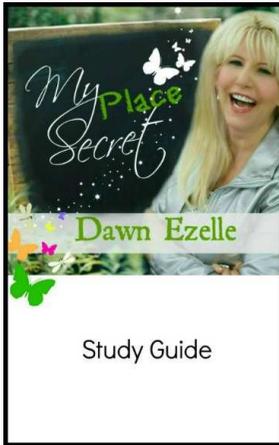
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My Secret Place Study Guide was written to help the reader to hear from God and Journal what your spiritual ears instruct. Solitude is a reason. Isolation is a season. I have walked through both seasons.



My Study Guide can help you learn how to retreat from daily distractions, refreshed, find a quiet time with Jesus, worship, pray, fast, seek direction and spiritual growth.

My Study Guide can help you find hope during brokenness, so you no longer feel isolated. Rediscover hope for your inner peace, love, and joy with the Holy Spirit.

My Study Guide can help you find solitude during busyness, so you can feel less stressed and refreshed in mind, body, and spirit.

My Study Guide can help the career-minded to work moms, single, married, divorced and youth to students discover moments alone. Rejuvenated, inspired and strengthen your inner spirit.

My Study Guide can help you hear and obey the voice of God experiencing your own personal Holy Spirit encounters.

One day a large box arrived in the mail. Inside was full of eight-track tapes and a lovely letter from David and Joyce Myers. They said you will find these teaching tapes useful ministering Jesus for your ministry D.E.M. (dawn Ezelle Ministries) and W.O.M.E.N. (World Outreach Ministry Educating Nations). Women of God standing true to her word with integrity.

I felt like I had won the "World Series" in my life.

Then one day a package arrived at our door without a return address. Inside the box was a website invoice and product. A dark side to our three-year marriage was exposed. My heart dropped to the ground. Lord, this cannot be for real. No. I said. No. No.

I prayed, "Holy Spirit reveal the truth. Expose everything I need to know." And He did.

I walked into my husband's office, pressed several keyboard buttons. The computer screen popped up with thousands of files and pictures. I was sick to my stomach. I felt betrayed. Violated. Hurt. Angry. My only hope was Jesus. After my third divorce, I lost it all, this time to Hurricane Charlie. The hurricane wiped out the home where I once lived. God just moved me up north for a new job offer. I was broken, depressed, lonely, hurt, and devastated, and weighed only 95 lbs. I was ready to commit suicide. The game ended when my job fell. No finances. No home. No family. All gone.

The hardest time to get on our knees is when dealing with the most pain moments in life. My passion is writing. Writing re-focused my love and attitude toward God that imparted a restoration process within the heart.

Re-connect with God for a purpose. A spiritual filter that allows users to observe and do considering what God does. Listen with your spiritual ears. This is the attitude of obedience to God. Act according to the word of God and according to what you hear. Take time to realign and sit with God. Pray. Meditate on God's Word. Praise HIM. Find your purpose in life. I found joy in a Hobby. Craftsmanship. Cooking. Gardening. Sports. Reading and Writing.

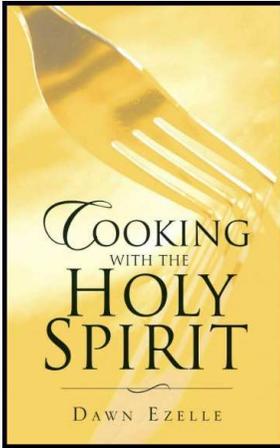
Your passion is where your purpose is found. Find it with God. But never allow your passion to become your god over The God of this universe.

ELEVEN

NEW SEASON

“God,” I Cried out, “When is this going to end?
He answered. Then led me through another difficult seventh inning stretch. I met some wonderful people who encourage me to write this story. Out of a painful heart, I wrote for 3 months solid nonstop. No time to eat. Day and night the pages came to life. And, my first book "Cooking with the Holy Spirit" published in 2004. I made a lot of mistakes self-publishing my first book. The healing process made up for the mistakes printed on paper. I stayed focused praying for my enemies and their salvation. While getting my life in order, I spend healing time alone with the Holy Spirit and transitioning back into the secular profession of occupational therapy. I missed full-time ministry. Yet ministry followed me from Florida to up North. I found God using me as a funnel from Midwest providing assistance to serve people in the Rita/Katrina hurricanes. I learned that God never stops the calling when you are called. He goes where you go.

Cooking with the Holy Spirit was written out of pain and understanding the power of the Holy Spirit. This book was written after my first Holy Spirit encounter on Easter Sunday 2000 and published in 2004. Other than reaching for the bible to seek HIM, I needed answers with understanding. As I journal my journey, the Holy Spirit answered my questions.



God is pouring out His Holy Spirit among all people on earth. When God's Spirit gives you a word, it is full of living power and light.

"O taste and see that the LORD is good: Blessed is the man that trust in him," (Psalm 34:8).

Cooking with Holy Spirit inspired by an outpouring and encounter with the Holy Spirit in author Dawn Ezelle life. Why are people filled with the Spirit? He revealed this truth to her. You will learn about God's gifts, about the Holy Spirit, and operate spiritual gifts, and God's love for you. Great food is intrinsic to the human body and our spirit through God's Word. The book will help the reader understand, encounter, and receive revelation from God. Our Master Chef has prepared a delicious collection of foods for you to taste.

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This book is currently being revised and will be available on kindle soon.

TWELVE

WIN

Have you ever chased the wrong things? Have you ever lost the game of life over and over? A job, corporations or businesses? Relationships or friends? Divorce? Have you lost a Home? Family Members? Have you ever miscarried?

Are you Hurting?

No one ever promised that life would be easy. When it gets too difficult the only place you can turn is to Jesus. He lived the life we should have lived. He died the death we should have died. And He made a way for us to exchange our sin for His righteousness. If you will receive Him as your Lord and Savior, this exchange can be yours, too. Sometimes we must rededicate our lives, giving our heart a fresh start with Christ. And that is just what I did. With a sincere heart, if you are ready to accept Jesus into your heart or rededicate your life to Jesus Christ, then I invite you to pray this simple prayer with me:

Jesus, I recognize I have sinned. Forgive me for my sins. I need you. I believe you are the Son of God, that you died on the cross for my sins, rose from the dead and now sit at the right hand of God. Come into my heart and heal me. I receive you as my Lord and Savior and choose to follow you this day. Amen.”

Three years later, supernaturally God answered my prayers for reuniting with the people that hurt and broke my heart. We reunited for the first time. I continued to pray for their salvation and Christian walk. I stayed faithful to the word of God. Ten years past. While we were visiting Joel Osteen came on the Television. He said if anyone would like to receive Jesus Christ into your heart. Then, pray this simple prayer with me. Together, we held hands and prayed. That day I knew my prayers for their love, forgiveness, and salvation was answered.

JESUS PAID IT ALL.

#3 RECOMPENSE

"offenders should recompense their victims" repay, reimburse, make reparation to, make restitution to, make amends to 'offenders should recompense their victims"

Compensation or reward given for loss or harm suffered or effort made.

"substantial damages were paid **in recompense**"

Time heals the wounded soul, cleanses the spirit and restores the heart. Allow time for the Holy Spirit to rebuild life in your relationships with God as your coach. The Bible says, for everything, there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to cry and a time to laugh.

A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace. What do people really get for all their hard work? I have seen the burden God has placed on us all. Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. So, I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God. And I know that whatever God does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God's purpose is that people should fear him. What is happening now has happened before, and what will happen in the future has happened before, because God makes the same things happen over and over again. I also noticed that under the sun there is evil in the courtroom. Yes, even the courts of law are corrupt! I said to myself, "In due season God will judge everyone, both good and bad, for all their deeds." I also thought about the human condition—how God proves to people that they are like animals. For people and animals share the same fate—both breathe and both must die. So, people have no real advantage over the animals.

How meaningless! Both go to the same place—they came from dust and they return to dust. For who can prove that the human spirit goes up and the spirit of animals goes down into the earth? So, I saw that there is nothing better for people than to be happy in their work. That is our lot in life. And no one can bring us back to see what happens after we die. Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Solomon having shown the vanity of studies, pleasures, and business, and made it to appear that happiness is not found in the schools of the learned, nor in the gardens of Epicurus, nor upon the exchange. We should content ourselves with what God has given us, by showing mutability of all human affairs. The immutability of the divine counsels concerning them and the unsearchable of those counsels. The vanity of worldly honor and power abused for the support of oppression and persecution if men are not governed by the fear of God in using them.

The wisdom and knowledge of the Holy Spirit we overlook when adversaries, temptations and evil enter the heart. Yet, the love, forgiveness and goodness of our God and knowing His son Jesus Christ will be there during the lost and won games of life. Time is passing by every day. The moment of time is hidden blessings available for us to receive. Only you can change the course of time in your life by your daily prayers.



3 STRIKES

You're In

GOD'S GAME...!



JESUS

#1. RECEIVE (JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR HEART)

#2. REPENT (GOD HEARS YOUR FORGIVENESS)

#3 RESTORE (JESUS DELIVERS BROKEN HEART)

HOLY SPIRIT

#1. REALIGNMENT (HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS BROKEN HEART)

#2. RESTITUTION (HOLY SPIRIT REPAIRS / RENEWS)

#3 RECOMPENSE (HOLY SPIRIT SUPERNATURAL RETURNS / REWARDS)

A
PRAYER
FOR
RESTORING
YOUR
LIFE



PRAYER FOR RESTORATION IN LIFE

DEAR Heavenly Father,

I feel I have wasted so many years of my life pursuing wrong things and getting involved with world activities, fleshly pursuits and the various temporary things of life while neglecting the important spiritual issues, that are eternal.

I ask for Your forgiveness and pray that in Your grace You would restore the years that the locusts have eaten—the years I wasted foolishly.

Lord, I want to be a good and faithful servant. When I stand before Your throne I know that most if not all the good works I have done are likely to be burned up. I know I have been striving in the flesh instead of resting in You and letting Your Holy Spirit live and work through me.

Restore in me the heavenly love, joy and inner peace that has been evading me. Help me focus on the eternal rather than the temporal and from this day forward may I live my life in such a way you would have me live. In Jesus' mighty Name I pray, Amen

PRAYER FOR FAMILY RESTORATION

DEAR Heavenly Father,

i Thank You that You care for all Your creation and all Your children – but Lord, there are so many areas in our home and family life that are going wrong that it seems that our whole family is about to implode.

Father I know that we have all made mistakes- (I know that I have made mistakes and ask Your forgiveness), and we have all made some foolish choices, but Father I know that You are in the business of restoring those that are hurting and mending those that are broken – and I pray that You would restore our broken family at this time.

Lord I come to You for guidance and help to restore our family's relationships, renew our love for each other and may the respect that we showed one to the other return. Restore the family unity we once enjoyed, and may we all look to You to lead and guide us as we move forward in our relationship with each other and with You, I ask this in Jesus mighty Name I pray,
Amen

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RESTORATION

Dear Heavenly Father,

Forgive me Father God, I have realized that I have become so engrossed in my own affairs and interests that I have wandered far away from You and my life seems to be meaningless.

Thank You Lord that in Your grace You have sustained me thus far but I know Father that I need to get my life back on a spiritual level I do thank and praise You that in Your grace You have got my attention and made me realise my need to return back into a right relationship with You.

Thank You for sustaining me even when I had wandered far from You and thank You that Your steadfast love never ceases and that Your tender mercies are new every morning – You are a great and faithful God. Help me I pray to get a proper perspective on life and I ask that You restore the joy of my salvation and help me to keep my eyes looking to Jesus my feet firmly planted on the road of righteousness and peace. This I ask in Jesus name,
Amen

Just knew when I turned 50, I knew something special in my life would happen. I couldn't wait to turn 50. I thought I would go celebrate in Hawaii. I never been to Hawaii and always wanted to go to paradise. But God had another plan. The time arrived and so did a large bill in the mail. Oh no. I thought. This cannot be. There goes my Hawaiian trip right towards a bill. I prayed and asked God what should I do for my 50th birthday? And HE said, "Go learn to fly an airplane." I thought really. So that is what I did. God says Go learn to fly an airplane. You fly an airplane. Don't ask why. Just do it and enjoy the ride.



with my flight instructor
Celebrating 50th Birthday God's way...

"When you start living life again that's when you know God has restored your SOUL with Joy, peace, love and with NEW adventure."

Dawn Ezelle

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*"Remember that Earth is not our home
but only the field of dreams we play on
until we meet eternity."*

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