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This summarized text has been carefully written so that you can have at hand biblical base and real experiences about issues of great importance for a victorious Church of Jesus Christ.

You will read concerning the authority we have as God`s children, to be victorious against the enemy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a subject that has many Bible references

While developing the issue of our authority as the church, we find it important to focus on our knowledge about the enemy and the way he operates against lives. Here it is essential to remember that our Lord Jesus has taught us about the subject, highlighting it as an issue of particular relevance. It is not wise to ignore the endeavour of the enemy. So we must be prudent to understand his evil strategies and the extent of his authority, while we remind ourselves that he is utterly defeated and cannot stand the Authority we have in the Name of Jesus.

Another important topic is the quest to be sensitive to the world that surround us and the suffering of those who we share every day of our lives with: our friends, neighbours, family etc. As we sense the need and desperation, we also understand the responsibility of the Church of Jesus Christ, that has received such high Authority. We have an important and decisive job to do and very often we find ourselves ignoring it or unaware of it. So now is time for us to know well our crucial job and also that our Lord has provided us with the capacity to see it through with total success.

GOD`S LOVE for MANKIND is the fundamental of all which is uncovered here.

We hope it to be a great blessing to every one of you.

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The Calling

As the Church of Jesus Christ we have been called and we can`t ignore the importance of our calling. Through the Bible we see God calling us and making us His children.

The Bible says in Exodus 3.1-4:

"Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

In this text we see Moses already 80 years old, a man who had lived for 40 years in the pharaoh's palace - living like a king. Moses had done things his own way, this is why he had to flee to the desert. A man full of human abilities but useless to God and to the fulfilment of His purposes. For this reason God sent him to the desert for 40 years. The desert has been the preparation so that he could be launched, later, to accomplish God`s purposes. The desert had tamed him.

Sometimes we think the desert to be the end of our dreams, ministry etc. Moses probably thought that too. But in reality, God was using the desert to enable him to do the crucial job that God was about to put in his hands.

After having lived so much time in the desert, Moses was probably quite used to it. He had not only lived there, but there he worked as a shepherd. Also, it was there that he saw a sign: the burning bush. It was something quite common to see in the desert, only that this time the bush would not be consumed by the fire.

God wanted to talk to Moses and used a sign to draw his attention. Nowadays the Lord still draws our attention by performing signs.

God captured Moses attention in order to talk to him. The message was clear, God descended to speak, He manifested Himself and the weight of His Presence was such that Moses closed his eyes in fear. God was not there to entertain him, but to give him a message.

The Bible teach us in exodus 3.7-10

"The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

This was God`s message to Moses, He had descended to talk to Moses directly. The message was given not only to commission him for a task, but also to reveal God`s will (feelings) to Moses.

We read from the message that God wanted to set His people free from slavery. Moses could have thought: "how nice Lord. Do it with great demonstration of power!!!" But if we read further, we get to the point where God says that it was up to Moses to go and liberate them. God was calling Moses, He had descended because of His Love for His people and He was preparing a liberator, someone to set them free.

Today the world is screaming out in suffering, the same way as the people of Israel. The world is bound by the chains of slavery in the same way. The world is shouting out in despair for help. God is the same God that introduced Himself to Moses. He still descends to call His Church and send her to a world that suffers.

We have to understand that God has called us to perform this task. The world is in pain, screaming, asking for help and God has listened to their suffering. This is why He descends to speak to His servants, His Church, in order to send them to the rescue of those who are bound in slavery.

We must be conscious of what we have been called for and the responsibility which is over our shoulders. We have been chosen for a high purpose and must keep it as a concern until it is fulfilled.

If we keep reading Exodus 3 and the beginning of Exodus 4, we find Moses making excuses, talking about his limitations and saying that the people of Israel would not believe that God had appeared

to him. God, who always provides, had already prepared miraculous signs to perform through Moses, so that the people could believe him. God has not only called him for a purpose, he gave him capacity so that Moses could see his task through.

The last verses of Exodus 4 show us that the people of Israel saw the signs and believed that God had sent him.

God has called the Church and has given it the same capacity He gave to Moses. He has not sent her empty handed. He has also given us miraculous signs. Mark chapter 16.15-18

"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."God has called us and has given us signs like He did to Moses. He has given us capacity to accomplish our calling."

Jesus` s Character, Love

Having gone through the calling of His Church and the fact that God has given us miraculous signs, in order to enable us to do the job, it is important to focus the Character of Jesus. When we speak about His character, we mean: the LOVE and COMPASSION He had for those who needed His help.

It is of utmost importance that we might develop the character of Jesus, so we can do His work correctly.

When Jesus spotted the crowds, He saw sheep without a shepherd, left behind, exposed to danger, in need for His help. We must learn to LOVE people the way He LOVES. This is the secret to fully develop the calling, the ministry, God`s purpose.

In order to develop and perform the task God has given us, we must have Jesus`s character. We must LOVE people.

1 Corinthians 13 states the reality that even if we have many spiritual gifts, we are nothing without LOVE. Every single action of ours must be motivated by LOVE. This is Jesus`s character.

Jesus was amongst the people, He spent time with them, He listened to them, and He attended their needs. One day Jesus asked to one of His disciples: " ...who has touched me..." The disciple responded: "...the people are crowding and pressing against you..." Jesus was there with the people. This is Jesus`s character.

There are many passages that reveal Jesus`s character. Let us remember the widow from Nain. She was walking out of a city, crying the loss of her only son. She was now alone in life. From the opposite side, Jesus was coming with a crowd, happy about the miracles they had just seen. In Nain, there was another crowd waiting for Jesus, as His disciples would go in front to announce His arrival.

There were two crowds relying on Jesus, but when He saw this woman crying, He had compassion on her and turned His attention to her; He did not leave her in need. Maybe some would have thought: "Master there are two crowds waiting for you, how can you stop just to attend to a poor woman". This was the character of Jesus. He left no one behind in need. Jesus came closer to this woman and said "don't cry". He could not just watch her suffering and leave. Then He gave her son back by resurrecting the dead young man. Yes, Jesus stopped because of a woman in need, when still two huge crowds were waiting for Him.

The other passage which reveals Jesus character is the denial of Peter. Peter had spent a lot of time with his Master. He had even said that he would never deny the Lord Jesus and would be ready to die in His place. Nevertheless Peter failed. He denied the Lord Jesus three times. What would we have done in the face of such an attitude? Would we complain severely about Peter? Probably yes. But Jesus is not like us. He looked at Peter with such LOVE that Peter left and cried bitterly. This is Jesus. We must learn to LOVE like Him if we want to see results.

Demonology

On this subject we will only address the origin of Satan, the enemy, and his army. The Bible has clear references about it and also about the ways in which the enemy works against God's most valuable creation: the human being.

How does the enemy enter one's life

From the days of the first man (here the term man is used in reference to the human being) to our days, the enemy's ways and actions are the same: he drives man towards sin, because sin opens the doors for the enemy to get into one's life. This way Satan can start his works of destruction.

The Bible tells us that man has a fallen nature, which the New Testament calls the old nature, which doesn't want to relate to Godly things. This fallen nature is described as the flesh (and its concupiscence - fleshly lusts) and it is the inheritance we have because of the first man's sin. This nature desires to rule our lives through the works of the flesh, which are clearly mentioned in the Bible:

"Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."(Galatians 5.19-21)

The result of living in the flesh (according to the desires of the flesh) is just one: sin. And sin gives way to Satan so that he might take control of our lives. Satan can do whatever he wants when a

man decides to live according to the flesh (old nature – fleshly lusts), or when someone puts oneself under the dominion of the devil. This is why the Bible states that those who sin also fall into the trap of the devil and become captive to his will:

“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.”(John 8:34)

Men are living a life of sin, and it is hard for them to step back from it. The enemy has tried to minimize the weight of sin, but it isn't small. Remember that the Lord Jesus has died because of our sins. Sin is opposite to God's Holiness, sin is the character of the enemy. Sin destroys one's relationship with God, the spiritual life. Sin cuts fruitfulness, joy, prayer, communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ. However, if we confess our sins, we receive God's forgiveness and remission.

The clear conclusion is that Satan can't enter a life if not through sin. This is why the devil tries to minimize the weight of sin in order to deceive us into doing it.

The Lord Jesus has died for us, to redeem us from our sins and to give the power to be called children of God. He has sent His Holy Spirit that works in us so that we might bear His fruits of holiness.

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His Church must be presented untainted for the coming of the Lord.

Parts of the human being

Human spirit: part which perceives divine things and does not consist of matter.

“But it is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding.” (Job 32:8)

Soul: Sometimes the soul is confused with the spirit because it also does not consist of matter and it is possible to find some similarities between the spirit and the soul. The soul is where the will, intelligence and feelings reside.

Body: the part made of matter, "the clay". It is the roughest part of the human being and because it holds the senses (hearing, sight, touch, smell and taste) it also executes the desires of the soul.

Since we understood the composition of our being, we shall see how the enemy seeks to enter man`s life through sin, in order to destroy it.

Our senses are the receptors of the soul (like an interface). They collect information and circumstances that will promptly be processed by the soul.

The soul, as we saw, holds the will. It receives information, processes it and makes a decision according to the information that was collected (it is important to explain here that the information we refer to, consists of temptations which men must fight against constantly).

Once a decision is made in the realm of the soul, the body will follow through its execution, therefore consummating the sin. We have to understand that (in spite of any developments and aspects of life that may be linked to the sin that has been committed) it will always be the soul who decides to sin, not the body. Since the body only expresses the will of the soul to sin, the decision does not lay upon it or the spirit. This is why the Bible says: "The soul who sins is the one who will die" (Ezekiel 18.4)

The Bible reveals to us the men`s fight against sin.

In Galatians 5.16-17 we found that the human spirit and the flesh fight against each other. While the spirit wants to please God, the soul struggles: "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit and the spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want".

We read in Romans 8.7 that: "The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God`s law, nor can it do so"

James 1.13-15 says: "When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

The soul is attracted, tempted and seduced by its own fleshly concupiscence (uncontrolled appetite for materialistic goods and fleshly lusts). Once it has sinned, the soul gets bound by the devil.

The origin of Satan (Ezekiel 28.13-16)

If we want to know the origin, character and destiny of Satan, there is a faithful source: the Bible, the Word of God. The Bible teaches us everything we need to know about Satan and the ways in which he operates. When Jesus came down to the earth, He taught about Satan, He confronted him, He battled him and He defeated him at the cross of Calvary.

Who are the demons?

Angels were created by God, but some of the angels have rebelled against the role that God gave them. They rebelled against God's sovereignty. (2 Peter 2.4 - Judas 1.6)

The angels who rebelled have been dragged down by Lucifer (Satan). The fallen angels make up a third of the angels of heaven. (Revelations 12.4)

Satan and his angels are destined to eternal fire (Matthew 25.41)

According to the Bible these angels are also called demons, filthy spirits, filthy, evil. (Luke 7.21) (Acts 19.13-16) (Luke 8.2) (Mark 9.17) (1 Corinthians 2.12)

They are intelligent, evil, have no biological body and seek to possess people in order to destroy them (John 10.10). Satan wants to rob, kill and destroy people, their morals, their feelings and their freedom; driving them to perversion, prostitution, degradation and corruption. Satan drives people to a pit from where they cannot leave. Sin attracts evil spirits. They feed from, recreate and dwell in those who live in sin.

Demons are fallen angels that have not kept their intended role, have rebelled against God and now have the only purpose of destroying human kind created by God.

Which are their characteristics?

They exist (Mark 1.23, 1.34, 3.11, 5.23, 5.7-12, 6.13).

Demons are spiritual beings (Matthew 12.45) (Luke 11.26) (Revelations 16.14).

There are many of them and they are all around the globe (Mark 5.9) (Revelations 16.14).

Their manifestations are visible (Matthew 4.24, 8.16, 28.33, 9.32).

They are violent, they don't want to be expelled from the body they possess and they launch ferocious attacks against people (Mark 1.23, 5.3-5, 9.17-20).

They know Jesus and know that He has Authority over them (Matthew 8.29, 31.32) (Mark 1.24, 5.7) (Acts 19.15).

They know their destiny (eternal fire) (Matthew 8.29) (Luke 8.31).

There are people exposed to demons and their evil activities (Ephesians 2.2)

They have intelligence and make decisions (Luke, 11.24-26)

They speak, they even use the mouth of a person in order to speak (Matthew 8.28-34)

Demons are organized in hierarchy. The strong man (strong one) is the boss. They are depraved, and seek to keep men in sin and disease.

The filthy spirits may cause disease, but not every disease is demonic. In the gospels there are references of people who have been possessed. Some of the effects of being possessed are: muteness, epilepsy, deafness, blindness, mental illnesses etc.

Not every infirmity is caused by demons though. The Scriptures make a distinction between infirmity and demonic possession. No demon was involved in the disease of Peter's mother in law, who was healed (Mark 1.19-31). There are other examples: the centurion's servant (Luke 7.1-10), the son of the king's officer (John 4.46-54), Jairus's daughter (Luke 8.40-42, 49-56)

There are many levels of hierarchy and degrees of evilness.

In Ephesians 6.10-12 we discover that our fight is not against the person whose body has been possessed, but against the evil spiritual forces, whose bosses are Satan, his principalities, powers and governors. The evil hosts are the army of our enemy, Satan.

Jesus came to earth in order to undo every work of the devil and this mission He has given to his Church.

Spiritual Warfare

When we talk about spiritual warfare, it is important to relate to the events of real life. Let's see:

In modern war between nations there are at least two stages, the first is an air raid in order to debilitate the enemy and force them to flee from their bases. In spiritual warfare, the first stage consists of taking authority in the name of Jesus, ordering Satan to retreat, removing his authority over the peoples, cities and nations. Satan, the enemy of our lives, has blinded peoples understanding, so that they can't see the light of the Gospel. It is our responsibility, by using the weapons that God has given to His Church in the name of Jesus, to destroy any argument of the devil, which is deceiving and blinding the people; and rebuke every spirit of unbelief that is tormenting them.

This is a crucial step in order to secure victory, but not the only one. Once the enemy is debilitated and has lost his authority, it is time for the infantry (boots on the ground) to conquer what has been debilitated. The infantry here is like the Church going to the streets in order to take the lives back from Satan. The very lives we have been praying for, those whose minds we have already ordered Satan to release.

It is important to pray (fight spiritually) and order Satan to release the lives he has held bound. But it is also important that the Church knows how to conquer those who Satan has released as a result of the Authority we have in Jesus Name. The Bible impels us not only to pray, but to go out and seek the lost, to give them the good news of the Gospel. Since "how can they believe if they are not preached to". (translated from Spanish)

In order to develop this point further, let us read some Bible texts:

In 1 John 5.19 we read: "We know that we are children of God and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one"

It is clear from the text that there is a world (1 John 5.19) controlled by Satan. It is also clear that if we are from God we are not of this world. Those who are not under God's control are inevitably under Satan's control, since there is no space in between (grey zone) on this issue. There is a world living far from God, being affected and influenced by Satan. The devil will do everything possible to keep these lives under his grip and to prevent them from discovering the SALVATION and LOVE that there is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible states in 2 Corinthians 4.3-4:

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

Here we see that Satan works since ancient times to prevent men from knowing the truth, the Gospel of Salvation.

In accordance to the text we've already read, we can also deduct another relevant point for the spiritual warfare: Sometimes it seems that there are some cities or countries which are more resistant to the preaching of the Gospel. We may be tempted to reject them or even to adopt a negative view of their people. However we have to understand that the problem is not a hardened heart against the Gospel, the

problem is the work of the devil to prevent people from knowing Jesus Christ. Our fight is not against the people or their attitude; our battle is against Satan and his evil powers which try to separate men from God.

The bible says in Ephesians 6.12:

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Through the reading of this passage, it is clearer than ever that our battle is against Satan, who has the world under his grip, and not against the people that are bound under his dominion.

When we interact with the people, we must understand that in spiritual warfare it is key that we can develop the character of Jesus Christ. When we talk about His character, we refer to His LOVE for the people and his compassion for those who suffer. This has to be our motivation when we are serving the Lord. Jesus has loved mankind in such manner that He gave His life. This is the LOVE we must have for the people who needs God`s help.

We have to fight Satan in order to make him relinquish his control over people`s lives and we must LOVE those who need SALVATION. That very SALVATION we ourselves have the privilege to enjoy in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Satan`s dominion

We`ve read the scriptures about Satan`s dominion over the earth. But some doubts may stem from this issue.

First we have to understand that truly the Bible is the Word of God, and what is written in it was inspired by His Holy Spirit. If the Bible states that the devil has dominion over the earth, you`d better believe it! Let us go through some Bible verses about the authority of the enemy, so that we can understand it better and also, understand how his authority affects reality.

In Luke 4.5-6 the Word of God says:

“And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I

give it to whomever I wish.”

This passage talks about the temptation of Jesus Christ, soon after He had been baptised in water and by the Holy Spirit. Here Satan (the father of lies) tells Jesus (the Truth) that all the kingdoms of the earth had been given to him. When Jesus answered He gave no indication that it was a lie. Jesus knew that in this particular moment the enemy was not lying, he was actually saying the truth.

The question now is: who has given the devil all the kingdoms on the earth?

The Bible is also clear about how this happened and we will be reading about it as we develop the subject a bit further.

The Bible says in Genesis 1.28:

“God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Here we can see God`s blessing to the first man and woman (Adam and Eve) that inhabited our planet. The human being was the crown of God`s creation. Man was made in God`s own image and was given ability in every faculty that were unlike other living creature`s. Some of these faculties (powers) were to rule (Definition: to reign, to exert dominion, to subdue) and to be lord (owner, boss) over all the Earth. In other words, God gave man the authority over all the earth and all its living creatures. He was to be the one who would have authority over all the earth. And it was solely because God had established this way.

God had made everything for man (His greatest creation) to enjoy. Not only that, God gave him the keys of the earth, the authority over all the Earth.

In order to understand this better, we will look at God`s pact with Noah and analyse some relevant things.

Genesis 9.1

“And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.””

God also made a pact with Noah, as He did with Adam (the first man) and also blessed him. But if we go into the details we realize that when He blesses Noah, there is nothing about ruling or being Lord over the Earth, as it was with the first man. This radical difference between the two pacts has a reason which can be found in Genesis 3.1-6. This passage reveals the moment in which man has been defeated by Satan and sin.

Adam, who had authority given by God over all the Earth, was tempted by Satan to take an action against God and His will. Man was defeated as soon as he accepted the sin offered by Satan. And when the enemy wins, he takes every possession for himself. This is what happened when Satan defeated man, he took all that belonged to man, the authority over the Earth, the keys of the Earth.

After having seen the authority that God gave to man over all the Earth, and how it was lost by man to the devil, we can understand why Satan, during the temptation of Jesus, said: "to me all the kingdoms of the Earth had been given". Man lost his God given authority to Satan when he accepted sin in his life.

For the joy of the children of God, however, and to the hope of those who haven't this privilege yet, the story does not end here, it goes to a higher moment:

When Jesus came to Earth, to live amongst us, He came with a clear purpose: He had to go to the Cross in order to save and redeem. By doing this, He also gave man an opportunity for a new covenant.

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, He said "It is finished". Yes Jesus had won over the one who had defeated man a long time before. And by winning over Satan, He recovered everything that had been taken from man.

When Jesus came back from the dead (resurrected), He brought captive the captivity in one hand and the keys (with deeds of property) of the Earth in the other (all that He took back from Satan). Jesus recovered what man had lost. GLORY BE TO GOD!!!

(When Jesus came back from the dead He brought in one hand the captivity, now captive itself, and in the other hand He brought back the authority over all the earth, the keys of the earth and its deeds of property. He brought back all He took back from Satan. Jesus recovered everything. GLORY BE TO GOD!!!)

But it is not just that, there are other wonderful things that God has done for us. Jesus gave the authority that He had recovered to His Church, so that she might accomplish her purpose and have at hand all the tools she needs to defeat her enemy. Satan is defeated in front of a Church who knows and makes use of the authority she has received from the Lord Jesus.

We must take this authority and order Satan to release our families, our neighbourhoods, our cities, our countries, our lives (work, health etc.) and take back God's blessings.

As the Church of Jesus Christ we have the victory against our enemy. God has given us this victory, so that we may live a triumphant life, full of God's blessings. Since we have such a great blessing from God, we also have the responsibility to order Satan to release those who are bound under his grip. In other words, we must exercise the authority that God has given us.

Jesus has won and we are heirs of His victory, as now we are His children.

The Bible declares in Galatians 3.29 "If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." We, who belong to God, are also heirs of His Victory and so many promises He allow us to partake.

It is essential that as the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ we learn, understand and discover these spiritual laws (like we have been doing here). Many times, out of the lack of knowledge of these principles and even for other reasons, the Church doesn't exercise the true authority that God has given us.

The Bible states in Galatians 4.1 "What I am saying is that as long as an heir is under aged, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate." The Church has this authority as an inheritance and also God`s benefits, but many still live under slavery. It is time to know and start assuming our role in God. Time to grow up and cease to be like little children (that don`t know their strength and power as heirs). We must cease to behave like slaves, it is time to believe God and start living like the owners, like heirs of God`s authority. It is time to take our place as His Church and make use of this authority to defeat our enemy and take away from him the souls that are still caught in his claws (clutches).

Practical Deliverance

Love and Compassion

In 1 Thessalonians 5.23, the Bible teaches us the dimensions of the human being and God`s will to work in each and every one of them. He does not want to leave anything to chance.

The freedom that God wants to give us reaches every area of our being and when we obtain it, we may live a truly victorious life full of His Holy Spirit, as Christ has planned for us to live.

This teaching is about leading us to practical Deliverance. It is to tell us how to help, according to the Bible, everyone who needs Christ`s freedom in any area of their lives. It is crucial that we understand that in order to help someone to achieve Christ`s freedom, we must first be free ourselves. I can`t help anyone to break free from sin, if I am still a slave of sin. I can`t give what I still don`t have from God. But I can effectively perform the task starting from the freedom I have already got in Christ, not before. We can give what we already have in God. This is why we must seek in our own hearts if there is anything that could have us bound to sin and the past in slavery. Because Christ wants us to help others to reach the true freedom that there is in Him.

There is nothing more wonderful than to see someone who had once lived as a slave of sin (hatred, grudge, idolatry, immoralities etc.) and now enjoys freedom in the Lord Jesus, being able to value what this means and also having compassion for those who are still bound in slavery. To be able to live and keep oneself in Jesus`s freedom is what allows us to feel compassion for those who are still bound in slavery and need to find freedom in Christ.

When talking about deliverance, it is essential to know that it is impossible to accomplish this task without God`s LOVE in our hearts for those who need. This is the LOVE that brings us compassion and is transformed into action, which guided by God, produces the supernatural results in those who are in need. If we are full of God`s LOVE, we must fight to set them free from slavery.

God is LOVE (1 John 4.8) and it was His LOVE that provoked Him to act as He saw human need (John 3.16). As children of God we must seek this LOVE, knowing that we have received the tools we need in order to bring freedom to lives; the freedom which is in Christ and only in Him. If we work in Jesus`s LOVE it won`t be difficult for the person in need to obtain freedom (John 4.18).

It is through God`s LOVE that the person shall find due confidence to be ministered. Through God`s LOVE, the truth of Christ will be revealed to the person and by this truth they will understand they need to be free. Then the person will desire wholeheartedly to be free. This is half battle. To minister a life is not to scream and rebuke demons, it is to talk to the person and get to the points (sins) where Satan has taken authority over that person. It must be done with dialogue, full of LOVE and compassion for the person and their situation. We have to dedicate time and guide the person to the Biblical principles in order to find freedom in Jesus.

When we talk about LOVE as an essential requirement, the idea that we can minister by a method or system immediately falls apart. It can only work under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit in us. The Lord has called us to LOVE one another: John 13.34, Romans 12.10

In Mark 16.15-18 the Bible teaches us that one of the signs that will follow the Church (those who believe in Jesus and are part of His body) is that in His Name we would cast out demons (Philippians 2.9-11). If we put ourselves to the task of casting out demons it has to be because the Lord Jesus has commissioned us to do this task and not because it is a kind of profession (in the human sense).

We have to highlight that not anybody can simply cast out demons, only those who believe and live according to Christ. This way they have authority to cast out demons. This is also not a thing of men, it comes from God. This is why someone who is still bound in slavery (by sin and the devil) does not have authority to cast out demons from others.

The Biblical principle for exercising authority is to be under authority, to respect authority. We can`t live in rebellion and sin if we want to exercise authority in the spiritual world effectively. It won`t be possible. In the book of Acts 19.14-16 we see a clear example of what happens to people that want to confront the devil (demons, evil hosts) without meeting the proper criteria. We have to understand that in order to exercise authority and accomplish this beautiful task of helping others to be free, we must live a proper life in front of God, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit (since it is not a human task) and we must be under the authority of God and the Church, according to the Word of God.

The Bible teaches us the truth of submission (1 Peter 5.5). We must submit to each other. Someone that is not willing to work under authority and in submission, respecting the order established by God, cannot exercise authority over the demons. It is clear that in order to live in submission we have to be humble and meek. Humbleness and meekness are spiritual things and not of the flesh. Therefore we understand that the authority comes from God, it is delegated by God (given by God, first to our authorities: pastors, elders, people in charge etc.), and this way it is recognized and respected.

Once we know this, we understand that it is not necessary to overtake others or to impose our influence any more. This principle of authority and submission is related to the reality that we constitute just one body, the body of Christ, and that we need one another. We can`t walk alone doing whatever we think of. When we learn how to walk as one body in the Church, in submission and authority, no demon can stop us (any resistance is defeated). The victory in God is guaranteed.

Authority in the word

When someone comes to be ministered they don't come in the best of states. Normally they come with some physical manifestation, as it is described in the Bible. It is not an easy and comfortable situation. This is why we need to know who we are in God and what an authority we have in Him. We have to take control of the ministration and don't allow the devil to gain any advantage. For this purpose, it is necessary to understand that we have to give orders to the demons. Those orders are given with "words". The authority delegated by God is in the word, it is through our clear words that the demons obey our commands. If we read the Bible, we discover that God created the whole world by the power of His Word. (Psalms 148.5). We may analyse Jesus's ministry and see that it was through the word that He forgave sins, cast out demons, healed the sick and raised the dead (Mark 9.25, 2.5, 2.9-12, 1.27, Luke 8.24-25, 10.17). There is authority in the spoken word.

We must exercise authority using our spoken word. When facing a demonic manifestation in a person we must give a clear order to the demon saying: "Submit yourself in the Name of Jesus" or "I bind you in the Name of Jesus" ("be bound in the Name of Jesus"). And the daemon will not take long to obey the order given with authority.

It is important to give a quick order, stopping the demon from hurting the person or calling attention of others, as he may feel that he still has some authority over the person. We must act swiftly and effectively giving clear orders, reminding the devil that he is under God's authority and he will not be in control of the situation. The demon understands authority. This is why you have to exercise authority with confidence in God. You must give an order, not an advice; without the need of raising your voice too much. If the Bible is the Word of God (and we know it is, alleluia amen!) you don't have to be afraid. God will not embarrass you; exercise the authority because it works!

It is important to take note of the following when exercising authority through the word: The authority has to be exercised by just one person. It is not orderly that many, at the same time, start to give different orders to the daemon. In such situation of disorder there will be a lack of real authority and the demon will take advantage of that. The authority must be exercised by just one person and the others must be supporting them in prayer.

The text we have been reading teaches us that in the "Name of Jesus" we must cast out demons. We must not do it in any different way. The declaration of authority must always be made in the Name of Jesus. In Philippians 2.9-11 the Bible teaches us more about this truth and the authority in Jesus Name.

We must not go beyond what is in the Bible and we have to exercise authority where there is authority, in the Name of Jesus. We must not use other expressions since we would be outside the Biblical principles and the demons would know that. They don't submit to orders given outside the parameters established by God.

There is an important aspect during the ministration when we are exercising authority, it is the dialogue with the demons. They will try many times to gain control of the situation by talking through the mouth of the person who is manifesting. We must not engage in a dialogue with demons. Everything we need to know about Satan and his hierarchies, the Lord Jesus has made very clear in the Bible. We have to remember that Satan is the father of lies and nothing that he is saying is correct. He is not interested in the person's freedom (on the contrary, he is working to keep them bound). This is the reason why he will never give us the right information to help in the process of deliverance. In John 8.44 we learn that the devil is a liar and there is no truth in him. We must remember that in Christ we have authority to win over Satan. This is why, whenever he wants to confound us talking through the person's mouth, we must take authority in the Name of Jesus and command Satan to stop talking (to be mute) and not to speak any more.

One thing that may happen when a person comes to be ministered is that the person seems to have become immobile. The demon has blocked the person's mind. The blockage is used to nullify the person's mind in order to avoid the ministration (counselling, prayer etc.) and stop them from being freed. The mental blockage (circumstance in which the person does not seem to react) happens because the demon tries to stun the person's mind, filling it with fears and impossibilities. In these cases we have to bind every filthy spirit that has controlled the person and command the person's human spirit to take back control of the person's mind. ATENTION: when in front of a mental blockage, we must not rebuke the daemons; we must bind them and command the person (human spirit) to take back control of their mind.

What we need in these circumstances, so that we can talk to the person, is that they will return to their senses. We can see in the Bible that when the prodigal son "returned to his senses", he realized the situation that he was in (Luke 15.17).

It helps a lot to give clear messages to the person, like: "Jesus loves you", "Jesus wants to set you free, don't be afraid", "take control of your mind", "open your eyes in the Name of Jesus".

Once the person has come to their senses they will realize that there is a deep need for help and will collaborate.

The first thing we have to do is to guide them so they can give their life to Christ. We must guide them in a simple prayer in which the person surrenders their life to Christ and repents of their sins. Once the person is conscious and has surrendered their life to Christ, a great deal of the battle for freedom is already won.

Audible confession

One thing that has to happen so that a person who is being ministered to can find freedom in Christ, is the confession of sins; those actions that have kept them bound to the kingdom of darkness. The confession is a declaration and recognition of the sins one has practised. This is not a minor subject when striving for freedom in Christ, since if a person doesn't recognize their sins, they can't be forgiven nor can they achieve freedom.

This is an important step in the ministration, since we are not searching for demons in the person, but the moment in which they have taken authority over their life. We know that Satan can only gain access to someone's life through sin. This is why when a person confesses their sins, they are giving us the necessary tools for an effective ministration so that we may destroy all the works of Satan.

The Bible teaches us in Romans 10.10 and John 1.9 the importance of an audible confession. The importance of using one's mouth to declare the truth of Jesus, including repentance. (See Proverbs 18.21)

We must understand that God is omniscient, He knows everything we think. But Satan doesn't have this capacity, he can only acquire the knowledge of our repentance and recognition of the actions that gave him authority to enter, when we confess and repent from them. This is why an audible confession is more than necessary so that Satan may listen and his army may know about the confession, willingness for change and repentance.

Signs that indicate freedom

There are signs which indicate that the person has achieved true freedom and there are no more demonic forces in their life.

A very well-known and typical sign that the demons have left a person's life is when the person vomits. It may happen but it doesn't mean that has to happen. It is a clear sign and real, but doesn't mean that it has to happen this way. We must not seek that this will happen. Our concern is that the demons will leave and the person will be set free, not the ways through which it will happen.

We have to understand that demons are spirits that don't always give a visible sign when they leave a person. Sometime it happens, of course. Sometimes people scream, burp, spit etc. These are visible signs of what is happening and that that person is in the process of deliverance. If the person has been freed, they will feel peace, tranquillity. We can notice changes in their facial expressions; now you can see joy, hope and faith in their countenance.

It has to become clear to us then, that freedom can be noticed from the changes in the person that has been set free. In their face, in their expressions, there is a change produced by the Holy Spirit (Mark 5.15).

Once we are certain that the person is free, we must pray so that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit. HE is the One Who has the power to keep their freedom.

Team work

It is always good to minister as a team of at least two people. It is not a requirement though, it is an advice because we can help one another.

There are some aspects to be looked into when we are to minister this way. The first is to know that, above all things, we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit, since without Him there won't be any freedom available to the person that will be ministered.

It is also important to remind oneself of the principle of authority, already talked about. Only one must be the one who takes authority, gives orders to the demons and speaks to the person. We must not disrupt, nor speak at the same time, since it will make the mission more complicated. When one is speaking, the other must be praying quietly (not rebuking) supporting the one who is ministering.

Nevertheless we must not distract ourselves from the ministration when we are not in charge. If someone has received some guidance from God to help the ministration, they have to talk to the one in charge and, in agreement, they can even change roles. The one who was ministering starts to support their colleague (always in agreement and without disruption). There must be order and authority in the ministration (counselling, prayer etc.).

A beautiful key to work as a team is that our goal is the same as Christ's: "that the person may be free". We don't seek more than that and it will help us to unite and respect each other in every moment.

Ministration process

It is important that the ministration of deliverance may be a process guided by the Holy Spirit in every single moment. As we have said previously, it is not a human system or a method that can just be applied. Now, we want to help you to understand something that may happen when ministering to a person. We want to do it by simply searching for the Biblical base related to it.

The first thing we have to know, when someone comes in manifesting, is if it is indeed a demonic manifestation. In this case we must be aware of some physical indications, but more than anything, we must be sensitive to the discernment that the Holy Spirit will give us.

Some of the physical reactions that people with demonic problems may present are:

- Violent body movements (especially arms and legs).
- Look (in their eyes): eyes full of hatred, sometimes lost, sometimes closed in such way people can't open them.
- Oppression (pain, pressure etc) somewhere in the body
- Screaming out of control
- Swearing
- Mental blockage (the person doesn't show any reaction to external stimulus)

- Drowning sensation
- Etc.

We must pay close attention to the physical signs because some of these reactions are the same as some physical reactions (for example: reactions due to diseases).

Once we are sure it is a spiritual problem, we must act knowing that all we need is to talk to the person in order to know how they've got into that situation.

In order to do that, we must take authority in the Name of Jesus and, if the person is under a demonic manifestation (with some of the symptoms mentioned above), we must order the demons to "subject themselves in the Name of Jesus". It is possible that the demons will try to resist submission. We must be firm in every moment, we must keep the order given knowing that they have to subject themselves under the Name of Jesus.

If the person is not manifesting, but has a mental blockage (seems not to respond) we must (as we have already seen) order the person (the human spirit) to take control of their mind. After that, we must give them words of relief and faith in Jesus Christ. Once we can count on the person's willingness, we must ask if they would like to be ministered. If they accept, we proceed to this beautiful task.

First we must lead the person to give their life to Christ and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to them all the things that are necessary for an effective ministration.

We must take the person straight to the confession of the sins that have given the enemy space in their life. In the book of Proverbs 28.13, the Bible teaches us about the importance and range of the confession of sins. We must not hide them. We may see more about this in Psalms 32.5 and in 1 John 1.9. It is important to explain clearly to the person that the only thing which can separate us from God's blessings (and their freedom) is sin. This is why it is necessary to confess and repent, since doing it will destroy the authority of the devil over one's life. (Romans 3.10-18)

Here it is important to explain that when people confess their sins to us, they are opening up their hearts, confessing secrets that they probably have never revealed and they are doing it under the conviction given by the Holy Spirit, the One in charge of the ministration. But also, they are doing it because they trust us. This confession is a great responsibility, since it comes to us as a tool so that we might help the person to obtain freedom in Christ. We must know that the acts confessed must not be told to third parties. We must keep the "secrecy of confession". In some occasions some people have been immature and told third parties about the sins of a person. This has generated great pain to the Church, once it has caused doubts and fears out of the disrespect of a brother in Christ. The confession must be exclusively used for the ministration and kept as secret henceforth. We must avoid gossip. If our interest is to help the people we will minister, we must keep this objective in mind and we also must not do anything that could cause pain to them.

Once the person has confessed, we must guide them to renounce and ask forgiveness for their sins. This will invalidate the devil's legal right to reside in this person. In the same way as the confession, the renouncing must be done in front of the person in charge of the ministration and in audible voice. The renouncing consists in leading the person to ask God's forgiveness for their sins, already confessed, and "renounce" each and everyone of them. A clear example would be: "Lord Jesus I repent from hatred against (name of the person) and renounce every spirit of hatred in my life" or "I repent for such sin and renounce it in the Name of Jesus". There are cases in which it is necessary to renounce in a more specific way, as we see below:

- Cases of fornication and adultery: It does not come from the Lord and we have to lead the person to repentance (Luke 18.20, Hebrews 13.4, 1 Corinthians 6.9)

We must lead the person to renounce the authority they gave over their body to the other person they had illicit sexual relations with. We must also lead them to renounce to every transfer of filthy spirits that happened during the relation. The Bible teaches us that in this union (sexual relation) both parties become one flesh (Mark 10.7-8). This is why they must renounce the authority and the transfer of spirits. Also we must lead the person to detach from the other person they committed this sin with.

- Occultism: In such cases we must address many things like:

Renouncing the consultations and pacts that were made. Remembering details and mentioning them.

To detach the third party involved (witchcraft works for couples), to break the link with the third party and the witchcraft work against their life for instance (third party refers to the person who is the target of witchcraft. Person "A" wants to seduce person "B". Person A targets person "B" with a work of witchcraft done by a Witch)

To renounce the priesthood of the person (Satan's priest) who has done the witchcraft work.

Renounce any link with the spiritual world of evil.

We must understand and lead the person to understand that such practices are against God (Deuteronomy 18.10-12)

- Hate/Hatred: They must renounce to hatred and release forgiveness to each and every person they used to hate. We must lead them to bless each person they used to hate and to declare God's LOVE for each one of them.

- Curses: We must understand that curses exist. We can list them into 3 groups:

Family (ancestors) curses;

Curses through a word that has been received;

Curses through sins that were committed.

After identifying a curse, we must figure out which demons (filthy spirits) are involved in each curse. We must lead the person to renounce these filthy spirits.

- Trauma: Emotional wounds (intense problematic events that could not be solved). We refer to childhood wounds (emotional) and guilt.

We must lead this person to forgive who has caused the wound and renounce the hatred that might still be in their life. We have to remember that these emotional wounds can be caused since the womb (rejection, hate, violence etc.).

We must understand that guilt is a profound torment. People who feel guilty may have difficulties in accepting God's forgiveness. This is why we must lead them to forgive themselves and receive God's forgiveness.

Once the person has asked forgiveness and has renounced all sinful things, we must know that Satan has already lost his authority over their life. This is the moment in which the person who is ministering must expel each and every demon identified during the ministration. This task of expelling demons (Matthew 10.8, Mark 6.7, Luke 9.1 and 10.17) must be done with authority and in an audible voice. We must always remember that the Bible teaches us to perform this task only in the Name of Jesus.

At the end, if the person doesn't manifest any more, we must pray that the Holy Spirit may fill every space left by sin and the devil in their life. If the person still doesn't show signs of freedom, mentioned before, we must get back to asking questions in order to know if there is still something that hasn't been confessed and start again until the person has been freed and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

The true Intercession

One day when I met Steve Hill and his wife, they told me of an experience they had had in one of our Crusades in Argentina. The Hill couple had travelled as missionaries to Argentina and one of their goals was to visit an Evangelical Crusade, because they had heard about revival from God. They wanted to know why so many awesome conversions, miracles and deliverances were happening. This is how they got to the Campaign night.

While they were in the middle of the crowd (without having talked to anybody about the expectation that was moving them) a stranger approached them. Without introducing himself he asked: "do you want to know the secret of this spiritual victory?" Yes, they responded.

The stranger guided them through the crowd and took them behind the platform from where the Word of God is preached. Underneath the platform there were hundreds of people who had been praying, groaning and crying for hours of deep intercession with My wife María. When they saw it the stranger then said: "this is the secret". They have never seen the stranger again.

Since the beginning of our ministry God has shown us that prayer and deep intercession were an essential part of the spiritual victory that He would give us. When we heard the Hill's story, the Lord again confirmed this precious truth to us.

A lot has been said about prayer. We know that there are many ways for one to pray, but I want to talk to you about intercession. Intercession is born right in God's altar, when there is a heart that

suffers for those who are lost, as one sees the world walking towards destruction (perdition), without hope.

The fire shall burn continuously

Leviticus 6.12-13 says to us:

"The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. the fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out."

The priest's obligation was to keep the fire burning, he should add firewood every "morning". There is a given altar and it is at this personal altar where we, who pray, petition God about needs for ourselves, for our families, for our country, for the government, for the Church and for those who suffer. This description is valid for us in today's time, though our priesthood is not the same as in the Old Testament. Every morning we must revive the fire on the altar. If we allow it to fade, we will be failing the principle God teaches us about. We must keep the fire of our altar, we must keep our devotion to God burning. We can't let it fade for any reason (any concept, idea etc.).

Many times the rush and numerous activities of life turn our time of prayer into a kind of obligation: "Lord bless me this day, keep my life, protect my family... Amen". God requires something else from us. To keep the fire burning means more work than just getting close to the altar.

We know that fire is an element capable of destroying impurities, germs and harmful micro-organisms. "Fire kills everything" they say. The same happens with the altar's fire: it burns everything. When we are in front of the altar, in front of the burning fire, the Lord takes time to burn off our impurities.

God is searching for men and women who bow their knees in front of Him, asking not only for their own needs, but interceding for those who suffer. When we pray this way, our prayer goes straight to the throne of God.

When we bow before God we must seek first to enter His presence, to enter His very courts. This is where the heavenly army worship Him day and night; the angels, archangels, cherubim, seraphim and the elderly (biblical). With them we must also bow our knees at Jesus's feet. If in our hearts we understand that we have got to this place, we will hardly be able to stop crying out or from containing our emotions. We will know for sure that He is listening to us.

God is searching for priests

God is raising us to be kings and priests. We know very well our duty as kings, the privileges that we can enjoy, the benefits and promises we have for performing this task. But this is not the only thing mentioned in Revelations 1.6, there is also a priesthood. The text says "...He has made us kings and priests to God..."

It is easy to set in motion the reality that we reign with Jesus, Who has put us as Head, allowing us to access all the riches and blessings of His kingdom. But now He is searching for priests. Those who are not only willing to enjoy the riches, but also to endure sacrifice for others. Those who are willing to miss being applauded, because nobody will be watching them doing good. Those who are willing to wear out their voices by telling Satan to release the souls from under his grip.

These, both, are our tasks, functions, privileges and responsibilities. We are kings (and many seek this), but also priests. What is the function of a priest? Simple, a priest is a mediator (interface) between God and men, making his the task of dealing with the people sins. Ezekiel 22.30 says: "I looked for a man from among them who would repair the wall and stand in the gap before me on behalf of the land, so that I would not destroy it, but I found no one."

God seeks men and women who are brave, willing to place themselves in the wall's gap, in front of God, and who are not solely interested in the enjoyment of the blessings.

In the Bible we have many examples of true priests. We find Moses who, on many occasions, came come into God's presence to petition on behalf of his people:

"Then Moses returned to the Lord and said, "O Lord, why have You brought harm to this people? Why did You ever send me? Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done harm to this people, and You have not delivered Your people at all.""(Exodus 5.22-23)

"So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do to this people? ...""(Exodus 17.4)

"Then Moses returned to the Lord, and said, "Alas, this people have committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves. But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!"(Exodus 32.31-32)

"And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people."(Numbers 21.7)

When the people were suffering from hunger, Moses would cry out to God. When the people were thirsty, Moses would intercede for them in front of God. Every time the Israelites suffered and needed help, there was Moses carrying all the needs of the people and taking responsibility for them in front of God.

Daniel was another priest who was faithful to God. Without having committed the sins of the people, he carried their sins as his own when he cried out for God`s forgiveness, while fasting and covered in ashes.

"So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws."...“Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us. "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favour on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name." "(Daniel 9.3-5, 16-17)

We could talk about so many others like Abraham, Deborah, Jeremiah, Joel, Elijah and more; they didn`t exercise just one side of their priestly function, they have put themselves in the wall`s gap, in front of the Lord, so they could ask and cry for others.

The prayer that pleases God

Jesus Himself taught us in a parable that although there are many ways one can pray, only one kind of prayer can get to God`s heart.

""Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: `God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get. But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said,

'God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God...' (Luke 18.10-14)

Prayer is more than to present ourselves before God in order to make petitions without any true concern or even indifferently. It is truly to lay down one's soul with tears, knowing that we are nothing in front of Him. Like the tax collector who could only cry and beat his chest while asking forgiveness. An intense prayer, deep, heartfelt, is a prayer that receives an answer from God.

So many times our prayer becomes a mere succession of words, coming strictly from our minds. We can only experience a deep intercession when we have seen the suffering for which we are asking.

How can I pray for a drug addict if I have never seen one who died at the hospital or if I have never seen a mother asking help in despair for her son? We know that when drugs enter a home they destroy it. Not only the person bound by the chains of addiction is destroyed, but the pain and the suffering can hurt also those who are around them, their family.

I can't truly intercede for a man bound by alcohol without knowing about or having seen the violence in a home where someone is an alcoholic. The whole family suffers from the violence, aggression and pain, as they also watch the destruction (degradation of the dignity) of their beloved relative.

When I pray for marriages, for families, the first thing which comes to my mind is what I have seen hundreds of times in the campaigns: small children crying, holding my trousers, asking me to pray that "mummy" or "daddy" would come back home, so they can have a family again. This way I know what to ask, how to pray, how to intercede. It isn't hard for me to cry, because I am seeing the effects of the destruction of a marriage. I also feel the suffering when I enter a hospital and come closer to a bed in order to pray for someone that has a disease.

It won't be possible to intercede for others if our ears can't hear the cry of pain, the groaning of the one who suffers, if we can't see their faces in agony expecting death; people that are in agony, crying out of pain caused by a disease, asking for our help.

If you are willing to pray and intercede, make haste to find yourself a big towel because you will flood it with tears. When we feel other's pain and suffer for them, we can't do anything less than ask God with tears and groaning. The Word of God says: "Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy." (Psalms 126.5)

Some think that the secret is the time invested into prayer. But the number of hours repeating words is not the important thing. I value more one to two hours of intense prayer, with groaning and tears, than eight or ten hours of prayer that nobody can stand because of how boring it is.

It was during times of intercession that God gave me a vision. I saw something like the terrestrial globe, but that had the appearance of jelly and that moved like a beating heart. From the inside of this "small world" There came out groaning, screams of fear, panic, pain, desperation. They were screams from people that were being abused or dying; screams and groaning of every imaginable kind. In the midst of all of that I heard a voice that said: "the world groans and screams, who shall I send?". Three times I heard the same voice and the same call. I remember that immediately after I heard the question for the third time, I said: "Lord send me, I will go". I didn't know what was about to happen. I only responded "Lord send me".

God still has the same expectation for people that are willing to sacrifice their time, not only to preach the Gospel but to intercede, to groan, to pray, to cry for those who are in need.

The Bible teaches that Jesus Himself prayed to the Father in this manner: "In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence."(Hebrews 5.7) We have our Lord Jesus as the supreme example.

The world cries and screams... Whom shall I send?

May we go out and start to pray, intercede, groan and cry with great intensity for those who are being lost. Let us not let it pass even one day in which this is not a reality in our lives.

Our history

The history of our ministry begins in the 29 of May of 1979, in the city of San Justo when Carlos Annacondia and his wife María gave their lives to Jesus Christ and God started to change the history of their lives and family.

In the week in which they met the Lord, at a small meeting where some recently converted people were praying to receive the Holy Spirit, God baptised Carlos and María with His Holy Spirit.

Since then, nothing has been the same. God's fire started to burn in their hearts and the passion for preaching the Gospel flooded them. At the moment in which Carlos was being baptised by the Holy Spirit, God gave him a vision of crowds from different parts of the world. Without understanding much of the vision, they started to live a new reality of life in the hands of the Holy Spirit of God.

Some days after their personal encounter with God, the evangelist Carlos Annacondia began to visit hospitals, preach and pray for the sick. This is how God started to work miracles and now the crowds began to convert to the Gospel, by watching the miracles that God was doing.

With the passing of the years God has kept working wonders and miracles during the preachings of this now church deacon (helper). He visited friends, relatives and people in need, in order to preach the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

During this time, God confirmed the calling of this simple man and his wife through different words and prophecies.

One day, a pastoral couple unexpectedly came to the church that the Annacondia family used to attend and asked the church's pastor if his deacon Carlos Annacondia would go preach in some Evangelistic meetings they were having. The problem was that Carlos was not an evangelist, he was a deacon at the church, nevertheless the couple insisted saying that God had shown them in dreams that he was supposed to preach at their small church, in a very poor place around Buenos Aires.

This is how these things unfolded and the day of the campaign arrived. There God worked incredible miracles and very strong deliverances. Some pastors who attended those meetings thought it would be good to invite this deacon to preach at other open-air meetings of healing and deliverance. Since then the invitations started to arrive and the Crusades began to be organized in poor places in Buenos Aires.

With time, the incredible miracles and deliverances began to be known outside the province and soon reached the whole country. This was how the invitations from many places in Argentina and from around the world began to arrive.

When God began to use this businessman (Carlos Annacondia), as he kept working in his company; God started to give him very clear lists of what to do. Even today they are fundamentals, important basis for the ministry:

- The preaching of the Gospel backed up by the signs promised by Jesus, so that thousands of unconverted people may get to know the only Way (Jesus);
- To serve the Church of Jesus Christ;
- To work relentlessly for the unity of the Church of Jesus Christ, knowing that it is one of the most important fundamentals for revival. Unity must be seen and lived in reality.

This is how, with these spiritual work lists, we started to work serving the church in many places and seeking the pastoral unity in every city where the campaigns are held. God began to bless this work of unity and many cities have been touched and moved by campaigns of 30, 40, 50 and even 60 days in a row, working for the LOVE of God and the souls who needed Jesus.

Since then until now, without stop, the history keeps being written, tens of Evangelistic crusades are held every year, and the task keeps getting bigger as time passes by. God hasn't stopped giving us new challenges and making us more excited every day.

There is something that as a ministry we want to declare in every place, soon after every crusade, every testimony, every saved soul: to God be all the Glory for all that has happened and for all that will come!!!

Holy Spirit

The intention of the following, entitled "Holy Spirit", is that we may understand as the Church of Christ, the need to be constantly and absolutely dependent on the Holy Spirit.

It is our will and prayer that in everyone of us a flame might burn for an intimate relationship with Him and a total dependence on Him.

The Holy Spirit, God's Plan for the Church

Let us clearly understand the fact that the Holy Spirit is not a doctrine for just one sector of the evangelical Church, neither a phase (moment) of the Church.

He who planned the coming of the Holy Spirit over the believers was God Himself. This is why we

may say with certainty that the Holy Spirit is not an institution from men, but a purpose of God.

The Lord Jesus said in John 14.16-17 "And I will pray to the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

Here The Lord Jesus, like in many other passages of the scriptures, tell us about the Holy Spirit, His coming and how essential He is to the life of a christian. The Lord Jesus was revealing a fundamental part of God's plan for the church. The Lord Jesus took time to teach about the Holy Spirit and His importance for the church many times. As His church we must value the importance of the Holy Spirit in the same way that the Lord Jesus does.

The bible teaches us in 1 Corinthians 6.19: " Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ". Once more Paul the apostle clarifies that the Holy Spirit who lives in us comes from God. How good is to know that God hasn't left us alone, but He has planned that the Holy Spirit would live in us.

Therefore it is important to understand that living a life which is dependent on the Holy Spirit is not a idea from men, but God's plan for his church in all times. We must always seek to live according to God's plan for us. His plans are perfect for everyone of us.

Jesus has received the Holy Spirit

This is another Biblical truth that will help us to understand the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and consequently in the church's life.

Jesus is our most important role model to follow. This is why we shall take this time to see what kind of relationship He had with the Holy Spirit.

The 4 gospels tell us about the moment in which the Lord Jesus received the Holy Spirit and soon after started His ministry. In Matthew 3.16-17: "And Jesus, when he was baptised, went up straight way out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Here we find that, before He started His public ministry, Jesus received the Holy Spirit who capacitated Him for the task He had been commissioned by God. We also see this truth in Acts 10.38: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. ". God had anointed Jesus so that He could accomplish the task for which He had been commissioned.

Jesus lived a life full of the Holy Spirit. He gave us His example so that we could understand that in the christian life we cannot discard our dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Jesus teaches us to seek the Holy Spirit

The Lord Jesus not only lived a victorious life in God, He's also taught His church to desire and seek the Holy Spirit. He hasn't only left an example of life in relationship with the Holy Spirit, He also left the church with His teachings on the subject. May we see and listen to the life and teachings of Jesus.

Jesus told His disciples in Luke 24.49: "And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high. ". Here Jesus was teaching His disciples about the Father's promise of the Holy Spirit; that He would send to them. Also He told them to stay there in order to welcome the visitation of the Holy Spirit. How important it is to know that Jesus has not only announced the coming of the Holy Spirit as something from God, but also encouraged His disciples to desire and seek the His coming.

Jesus talks deeply about the Holy Spirit in John 16.7: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. ". Here Jesus clearly shows the importance that the Holy Spirit would have to His church, to the point that He said that it would be more convenient that He would depart so that the Holy Spirit could come.

The book of Acts tells us about the words of Jesus just before He ascended into heavens. His words then also confirm the He held highly the importance of the Holy Spirit and His coming to the church. Acts 1.4-5: "Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which, He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."" Wonderful words from Jesus, teaching His disciples about the Father's promise of the Holy Spirit and encouraging them to seek Him before doing any other thing.

The Holy Spirit has not only been important in Jesus's life, but, as we see in the Bible, He has been an essential part of His teachings and legacy to the church.

The Holy Spirit's work in the Bible

In order to understand further the importance of the Holy Spirit, we shall see now, under the light of God's Word, what are the functions of the Holy Spirit in us and the church.

- John 14.26: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." The Holy Spirit is the one Who will teach us all things.

He is not supposed to teach us some things, but all things. Everything that we must learn as children of God comes from His hand (Holy Spirit). Also, the Holy Spirit will bring to our memories the teachings of Jesus.

- Acts 1.8: "But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ".

The Holy Spirit is the One Who was to give us Power. This is the Power of God which will enable us to live a christian life in victory, instead of a shallow, empty, religion. It is impossible to triumph in christian life

without this Power from God.

He will make us witnesses. Through the Power of the Holy Spirit we will be a people which experience the life with Jesus Christ. We won't be only recorders and reproducers of the Gospel, but witnesses (people who live and pass on what they have lived)

- Acts 10.38: "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. "

The Holy Spirit anointed Christ and still does the same to us so we can do good. This is an essential part of the christian life. We have been called to do what is good and the Holy Spirit anoints us and gives us capacity so that we might accomplish this purpose.

The anointing of the Holy Spirit, which is upon us, gives us capacity to go and do what Jesus has told us to do: to heal the sick, free those oppressed by the devil. There can't be a life of miracles without the Holy Spirit's anointing.

- John 16.8: "When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement:"

Only the Holy Spirit can convince people about their sins and errors. We may say, as we deduce from the text, that without Him the Salvation would be too far from us.

- John 16.13: "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

The only One who can guide us to the whole truth is the Holy Spirit. With Him we will be exempt of human error and confusion.

The Holy Spirit is the One Who will announce to us, in advance, what is about to happen and prepare us so that we won't be caught by surprise, without preparation.

- John 16.14-15: "He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Only the Holy Spirit will glorify Christ in our lives. In order to know more of Jesus it is necessary to be governed by the Holy Spirit.

He will be the One Who will give us more from Jesus Christ. We need Him to have more of Jesus in our lives.

If we analyse the functions of the Holy Spirit (and we have only been able mention some of them) we shall get to the following conclusions:

- a) We can't live without Him;
- b) There is no way we can surpass Him with our abilities or human knowledge.

As God's children, we need the Holy Spirit to govern us completely and that His fruits may be seen in our lives.

The Holy Spirit and the Church

Now we shall see how important was the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church; and how He guided the church in spreading the Gospel over all the earth. We must learn a lot from the church in the book of Acts.

The church of Jesus wasn't started by human will nor because of a project made by a bunch of people. It was initiated under the Power of the Holy Spirit. Let us read the Bible and learn a bit more about the Holy Spirit and the church.

In Acts 1.8 (as we have already seen) the Bible show us the words of Jesus asking His disciples not to do anything before the coming of the Holy Spirit over them. He sent them to wait in Jerusalem. Here Jesus highlights the great relevance of the Holy Spirit, making it clear that everything would start as soon as the Holy Spirit had arrived and had given the church the capacity to accomplish the task commissioned.

In Acts 2 the Bible describes the birth of the church, by the visitation of the Holy Spirit, and the miraculous acts that followed, when the church full of the Holy Spirit started to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Acts 2.4 says to us: "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ". Everybody who was there in obedience to Jesus, were filled with the Holy Spirit, and this is why they were able to revolutionise the entire world.

Acts 4.31: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness.". The church had been threatened not to speak about Jesus any more. In spite of the difficulties they didn't stop, they went in search for the Holy Spirit, Who renewed them so that they could preach the Gospel again without fear.

In Acts 16.6 we see how the Holy Spirit forbade Paul the apostle from preaching in a province in Asia and how immediately He sends him to Macedonia where God had a purpose for him there. How important it is that as the church we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in each and every decision. What to do, what to say, where to go. Nothing managed by us and everything managed by Him.

It is possible that we might be this church, since the Holy Spirit Himself is here with us in order to fill us and guide us in every step.

(Bible translations vary depending on which fitted best with the one used in the original text - RVC)