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Only Time Could Tell What God Has Planned For You

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"For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, His Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control."

Paul the apostle (2 Timothy 1:7)

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DEDICATION

In loving memory of my mom Janet Lee 1964 - 2005

Forward

Not very often do you come across someone that went through such a sever tragedy praising God. I know, I went through the belly of the beast and I would never been able to get through that without the Grace of God. I know 'How God Moves'. He moves totally opposite of how we would – thank God!

I encourage each and every soul that calls on the name of Jesus, for guidance, strength, and peace, to read this book. On one hand it will convict us by showing how we as Children have not totally trusted God, by lacking faith. Secondly, we will be encouraged to see that what ever we are facing, in our own personal walk with God, He will not leave us or forsake us (Duet. 31:6).

As I read this book I could not help but see the way the Lord moved in this entire situation. How He was working, shaping and molding, Anthony's heart in all the while establishing His divine appointment to take place more than eight hundred miles away.

My prayers are that every Christian would ask the Lord Christ Jesus to open their Spiritual eyes, ears, and most importantly their hearts to truly understand how God moves.

Bob Ely

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Introduction & Personal Testimony



A lot of people might say to themselves: 'What is this book about?' Well, it all started on or about October 28, 2004 when I started reading the Word of God. Listen, I went to Church before. As a matter of fact I attended Church for approximately three years straight, but I never had a personal relationship with Him (Jesus).

When I started studying the Bible I finally seen and understood the truth, which was if you don't take this serious you will eventually end up just like me. Let me explain, in the years when I was playing Church, I was miserable doing things that I am very much ashamed of today such as: beating up my wife, drinking, partying, adultery, cursing, fighting, hurting people with words, greed, lust, idolatry, smoking, etc,.

I did not change overnight, but in the course of eight or nine months I started to feel a difference. Even the people around me noticed a change. Don't get me wrong every body is different when it comes to change. Some change faster than others. But the point I am trying to get across is that No Change will happen unless you allow God to work in your life through the "Word Of God" (Gal. 3:5).

For one year, I read the Bible everyday and night until I read through the whole thing. Every

single Book showed me a new character of God. Every single Book showed me something new about myself, which helped me look at life a little different. More Spiritually!

After only two months of studying the Bible, God put it in my heart to do Bible studies and they're still going on today! Glory to God they have helped others as well.

Why am I telling you all this stuff because you would have never totally understood the story had you not read a little bit about myself first. You see without having the Word of God in my life I would never have been able to go through those tough times.

I ask that you pray before you read this book so that God can open up your Spiritual eyes. This is a testimony on how I got through one of the toughest times in my life my mother died at 41 years old. And this book you're about to read is about to show you how God moved in this tragedy God used it for His testimony. Amen!

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Chapter 1 ◆ Guarding Your Blessings.



On August 1, 2005 my wife and me were going to the bank. God had just Blessed us with an opportunity to purchase a home from our Pastor. There is a real reason why I am mentioning this because it is a prime example of how our enemy tries to attack us when something good happens. The devil will try to do everything he can to rob you of your Blessings. He (the devil) would have loved it if I would of forgot about all of the good God had been doing in my life, especially when He opened the door for us to purchase our first home with very little money down.

You see, when I got the phone call about my mother being sick in the hospital and that she might die the devil saw a good opportunity to start planting seeds of doubt questioning God. Always remember that when things are going good in your life that's when you should be on your best guard. Knowing that all the devil wants to do is to lie, steal, kill, and destroy.

Chapter 2 ◆ Leaning On "His" Understanding.



After we finished what we had to do at the bank we immediately went home. Then we started making arrangements to go to New York City to see what was going on with my mother. While we were making phone calls and preparing to leave, God put it in my heart to fast until He showed me His will for my mother. Also, God revealed how I should fast: nothing except water. He showed me that I should fast the same way King David fasted for his baby (2 Sam. 12:16). David prayed to God that his child would get well. He refused to eat anything, and every night he went into his room and spent the night lying on the floor. I didn't understand the importance of this story in light of my situation, especially when King David's baby ended up dying. What did this have to do with me? What was God trying to tell me? I was afraid, confused, and almost to the point where I wanted to lean on my own understanding.

So I started to read the Bible. I told God that I needed help and that only He could encourage me. Also, that I wouldn't depend on anyone else. Immediately, I fell to the floor

and opened the Word to:

"I am telling you the truth: those who hear my words and believe in him who sent me have eternal life. They will not be judged, but have already passed from death to life" (John 5:24).

So I figured my mother was going to get up from that hospital bed. Then I get a phone call from my mother-in-law, Juanita, who is a Blessed woman of God. Later finding out that she called to pray for me. We began to pray and while she was praying, she asked God 'For the Grace that King David asked for his baby to stay alive.' This took me by surprise because I know how the story ends: the baby dies!

Was all this by chance? No! Nothing in Christianity happens by chance. There is only confirmation. At the time, remember that I was fasting, and that was all I needed to hear. I knew with out a shadow of doubt that my fast began with the strength of God. When God tells you something He will always confirm it through someone that is in the Word of God. He could even use a billboard. The point is when God tells you something or when He speaks through someone, whatever was spoken will be confirmed. Even the Bible instructs us in these matters. He tells us through Scripture that we should test every Spirit and to be anxious for nothing.

Basically what I am saying is that God is not a God of confusement. No, neither will He give you a Spirit of fear (2 Tim 2:7). If you think it is God speaking: ask and you shall receive. He will not resent you asking, but will actually honor your request.

Sometimes the devil will try to make you do wrong and if he can't he will make you do right wrong: meaning you think your doing Gods will but only to find out that your not. The key thing to get a yes or no answer from God is one of the most important fruits of the Spirit, which is Patience. Amen!

Chapter 3 ◆ His Confirmations.

August 2, 2005, we board the plane at Midway Airport to New York's LaGuardia. On the way my wife and me were seated next to a man. While he was talking on the phone I was reading a book *on how to win your loved ones to Christ*. It was a short book. I actually read the book the night before but I wanted to brush up on it. Also, I was hoping that my wife would read it too.

I overheard this man that was sitting next to me on the phone speaking of God and family. As soon as he hung up the phone I asked him if he was a Christian. We started talking to him and I eventually asked if he had family members that he would like to see come to Christ. He said yes! It seemed to me that this was the topic of the day so I handed him the book and he asked me if he could keep it. I said yes!

I was really hoping that my wife would have had a chance to read the book, but with her watching the kids she never would have been able too. I explained the book to her and I believe that she received the fullness of the book. The moral of the book was *to always show love*

no matter how people act or what they say, and never to act greater than them. I also explained to her that the important thing is for people to see the change that has taken place in your life. Once that change is visible then people will follow you or what you believe (1 Peter 3:1). In some cases you don't even have to say a word. Because they will see how pure and reverent your conduct is (1 Peter 3:2).

Jesus was Crucified to draw people closer to Him. Not to force them away, but to draw them closer by showing the love of Christ. No matter how hard this may sound the Bible teaches us love wins over all. So my point is God started my trip by me giving that book to a person who was in need of some help. That was his confirmation and I am believing in Jesus' name that his family member will be saved on God's time according to His will.

I remember turning to my wife, Gina, and saying 'God is already working to help people and were not even there yet'. Right, then and there I knew that the Lord was about to use me for His Glory in New York.

A couple of months ago God put it in my heart to go to a lot of people I knew there and do a Bible study. I waited patiently! I received confirmation after confirmation, but I didn't feel it was the right time to go. Now I knew it was the right time because of what was going on. I knew now that I was going to do some kind of ministry for God's Glory.

God will always let you know in advance like when I received the call about my mother. Two weeks before this all happened I was worried about my mother. I didn't know why. I just did and I tried to call her several times but her phone number was disconnected. The last time I spoke with her we were praying and she had told me that she wanted to go to Church. She was crying because she wanted God's peace in her life.

It was not all that strange when I finally received the call about my mother. But I also believe that God is in complete control over every situation. He will keep us from temptation and He will not allow us to bear anything to heavy. He will also make a way out and that doorway for me was His strength. The Bible says: "When I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:10b.). I decided to rely on Him to make me strong that I may get through it without hurting my testimony. There is one thing the devil can never steal from you and that is your testimony. Amen!

Chapter 4 ◆ They do not know what they do.



We landed in New York and as soon as we got to the hospital I went straight to my mothers room. I saw her full of hoses that were connected to machines. Now the weird thing is my mother is only forty (41) one years old. She was normally a woman that had twice the energy of anyone I knew. Now she's lying there helpless like a eighty (80) year old woman. Remember we are talking about a woman that is in the prime of her life and the doctors are saying they don't know why she is brain dead.

The last person to see her was her husband and the worst part is he is known for loosing his temper to the point where he was once accused of killing someone.

Was this his entire fault that she was there? All I knew was that she had bruises all over her arms and a cut five (5) inches across her throat. I found out later that two weeks before he put a knife to her throat. You are probably asking why or how I knew this happened. My mother had told my sisters. They eventually told me after the fact.

My point is that all the odds were stacked up against him and I didn't know what to think.

As all this is going through my mind my mom's husband walks in the room. He starts talking about how he found my mother lying at home on the bed not breathing. The strange thing is that he said she was sleeping for twenty (20) hours before he decided to check up on her. He continued saying that they had been drinking the night before and that he figured she was just hung over from the drinking.

While he's telling me all this, all that is going through my mind is what I had been reading in the book of Jeremiah. It says that 'the vengeance is the Lords' and that kept playing through my mind.

So he goes on by telling me how he lit a candle and prayed for my mother. Oh! Just so you know he prays to a saint from Africa. I interrupted him by saying that all I knew was what the Bible tells me. I went on to explain how Jesus said in the Book of John that there's only one way to get to the father and that way was through Jesus. I went on to say that I was going to continue trusting in Jesus to get me through this and that I knew He was going to get my mother through this also.

I began to tell this guy the story of Lazarus and how Jesus raised him from the dead and

some of the other things Christ did in the Bible. I moved on to tell him of the promises God made to us in His Word.

I thought that I was going to kill this guy, but God had a different plan. God ministered to me telling me: how can you ask a Blessing from Me while you desire to curse and kill someone. I could not help but think of how there are over 7000 promises in the Bible. Thank God that I remembered a few of them to get me through that moment

When the people were crucifying Jesus do you think God or Jesus wanted revenge. No. Of course not! Jesus said forgive them for they do not know what they do. I felt the darkness around him and the people that were in the hospital. God told me to shine your light and bring the darkness to light and right there I knew I was receiving strength from God. And He was taking over my situation. I didn't even feel that I was talking anymore. God was now in control.

Chapter 5 ◆ Ministering by Example.



I went downstairs to buy a CD player head set. I put on a CD from Pastor Dubi's choir. I took it with me up stairs so that my mother could hear the music. I kept thinking to my self that my mother was going to hell because she didn't know the Lord and her life didn't reflect it. She told fortune her whole life and I know what the Bible says about that. In the Book of Leviticus is clearly says: "I will condemn people who turn to mediums and psychics and chase after them as though they were prostitutes. I will Exclude them from the people" (Leviticus 20:6). Also in verse seven of the same chapter says: "Live holy lives. Be holy because I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 20:7). That's just one Scripture that was going through my mind.

Most fortune tellers think they can play God, like when you tell people that you can help them in certain areas of there lives no matter what the circumstance is. Whether small or great, but the Truth is they can't even help yourself.

We need to direct people to God not keep them from the Truth. Fortune tellers say: Well, I tell them to pray to God and go to Church. That's where the devil is working. He try's to cause them to go blind to what your doing. Remember the Bible says know the Truth and the Truth will set you free. It doesn't say know some of the Truth. That Truth is Jesus!

It also says that you can only get to the Father through the Son. Not through the fortune tellers or your own strength. If it were based on yourself then you would be as a god. Not needing anyone for anything, especially the work that Jesus did for the World on Calvary. Remember that His name is above all names; not fortune tellers are any one else names.

The most important truth that I am trying to teach you is that if you keep on sinning after you have received the Truth of God you are to be judged (Hebrews 10:26). All that there is left is to be judged according to the Law, which is and was a curse upon man.

Even though that is pretty strong that's exactly what was going through my mind; no more sacrifices? Wow, is all I could think. I can't tell you how long God will keep forgiving your sins, but do want to test Him? Of course not! I just feel that people need to know all of this because the Bible teaches: "My people are destroyed for the lack of their knowledge:

because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I also will forget thy children" (Hosea 4:6).

There is nothing worst to know that one of your family members are going to hell. So when witnessing to a family member that might be involved in fortune telling or what ever the case may be just show that the Love of Christ hoping that they might be ministered to.

Chapter 6 ◆ Jesus Only.

The rest of the day was basically talking to my other family members and doctors. Both were giving my mother no hope to live. My family was actually talking about funeral arrangements and it was only the second day. Negative and faithless people surrounded me. A few hours later some people & friends of the family, came over to pray for my mother. It was great, so after we prayed we went downstairs in the lobby. We talked for awhile mostly about the Word and then I discovered they were "Jesus Only." They tried to debate with me so I began to tell them that the Word of God is meant to save souls. Not to be debated, that is just what the devil would want us to do. Then I was lead to show them Scripture where all three are in one place. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him (Matthew 3:16). Again, and lo, a voice came out of heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Mat. 3:17). What a

great Scripture, when I shared that verse of Scripture with them they didn't say anything. Then they were trying to go point for point so I told them Catholics, Protestants, and Greek Orthodox all have different opinions but we all agree on the same God. I explained that it is all about a relationship with Jesus. If you don't have that you don't have anything. I don't care what denomination you belong to, just as long as you have a personal relationship.

Then we left the hospital because I had to get a motel room for my family and me. agreed to take me but they insisted to take me to dinner first. Now remember that I am still fasting at this point and on the way to the restaurant I got sick and weak. I had to pull over the car, but praise the Lord I asked for Gods strength. Praise the Lord He gave me my strength I needed. So now we were at dinner, but I had to tell them I was fasting. Usually I don't tell anyone but my wife, but they were trying to force food in my mouth. I told them and that had became a doorway for me to open the door for me to talk about the Word of God. Plus, I told them a testimony of how me and my friend Gino had fasted three days with just water, and how strong we felt the presence of God. I also told them how fasting changed my life and how fasting went side by side with prayer.

Then we started talking about how they still drink and tell fortune. I showed them John 3:16 which says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." That word believeth in Greek means three different things. (1) Is to respect. (2) To commit. (3) To trust, which means that you can trust God to take anything out of your life like drinking.

We shared the Word a little longer then they dropped me off to the motel. We prayed and I thought to myself that it was Gods will that they were there that night and for them to hear those words of encouragement. The Bible says that His Word will not come back void. The Bible says a whisper of encourage encouragement Angels in heaven rejoice. What an encouragement to know that the Angels in Heaven are rejoicing. Isn't it an awesome feeling to know just because you're talking about the Word that Angels are rejoicing in Heaven? Amen!

Chapter 7 ◆ God's Love.

August 3, 2005. The very next day I went back to my mother's room at the hospital. I was praying and reading my Bible and the same nurse that was bothering me the night before, which I failed to mention in the last chapter. I understand her point. It was the typical Gypsy scene, 100 people in the hospital and all the kids running around. Anyways she comes in the room at the time that a pastor and I are praying. She overheard us on a speakerphone praying. She comes to my side and nudges me on the shoulder and says excuse me, but I didn't move or open my eyes because I knew that it was an attack from the devil. She was being pure mean to me and the way she said excuse me was in an aggravated tone.

I finished my prayer and asked her why she had interrupted me while we were praying both last night and today. I went on to tell her that I don't understand why she was doing this. I asked her if she knew God and she said yes. Again I said if you knew God you would not have been so mean to me. She denied what I was accusing her of. Then I quoted Scripture to her

saying: "Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves, is a child of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7).

Then I told her if she knows God then she would have showed love towards others. Not just the ones you know, but all good and bad. She ended up saying sorry and she turned out to be a sweetheart.

So next time you come to a situation like this, remember Love wins over, yes, it would be easy to yell and argue. That's what the devil wants. He would have loved it if I would have argued with her, but instead I beat the attack with the word of God. Amen!

Chapter 8 ◆ Forgiveness Is Divine.



Then I went down stairs and started talking to some people that came over to see how my mom was doing. We started sharing the Word of God and I passed out some CD's and Bible study papers that I brought with me from Chicago; they were about Jeremiah 29:11.

We hung out for a while waiting for the doctors to update my mothers condition. Then Pastor Lave came to my mother's room to pray for her. He gave her the sinners prayer hoping that while she was yet unconscious, by faith she heard and accepted. After praying we walked together in the waiting room and I showed him the study I prepared on Jeremiah 29:11: reacting on God's plan. Pastor looked at me and said: "Anthony, it would be a Blessing if you could share this tonight. If you can't I understand." Of course I said yes, remember how I told you that God put it on my heart to share in NY., so of course I accepted.

He agreed on picking me up to bring me to Church, then he prayed for me. A few hours later a Pastor tom walks in. He is an evangelist from Brooklyn Tabernacle Church. He came because my wife saw him praying for others in the hospital and she asked him if he would mind coming and praying for my mom.

While he was praying, I heard a word from God and He told me to ask Pastor Tom if I should preach tonight at the Gypsy Church.. I decided to ask him while I walked him out, and he told me that I should stay by my mother's side. Praise God I was glad that he told me not to because I know God is not a God of confusion.

I was scared and confused about leaving my mom and I really did not want to preach because I had so much on my mind. I called to Pastor Lave and told him my situation and he understood completely. The point is before there were churches there was family and sometimes I take that for granted. I try to help people learn and love the Word of God so they can be in one accord with their family. So much that I forget about my own responsibilities.

Were supposed to raise up our kids in the Word, not in the world. We are responsible to show love to our family in word and in action. We are also responsible to keep them in Church.

A lot of people might say that is corny or that is crazy, but as long as I am giving my children what they need according to the Bible, then that is all that matters. The most important thing to know is that you are worshipping God when you spend time together as a family: "Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the Earth, and bring it under their control" (Gen. 1:28).

Chapter 9 ◆ True Faith.

As I stood by my mothers side, I got the chance to share the Word with my sisters and brother-in-laws. My one brother-in-law was very worried about my mom. He barely slept. Also he wanted to argue with my mother's husband. I started to talk with him and share the words of the Lord when He said: "...Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13:34). Also: "If you love one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples" (Jn. 13:35). So basically you can't fight evil with evil. But using love and by doing what the Lord told us through His Word. After hearing that my brother-in-law hugged me and started to cry. Right there I knew God touched his heart and put peace upon him. I told him of how the vengeance is the Lord's. Even if he killed my mother, isn't God a God of forgiveness and mercy. If God used Paul to write 13 books of the N.T. and allowed him to open some of the first Churches knowing that he killed and persecuted the early Christians. Who are we to judge anybody, no matter what happens bad or good it all works out for God's Glory. The point that I'm

trying to make is don't hold grudges (Lev. 19:18). Instead, love one another as the Lord loved us.

Just as we were talking, a doctor comes and says their having a meeting about my mother. So we followed the doctors and sat down around this big table. My whole family was there with us; my sisters Gina, Valerie, My aunt Debbie, My uncles John, Jimbo, My father Larry, My brother Steve, My Grand-Mother Barney, my brother-in-law Michael, and my mothers husband Mike [keep him in prayer].

The doctors began by saying that my mother is dead. He said that he knew that it must be hard on us, but she was already dead when she came in here 3 days ago. Only the machines are keeping her alive and you need to start making arrangements. My sister Gina started screaming and yelling at Mike saying she didn't want him at the funeral.

I did not want to see my mother this way so I asked the doctor who had the rights to pull the plug and he told me that I did. Scripture kept coming to me showing me that she was in heaven. Then Jesus said to the woman, your sins are forgiven. The others sitting at the table began to say to themselves, "Who is this, who even for-

gives sins?" But Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace" (Luke 7:48-50). Still a little confused as what to do the Lord showed me yet another verse of Scripture: ..."Those who listen to what I say and believe in the one who sent me will have eternal life. They won't be judged because they have already passed from death to life" (John 5:24).

Reading that Scripture a few days ago, I thought that my mom was going to wake up, but know I knew that she wasn't just going to wake up rather she was going to heaven.

Honestly I still could not come to grips with the fact that she was dead. I would look at her and I would think that she was sleeping. I did not know what to do, my spirit was telling me one thing and my flesh was telling me another. I figured to go outside to get some fresh air, while I was outside I was thinking that it was up to me to pull the plug. I knew that my brother and sisters would listen to me.

My phones rings and it was Pastor Teddy from North Carolina. I knew that he called to comfort me, but I started telling him all of my problems and everything that was going on. I went on to tell him of how I was fasting and how the Lord was showing me about King David.

The way he fasted for his baby and how even though he fasted for the baby the baby still died.

As we were praying the Lord showed me that even though the baby died, he was in heaven with me. I couldn't stop crying and as a matter of fact this was the first time I cried. Before this time I could not cry. The reason I started crying was that God had originally showed me how to fast and that the baby would eventually die any ways. But what God revealed to me was When Baby's Die They Go Straight To Heaven.

God was truly teaching me a lesson. That lesson was to seek Him and to ask Him for patience, knowledge, and wisdom during this time of whether or not my mom was in heaven. Well praise God I received confirmation. Know that when you are asking something from the Lord you will receive an answer, but are you really ready for His response. That's the question you should ask yourself today. Am I ready for the real answers? Sometimes we want from God whether it is direction, to be closer to Him, or just a certain question answered, but we are not willing to accept His invitation, correction, or advice. That is what you call satisfying the flesh but we need to focus on how to satisfy the Spirit.

My mom looked like she was sleeping and was about to wake up at any time, and that is how we base our faith. We look at the situation and circumstances and base our faith on what we see. True faith is based on what you can't see. Jesus said: "You believe because you've seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me but believe" (John 20:29). We don't see Jesus personally but we see His work through Born Again Believers. We see and hear of his miracles. We know that His Word is true and we believe – that's faith!

I found out that day that the devil would use sickness, hurt, pain, financial, lust, greed, and anger against you. It is our faith that makes us overcome the schemes of the devil.

Chapter 10 ◆ The wages of sin?

Now came the time to tell everybody my decision, so I entered the hospital and called everyone to come closer to me. I began to tell them everything God showed me about my mother. Out of the 24 people that were there about 90% of them were fortune-tellers. wasn't that easy because not everybody was family there. I began speaking boldly about fortune-telling and how it is witch craft, evil, and a form of acting like a god [if you are being convicted that is just confirmation]. Don't get me wrong sin is sin and the Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death. I went on to say that when you put up signs for business, Spiritually you are advertising, not psychic reading, but demons wanted

I said that tomorrow we were going to remove my mom from the machines. After that we left the hospital and my wife told me that one of the woman asked her if what I said was true. My wife told her it was in the Bible.

God already started working; watering the seed that I planted. Glory to God! As for the rest, I know that God will minister to them on

His time. The Bible says that his word will not come back void, and it also says know the truth and the truth will set you free. Amen!

Chapter 11 ◆ A lesson to be learned!

The next day we go to the hospital, waiting for my sister to come, so that I could convince her that she needs to stay in the Word and go to Church. Remember that I am still fasting, because I know that this is a battle. I'm telling my sister Valerie and she is listening to me talk, but I feel that it is going in one ear and going out the other. Then my other sister Gina walks in with a bunch of gifts for my mom. She goes on to tell us of the dream that he had and how she seen our mother in heaven. Then I told her everything and she started crying. I sent her upstairs to see our mom and I told her not to allow the devil to hinder her thoughts about how she looks. Then I had to tell her about the medicine that the doctors were giving her to keep the swelling down. The medicine made her look like she was sleeping. She said that she understood

I finished my fast and as the Lord put His peace upon us we went to get something to eat. Then we went upstairs to see my mother. While we were going upstairs my mothers husband walks in and at that point I blew up. I told him

to get out of the room. I said: "Do you think we are crazy?"

Yes, I blew up and I was wrong. It was not Christian of me to yell and scream at him like that. The Holy Spirit of my actions convicted me later. I know how important my testimony is representing God, and I knew not to act like that.

We went upstairs to my mother and as I seen her there I couldn't believe how at peace she looked for the first time. I ordered the removal of the machines. After, I ordered the removal of the machines I knew that this was God's will. I remember looking at her and thinking to myself how peaceful she looked. Then God showed me how weeks before when my mom and me prayed she had asked for God's peace. She finally received the peace of God that no one but the Lord could give her.

Chapter 12 ◆ Oil & Water.

So now all of the family is driving to N.J. because most of our family live out there. We went to my uncle John's house and all of the family started to talk, especially my cousin Gabby. She was telling me about the boy she wants to marry. She said that she does not want to tell fortune anymore, but the boy wants her too.

I read her the Scripture found in the Book of Leviticus 19:19: "Obey my commands. ... Do not plant two kinds of seeds in the same field." I began to tell her not to plant wrong seeds in her life and as Christians we are to bear good fruit for the Lord. And that we should only say and do good things in our lives (Col. 3:17). Also I used the illustration of how oil and water do not mix. Showing us clearly that we must, as Christians, separate ourselves from the World. So I went on to tell her that if he loves you, he will respect your decision. And if you have to choose between them, I would hope that you choose God.

She started telling me of how she loves God and that she reads the Bible everyday and that she doesn't want to hurt God by telling fortune. Mainly because she uses the Lord's name in vain.

I went on to tell her how important it was to produce good fruit and how by our ways we can contaminate that fruit. In some cases I told her that those fruit that are dirty could be washed. Jesus said: "but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life" (John 4:14). After she heard this she said: Anthony, I think I am going to give up telling fortune. She later broke up with that boy and is now seeing a Christian from Chicago that serves with me as an usher. Amen.

Chapter 13 ◆ One in Christ.

The very next day my wife and me and my uncle Michael went to stay the night by my sister's house. At the time my sister was having problems with her husband. They had been fighting a lot and my sister found out that he was cheating on her. I'm telling you this story because I was the same way. While I heard the way my sister's husband was treating her, I couldn't help think of how I used to treat Gina (my wife).

Before I had a personal relationship with Jesus and before I was convicted of my sins I would have dealt with my brother-in-law differently, but because of the Love of Christ. I felt I had to minister to him.

One night we were about to go to sleep and he was talking to me and he really opened up to me. He told me how unhappy he was with my sister. He told me that he was just there for the kid's. I remember thinking to myself of how I did the same thing. I understood exactly what he was saying even though it was my sister. I still had compassion because God gave it to me. It is funny how God moves and uses our testimonies

for his purpose. You see, I would never have been able to relate to him if I did not personally experience the same thing. That is why the book of James says: "My friends, consider yourselves fortunate when all kinds of trials come your way" (James 1:2). Also: "for you know that when your faith succeeds in facing such trials, the result is the ability to endure" (James 1:3).

I believe that James is trying to say 'what don't kill you only makes you stronger.' So when you go through something – praise the Lord, because the devil wouldn't waste his time trying to bring you down unless you were a threat to him.

Back to my conversation with my brother-inlaw, he began telling me that he goes to church but he is not living a born again life. So I told him that you and your wife must be one or your prayers will be hindered (1 Peter 3:7). This Scripture tells us that the wife is the weaker person and that we are the priests of our home.

I told him that are prayers are hindered because we are the bride of Christ. And Jesus is the groom does Jesus cheat on us? Certainly not! The Word says that He will never leave us or forsake us. Does Jesus beat us up and stay mad at us for days? Again I said no! Does He bring up

our past after we asked or gave our forgiveness? No! His anger last only a moment but his love lasts forever. And when He forgives you He also forgets too. Remember that the devil is throwing your past in your face trying to make you feel bad – not God!! Jesus loves us and wants us to have a relationship in our marriage that is one, just like how we are one in Christ.

Then I began to share my personal testimony with him and how I use to beat my wife while she was pregnant. She had caught me on the phone many times with girls. I even told her one time that I loved someone else and that I did not want her and that I wanted to leave her. I told him how I was full of pride and thought that I was a tough guy. The whole time my wife and me were going to church thinking that I was a Christian. See I knew of God but I did not know Him personally. If I did I would not be doing the things I were doing because the Bible says in the book of Job: "and he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding..." (Job 28:28).

If I had the fear of the Lord I would have turned from the evil that was hindering my life. It was a little late so we went to sleep. But something happened when I got up I seen my sister and Michael holding hands praying on their knees in the corner of the room. They were dressed as if they were going to church and my sister looked more mature and they both looked at peace then I snapped out of the vision!

Well, the next couple of days we ran around preparing for the funeral; it took so long because we had to wait for the coroner's office to get results back. Anyways, my uncle and me were talking about the Word to my brother-in-law and I knew that it was starting to affect him, because God's Word does not go out void. But about two months later my sister calls me and tells me how her husband still curses her and beats her. She told me that he wished she was dead and every time that she cried for my mother he tells her to go in the bathroom to cry.

All I knew is the vision I had seen so all I could do now is pray for her and call my brother-in-law every so often to encourage him. I know he will change just like God changed me.

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Chapter 14 ◆ Power in Prayer!

At the funeral, I thought it would be crazy, with people yelling, screaming, cursing, and fighting, blaming each other, and you know all of the things that happen when a tragedy takes place, especially when Mike (my mother's husband) walked in. But see we were praying for peace for our family. You see when the Body of Christ comes together chains are broken, like when Paul was in jail. What did the church do - they prayed!

Unity in Christ is what it is all about, I mean yes there were tear's flowing, but we all truly felt the peace of God. Pastor Jerry came and said some encouraging words. We looked at her and we knew that she was in Heaven enjoying the presence of God.

In those few days I had a chance to see and fellowship with people I have not seen in years. I even had a chance to share my beliefs with some Jesus only Christians. Some of my cousins came from PA. And to my surprise they were in the Word. So that was the funeral. Thank God for the answered prayers.

Chapter 15 ◆ A Wise Rebuke.

My brother-in-law Michael took us to the airport and we were talking about a whole bunch of things that happened all that week. Also about the family; that are not in the Word of God and how you cannot get mad at them but only pray for them.

So we got to the airport and began to pray then we walked in the airport while waiting for our tickets then my phone rings. It's my brother-in-law. Keep in mind that I'm feeling lost in NYC because I have not been in Church for two weeks. Yes I was sharing God's Word and trying to show my light, but those last couple of days I was getting attacked by negative thoughts from course joking. (Col. 3:17).

Keep in mind that I know that no one is perfect but I also know I was not trying my hardest. Let me explain, Michael says to my uncle and me that we changed these last few days. I felt horrible and I did not get mad because I knew it was true. He went on to say that he felt that I was going to do a Bible study on "Being lost" and I said yes that's exactly how I feel – God Bless! I said thanks for being sensitive to the

Spirit and I told him that God was already working through him. See the Bible says: "It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools" (Ecc. 7:5).

Chapter 16 ◆ Ask God First.

I started walking around the airport waiting for my plane to board thinking how I would put this study together. Then I noticed two girls holding hands while I was passing by. Something came to my mind, I said that's an abomination so immediately I went to them and told them what I thought of their actions. I asked them if they believe in God. They asked me what I was talking about and explained to me that they were sisters! I don't think you know how I was embarrassed. I felt my mouth drop and I said how sorry that I was. They called me some names and I walked away thinking how stupid I was. I thought I saw something different even others were looking at them too. Minutes later their mother came up to me and started yelling at me. At this point I thought that I was going to get slapped, but I tried to explain and say I was sorry. She would not listen and I guess I can't blame her

This was a great lesson for me. I learned that I should have asked God first before I went up to them. The Bible says: "What you think is the right road may lead to death" (Prov. 16:25). I

know everything happens for a reason, but at the time I thought that I was doing the right thing. The second thing that I did wrong was I did not pray first (Phi. 4:6). The third thing that I learned was not to condemn others. Jesus did nothing but show love to all people. You see the devil threw his darts thinking that he won the battle, but the only thing he did was help me learn a very valuable lesson.

Chapter 17 ◆ 7 Steps Home.

So I boarded the plane and about 15 minutes later I started thinking about what my brother-in-law said about how my light was not shinning. He told me that I changed. It got me to think, especially with the Bible study coming up. I did not have anything to share so I got out my pen and paper. The Lord showed me everything I did wrong. And He showed me how to get back to where I needed to be. The following study is to know when you're lost.

7 STEPS TO FINDING YOUR WAY HOME

1. Do you know when you're lost?

Are you recognizing the surroundings?

Gal. 5:20

Col. 3:8

2. Do you know how you got lost?

Are you aware that you are on the wrong path?

2 Thess. 3:6

Eph. 5:3-5;11

4. Do you admit when you're lost?

Don't try to hide from God or lie to yourself.

Heb. 4:14-16

Rom. 10:10

5. Do you stop and ask for directions?

Do you ask God's guidance?

2 Thess. 3:5

John 13:34

6. Do you follow directions?

When you get a Word or directions do you take them?

Jos. 22:5

Ecc. 7:5

7. Do you know your way home?

Mark 8:22-26

8. Welcome Home!!!!

Now that we found our way lets not get lost again, but if you do just pick up your Bible and it will show you how to get home.



Chapter 18 ◆ God's Will, Not His.

As you know by now my mom is dead, but I really feel that she just started living her life. And I know that she is happy – Praise God!

The enemy thought that by bringing this upon us that we would fall. In fact the complete opposite happened we became closer and our mothers salvation became clear. The devil tried the same thing 2000 years ago with Judas Iscariot bringing him to the point that he would betray Jesus. But the Lord used all this for His Glory.

That is why we should always thank God for the trials and tribulations in our lives. I will put it to you this way, while I am writing the closing part of this book my 2-week-old baby is in the hospital for some kind of infection in her stomach. She has been there for 3 days now and I am not worried because I know she is going to be alright. It will be just one more testimony for the Lord.

See a lot of people will make fun of me for making this book and think I'm crazy, but the Bible teaches us that we will be called "Peculiar People." I am hoping that it just touches one person for good. Because the Bible says that when one comes back all of Heaven rejoices!!!

Chapter 19 ◆ Conclusion.

I hope and pray that this book that God placed in your hands touched you. It is not by chance that you have this book, it's you conformation.

No matter what life throws at you and how many arrows the enemy might throw at you know that God will always look out for you. As a matter of fact, He made a weapon to fight against the enemy. Isaiah 49:2 – "He made my words as sharp as a sword. With his own hand he protected me. He made me like an arrow, sharp, and ready for use." So what it is telling us is that we are the ammunition and when the devil shoots his arrow all we have to do is use what the Lord supplied us with, which is His Word. The enemy tries to kill you with words and we have to do the same thing – use Jesus' Words. Trust God when you go through a storm just know God will move you through it.

God Bless You and Remember keep asking and you will receive (Matthew 7:7,8)!!

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¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

The Apostle Paul

All the glory goes to God.