

PLANE FAITH



CALLED BY GOD REJECTED BY MAN

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

Jesus was born in what I call a barn. The way up in God is always down. The world tells us to fight and scratch our way to the top. The Father God tells us to humble ourselves under His mighty hand that He may exalt us in due time. Jesus learned obedience through the things that he suffered.

The Christian that fails to learn this lesson is destined for exaltation by Satan, and ultimate humiliation and failure in the end. If there is an ounce of pride in you, Satan will use it to destroy you. He will let you be great at first but it will be a slow painful, horrifying experience in the end. What you strive for the most, in the flesh, Satan will use for your destruction in the end.

The Lord Teaches Humility

The Lord allows us to be in situations that will teach us humility. Moses was taken from a basket in the river to be trained by God. He eventually went to the back side of the desert herding sheep for forty years. The Lord called him to be a leader of His people, after he learned the lesson of humility. Moses was rejected by his own people but the Lord still called him to be their leader. The leaders of the people of God are never chosen by man. The Lord Jesus Christ chooses those He has trained, qualified and equipped. The one to be chosen and called King David learned humility as a Shepherd. When all his brothers were called to eat with the Prophet, he did not leave his job. He stayed where he was told and learned humility. (Continued Page 2)



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BE YE THANKFUL

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

I encourage you to thank and praise our Father God and our Lord Jesus Christ for their goodness to you. If we are not careful, we focus on what is bad instead of what is good. This can lead to complaining and grumbling. If you will concentrate on the goodness of the Lord you will find many things to be thankful for.

You may be facing tough times but you can thank the Lord because He has and is making a way of escape for you! The walls of Jericho fell after Joshua and Israel shouted and thanked and praised God.

Don't get bitter and sad, be glorious and glad because the Lord has made a way for you, where there has been no way before. He has opened heavens door and is pouring out more and more of His blessings in your life!

I AM THANKFUL FOR PARTNERS

I am so thankful that the Lord does not expect me to accomplish His will by myself. He has always strengthened me for His work, and given me ability beyond my own to carry out His plan. I have never had the natural talent to do His will. I have simply trusted in Him to give me His supernatural ability.

Moses had to have people to hold up his hands, when the battle was taking place. (Exodus 17:8-16) The Lord had Aaron and Hur to help Moses hold up his hands when he got tired. The army fought and won the battle.

I am thankful that the Lord has appointed those to help me carry out His will and plan in the earth.

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He stayed where he was told and learned humility. The Lord called him when all his family considered him unworthy. He became King David through a path of humility. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was rejected by society, but she was called by our Father God because she had learned a lesson of humility.

Humility, is accepting the fact that you are nothing without Jesus, and you cannot do anything without the anointing and ability of God upon you. Without Him you can do nothing. No flesh will be able to glory in His presence.

Called By God As A Little Boy

I have known that I was called by the Lord since I was a little boy. My mother and daddy raised me in the church. My daddy was a Pentecostal, uneducated, preacher who loved the Lord with all his heart. I don't believe my daddy had an ounce of pride in him. He was stubborn and mule headed though. He didn't care what people thought of him, he did what he thought the Lord told him to. Some people thought he was crazy because of this.

My daddy didn't fit the mold of the world system. He was strange and prayed right out loud in public and spoke with other tongues. He would stand in large public church gatherings and call down those who were leading the meeting and were operating in the flesh. He would tell them they were following the wrong spirit. I never saw him miss it one time, in that regard. Nobody else had the gumption to address the error.

Called By God Attacked By Satan

A spirit of fear and insecurity bound me as a little boy of seven to eight years old. I became so fearful that I would go to bed at night and take the lamp shade off my lamp. I would put the light under the cover with me for comfort. I eventually would turn the light off and fall further into a world of horrific fear. Ghastly images of horror and faces would appear to me and constant nightmares occurred. I would break out in a cold, fearful, sweat and not sleep all night long. Evil spirits from Satan began to attack me with a spirit of fear. I would pray for daylight to come so I could get out of bed.

I would go to school worn out from a sleepless night and walk around school in a daze. It went on like this for years. One night, I was so afraid that I felt like I would die or something would kill me if I did not get to my parents. Many nights I would lie on the bed, totally still, barely breathing because I did not want this thing to know I was there. This night was different and I knew I had to move and get help. I wasn't strong enough to resist it anymore. I finally got out of bed and went and woke up my mother and told her I was scared and that something was trying to get me.

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She pulled me up into the bed with her and daddy and I went off to sleep. I did that many times from then on. I was being attacked by a spirit of fear from Satan. I did get free from this spirit of fear years later.

My Misery Continues At School

The misery continued for me at school. The other students found out I was a Pentecostal preacher's kid and they made fun of me. It did not used to be popular to be Pentecostal. The students would thump my ears and push me down the hall and knock my books out of my locker into the floor. I would yell at them and push back at them but there were a lot more of them and I stood alone. I begin to hate church and never let anybody know my daddy was a Pentecostal preacher. I didn't want God because I got humiliated for knowing anything about him. Finally, I got tossed out of public school for hitting one of the bullies in the head with a thirty three gallon, galvanized metal, trash can. It gave him a brain concussion and eighteen stitches. I had stood all the torment that I could and I just exploded. I am not proud of it but at the time I didn't know how to handle the situation. I realize now I did the wrong thing.

I Escaped Reality With Alcohol And Drugs

My parents did their best, with their knowledge, to help me. My mother encouraged me constantly and tried to help me cope with my situation. I love and appreciate my mother and daddy very much! They never gave up on me and helped me many times when my life was in danger in my prison escapes. (See my book *Escape From Hell*) They both prayed me to where I am today and I will never forget their unfailing love for me!

Try as they may, my parents could not rescue me from a spiraling downfall into a life of alcohol and drug addiction. Alcohol and drugs helped me to escape the torment that I lived in daily. I contemplated suicide but I feared more that I would go to hell in my condition. The alcohol and drugs led me down a path to meet the real evil world that my parents had sheltered me from as a kid.

I Became Selfish, Deluded And Deceived

I became selfish and decided to do anything it took to make me high and happy so I could forget the real world of pain and torment that I lived in. I hated life, people and myself. I got so far out that I believed that God did not exist. I also believed the Bible was a fairytale book somebody wrote trying to make me be good. I determined that I would do what I wanted, when I wanted to. I would not be controlled by any human being. I turned in total rebellion to God and I opened my life up to the devil. I became demon possessed because of this. (Continued Page 3)

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Jesus Saves Me On Escape From Prison

I came to my senses, at twenty eight years old. I was on my third escape from prison in March of 1982 when I received Jesus Christ as my Lord. I told the Lord I was tired of running from Him and I was committing to the ministry He had called me to.

He told me, "I will get your life out of the mess you have got it into and you will do what I called you to do." Little did I know the journey of God that I was about to embark on.

Anointed For The Work Of The Lord

I turned myself into the authorities, totally trusting the Lord to help me. The prison officials examined me mentally and emotionally and said I was incorrigible. That means, unable to be helped. I had been rejected by man but I was called by God.

I was sent back to the Alabama State Prison system that I had escaped from. I went to court on all the charges of escape and other charges and the Lord worked a miracle for me. I could have received a life without parole sentence but the judge gave me a lesser sentence instead.

In prison, I started seeking the Lord with all my heart! I read the Bible and prayed for eight to ten hours a day and many days more than that. I spent much time fasting also. I was laying a foundation in prayer and Bible study that would prove immensely helpful to me later. Don't waste time, pray and study for your future.

I had found my reason for being alive, my reason for being on the earth! I was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues in the prison chapel one day. I entered into the world of a supernatural Father God and Lord Jesus Christ.

I was walking in one of the dorm areas of Holman Prison, one day. A lifer named Brad walked up to me and said, "Would you like to have this book?" He said, "You are always reading the Bible and praying and this book is about the Bible." He went on to tell me that he didn't understand it or want it. At that time in my walk with the Lord Jesus, I didn't trust anything but the Bible and that is about all that I read.

The book was written by a man named Kenneth E. Hagin. It was titled, "*Redeemed From The Curse Of The Law*".

I read some of it and threw it down because I thought it was of the devil! The book told how good God was and how He had sent Jesus Christ to set the human race free from the curse of the law.

I had never heard things like that and didn't know if it was true or not. I decided to place the book beside my Bible on my prison bunk and look up every scripture that the book had in it. (Continued Next Column)

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To my amazement, there were scriptures in the Bible that said what the book said but no one had ever told me before. I got excited and hid the book because I thought someone would steal it from me! It was a treasure. It was like finding one million dollars or more!

I wrote Kenneth Hagin Ministries and they sent me more study materials. I would send them postage stamps, in the mail, to help defer the cost of the books, even though they didn't charge me anything. I was not allowed to have money but I could have postage stamps.

April 5, 1984, Anointed By God

I had been fasting and praying for several days. On April 5, 1984, I was out behind one of the prison dormitories praying. I turned thirty years old that day. It was about noon time.

All of a sudden, the power of God came on me like a mighty rushing wind! I was filled with the Holy Spirit and begin to speak in tongues. I wept tears of joy as the power of the Holy Spirit flowed into me! I saw my future and I begin to prophecy about it while standing behind prison bars.

The Lord spoke to me supernaturally and said, "Nations and countries shall be changed through the ministry that I have called you to. My Holy Spirit has equipped you and anointed you for this purpose. You will be opposed by men and demons but my angels shall guard and protect you. I will use you in the last day move of God as you humble yourself before me. You will begin to enter in to that anointing this day."

I collapsed on the ground, overwhelmed by the Spirit of the living God, beside that prison dormitory. I wept and cried tears of joy as I knew I had been visited by the creator of heaven and earth.

I was sitting in the dirt in the finery of my prison clothes, with stripes down the sides. I was happier than I had ever been in my life! I was overcome with the fact that I could be loved by God and be allowed the honor of serving Him.

I was a reject of society, but I had been visited by our Father God! I was a criminal who had lived selfishly and foolishly for years? Now I was a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ! Yes, I was rejected by man but I was equipped by God!

The Lord Speaks to Me Recently

I have ministered in and out of that anointing since that time. Recently, the Lord spoke to me and said, "You are going to enter into a anointing like you have never known before. I will make you a blessing to humanity." (End)

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