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John 15:13

*“Greater love hath no man than this,
that he lay down his life for his friends.”*

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to U.S. Army Spc. Sarah Beckstrom, and to all law enforcement officers and soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. It is also dedicated to U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe, and to all who have been wounded in the line of duty, as well as to those who continue to serve with courage and honor today.

May you always remember that whatever your assignment, your cause is noble and righteous, and America stands with you. May the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph guide and protect you and your family, always.

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CHAPTER ONE

WHY I WROTE THIS BOOK

A Message to Those Who Serve

Law enforcement officers have one of the toughest and most dangerous jobs in the world. It's a far different profession today than when I served as a police officer. Officers now not only battle crime but also face increasing challenges from lawless politicians who make their work harder and more dangerous. Some even embolden radicals to target officers, which has tragically led

to shootings and deaths.

When I served, law enforcement officers were respected and appreciated. We were proud to work alongside our federal partners. As a uniformed officer, I assisted the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) during raids to apprehend illegal aliens. Later, as a member of the State Organized Crime Bureau, I worked closely with several agencies, including the DEA, FBI, Secret Service, and Department of Labor.

I valued those partnerships deeply and understood that our work served not only our country but also those who were being exploited. I remember one INS operation where the individuals we took into custody were found living in deplorable, bug-infested conditions, places none of us would ever choose to live in. Yet these hard-working people were forced to endure such misery. That experience strengthened my belief that we were serving a higher purpose: protecting victims and upholding justice.

Sadly, today being a law enforcement officer often puts a target on your back, even from within your own agencies. Officers

are second-guessed, scrutinized through a “woke” lens, and held to shifting standards that add unnecessary pressure. Beyond that, there are the personal challenges that come with the job. The law enforcement profession has long carried a reputation for infidelity, and I’ve heard many officers excuse it by saying, “It’s a cop thing.” But it’s not. It’s a selfish thing, it’s a destructive thing and tears families apart, and may leave spouses worried and children angry.

We all crave stability and safety at home. When that foundation crumbles, families often spiral into darkness. Officers who live with guilt or fear of being discovered carry tremendous stress, which can lead to destructive coping mechanisms, alcohol, drugs, or other self-destructive behaviors. In the end, such choices erode trust and reliability, both professionally and personally, and can lead to despair and isolation.

While the vast majority of officers stand in honor of the American flag, our fallen heroes, and kneel only before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, there are some, from

municipal departments to federal agencies, who have chosen to kneel in solidarity with organizations that openly profess communist objectives, seeking to undermine America's way of life and destroy the family unit, a bond that is the foundation of a great nation. Though this is deeply troubling, we are called to reach out to them with the love of Christ, trusting that the Holy Spirit can transform their hearts and lives for the better. You and I cannot accomplish that on our own, only God can.

While this book is written with the law enforcement community in mind, it's not about the badge or the duties of the job. It's about helping those who serve find a deeper, more rewarding life through a relationship with Jesus Christ. We all face challenges, broken relationships, personal loss, the sense of moving in the wrong direction, or carrying the heavy weight of the world on our shoulders. That's exactly why I wrote this book: to help you and other officers rediscover hope, restore purpose, and reclaim a fulfilling life with your friends and family.

I'm not here to persuade you based on what I've read in the Bible, but rather to share how my life changed through reading it, and striving to live by its principles. As a mature Christian, I now recognize that God placed people in my path to guide and support me, just as He placed me in others' lives for the same purpose.

Looking back, I can see that God was always there, even when I couldn't recognize His hand in my life. That awareness has changed how I see everything, and it's through that lens of faith that I write this book.

Let me make one thing clear: when I refer to "your bad decisions" later in this book, I'm speaking about the choices that have created your own problems, not tragedies beyond your control, such as the death of a loved one, a fellow officer killed in the line of duty, or loss due to crime, disease or accident. I also acknowledge that sometimes, the bad decisions and choices of others can bring pain into your life.

A perfect biblical example is Joseph, the son of Jacob. Out of jealousy, his brothers

beat him, sold him into slavery, and told their father he had been killed by a wild animal. Yet God used their cruelty for a greater purpose. Joseph rose to become second in command over all of Egypt and ultimately saved his family, and countless others, from famine. As **Genesis 50:19–21** tells us:

“And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.”

At times, God allows us to walk through hardship for purposes hidden from our sight. What others intend for harm, He can redeem for good, if we stay grounded in His Word.

When things go wrong, turn to God. Some may blame Him, but in time, most seek His strength, comfort, and deliverance, and He always provides it. Whatever challenges you’re facing, know that He is your only true source of hope. Despair can be painful, but it’s often the very thing that

drives us to seek God's help. As **Psalm 119:71** says:

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes."

If life were always easy, we might never seek God's help, so even our struggles can be blessings in disguise. Time and again, we've seen wealthy and famous people who seem to have everything fall into addiction, infidelity, and even tragedy, their lives cut short despite all their worldly success.

This isn't a self-help book, it's a guide to help you build or rebuild your relationship with Jesus Christ. When you draw closer to Him, He will draw closer to you, and your life will begin to change. God will give you the wisdom and strength to live a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling. As **Isaiah 65:24** reminds us:

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

God already knows what you need before you ask. You only have to reach out and trust Him. Remember, He took the first step by dying for us all. That is truly amazing.

I've been where you are. Though our stories may differ, I know what it feels like to feel lost and hopeless, unsure if there's any way to recover. Yet there is a way back, and that way is through Jesus Christ. I've witnessed His miracles in my own life, and I share two of my testimonies at the end of this book as living proof of His grace and presence. As **Luke 8:39** says:

“Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee.”

God delights when we share our testimonies because they can confirm to others what they have long believed and they inspire others to seek Him, too.

Please, don't go down the wrong path, don't give in to despair or thoughts of ending your life. There is another way. It begins with prayer and surrendering your life to

Jesus. Don't ask Him merely to fix your problems your way. Instead, let Him take control of your life and guide you, His way. I remember a saying from my early days as a pilot in the 1970s: "If God is your copilot, switch seats." In other words, let Him take the lead and make the final decisions in your life.

For law enforcement, we might say: "If God is your partner, make Him your Chief."

Surrender control of your life to Him, and let Him guide, heal, and restore you. It will be an incredible journey.

Why Does God Allow This to Happen?

One of the most common questions I hear is, "Why did God let this happen to me?" The answer is that God loves each of us and wants what's best for our lives. But we live in a fallen, cursed world, one forever changed when sin entered it. Because of sin, we now face lust, disease, hatred, death, and countless other hardships. And though God gave us the incredible gift of free will, that freedom also means our choices have

consequences.

Sometimes the difficulties we face are the result of our own decisions. When we act outside of God's Word, we can bring hardship upon ourselves. Yet our first instinct is often to shift the blame, something that goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

When Adam ate the forbidden fruit, he blamed both Eve and God, saying, "The woman whom thou gavest me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." Eve, in turn, blamed the serpent: "The serpent beguiled me." Neither accepted responsibility for their actions, and humanity has been doing the same ever since. Their disobedience had lasting consequences for all of us, but even then, God had a plan for redemption.

When you surrender your life to Christ, He will transform your world. **Romans 12:2** reminds us:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

As your mind is renewed, your thoughts begin to center on God. You start measuring your actions by His Word and developing a genuine desire to live in a way that pleases Him. Transformation may not happen overnight, but if you sincerely seek God, it will happen.

No matter how hopeless your situation may seem, when you turn to Christ, He will set your life back on course. He will lead you to a place of peace, purpose, and restoration. There is nothing He cannot do. **Jeremiah 29:11** declares:

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

When everything feels lost and no solution seems possible, remember, Jesus is your only hope. As **Luke 1:37** says:

“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”

The best part is that God does the heavy lifting. All He asks is that you live according to His Word. No matter what challenge you

face, God will fight for you, if you let Him.

Exodus 14:14 promises:

“The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”

When you pray and ask God to handle your situation, know that He is already at work. Sometimes the conflict you face isn't even with another person; it's with the spiritual forces influencing them.

Ephesians 6:12 reminds us:

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

God desires for everyone to turn to Him, though not everyone will. The truth is simple: we are either guided by God or influenced by the enemy. Jesus made this clear in **Matthew 12:30**:

“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”

There's no middle ground, no standing on the fence. You must choose: you are either with God or against Him, clinging to the cross for salvation or driving in the nails that crucify Him.

The fact that you're reading this book, or any book that draws you closer to God, tells me that you're seeking the right path. As you grow in spiritual maturity, which has nothing to do with age, your heart will become more understanding, your actions calmer, and your spirit more forgiving.

You will turn to God in prayer and allow Him to guide you through life's difficult relationships and challenges, you'll experience a transformation so profound that it will be visible to those around you. Even the most challenging individuals may sense a surprising peace in your presence.

Proverbs 16:7:

"When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

As a law enforcement officer, you've been trained to handle stressful and

dangerous situations, but there's a spiritual tool you can quietly add to your training. When anxiety rises or tension builds, silently pray:

“Father, I need Your help in this situation. In the name of Jesus, I ask that You bring calm and safety, for Your glory and for our protection.” In this prayer, you are not only asking for your own safety but also for the well-being of the other person involved. This is at the heart of what we do as Christians.

Whether you're on a traffic stop or working undercover, I'm not suggesting that you ignore your training, only that you add this to it. Jesus said in **Matthew 6:6**:

“...pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”

Always turn to God first, and you'll be amazed at how quickly things can change for the better. But when they do, don't take the credit, give it to Him. God delights when you acknowledge His hand in your success,

and He will continue to bless you when you do.

Sharing how God has worked in your life is called your testimony. Testimonies are powerful, they open the door to sharing Christ with others. It can be as simple as telling someone how God answered your prayer during a dangerous encounter or calmed a volatile situation. When you share your story, let them know what drove you to call out to God and how He came through for you.

Learning From Our Mistakes

You are not the only person who has made bad decisions. Every human being who has ever lived, except Jesus, has made mistakes. Have you noticed that the wisest people are often the oldest? That's because they've learned from a lifetime of errors.

Sadly, we rarely listen to the older and wiser people in our lives. I recently saw a saying that sums it up perfectly: "I am old and wise because God protected me when I

was young and foolish.” For most of us, that rings true.

When I was 21, I was flying a Cessna 401 with a friend who was trying to convince me to stay in college. I wanted to leave with just a two-year degree. He said, “Look, John, I’m 28 and just now going back to college so I can apply to the airlines. Don’t make the same mistake.” I ignored his advice, and at 28, I found myself going back to college anyway. I eventually earned a master’s degree, but I never forgot that warning I failed to heed. How many of us have had wise counsel but ignored it?

How often has Christ sent people into your life with guidance you didn’t follow, only to end up on the wrong path? Even if you manage to get back on track with Christ, chances are you might make mistakes again. That’s human nature. But no matter what decisions you’ve made, you can always return to Christ, who will welcome you with open arms and forgive you yet again.

How often will Christ forgive us?

Matthew 18: 21-22 says:

“Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.”

Just as Christ forgives endlessly, He will forgive you when you return to Him with a sincere and contrite heart. History is full of people God loved who made poor decisions, but His love and forgiveness never ceased. Remember: being human in a fallen world means we will make mistakes, but God takes this into account and always works things for our good. As **2 Peter 3:9** states:

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

Consider Samson. God chose him to save Israel even before he was conceived.

In **Judges 13:3**, an angel of the Lord told his mother:

*“Behold now, thou art barren,
and bearest not: but thou shalt
conceive, and bear a son.”*

God knew the future and gave strict instructions on how Samson was to live, yet he ignored them. He drank alcohol, visited prostitutes, and stirred up needless conflict, yet God still used him to deliver Israel from 40 years of oppression by the Philistines. Despite being deceived by Delilah, captured, and having his eyes gouged out, Samson returned to God in humble repentance.

God restored his strength, and Samson killed countless Philistines by bringing down the temple, sacrificing his own life in the process. Though God forgave him, Samson still faced the consequences of his sins.

King David is another example. As a boy, his faith in God brought him victory over Goliath, yet even great men of faith can falter. Later, as king, David committed adul-

tery with Bathsheba and had her husband killed to cover it up. As a result, he suffered personal tragedies, including the death of his firstborn. Despite this, God's love for David never wavered. David remained a man after God's own heart, and he appears in the genealogy of Jesus.

Bathsheba later bore Solomon, renowned for his wisdom, wealth, and power, but he, too, made poor choices. He married women God had forbidden him to marry, and in his later years, their influence led his heart away from God.

1 Kings 11:3-4:

“And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.”

Solomon died after 40 years as king, and his son Rehoboam succeeded him. Despite receiving wise counsel from the elders, Rehoboam ignored it and followed the advice of his younger peers, making life harder for the Israelites. His choices led to civil war and the division of the united kingdom.

History shows us that ignoring wise counsel and making poor decisions has consequences, but God's love and forgiveness are always available. We may stumble, but we can always turn back to Him, learn from our mistakes, and seek the right path. Remember **John 14:6**, where Jesus declared:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Forgiven, Not Condemned

If you're thinking, "I'm looking pretty good compared to Samson or King David," don't. It's never wise to measure yourself against the sins or failures of others. One of

the most important truths to remember is that we are all sinners. **Romans 3:10** reminds us:

“As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one.”

Instead of comparing yourself to others, learn from their mistakes. That’s one reason God included these historical truths in the greatest book ever written, the Bible. It’s not just a history book; it’s a guide for life, and becoming familiar with it will change your life for the better.

When you judge yourself by the failures of others, you set the bar too low. You’ll never reach the full potential God has for you. When you sin, recognize it for what it is. Ask God for forgiveness and for His strength to avoid repeating it. You should always feel genuine sorrow over sin, no matter how minor others may think it is.

If you start believing that some sins “aren’t so bad,” you’ll fall into them again and again, missing out on the abundant life God desires for you. But once you ask for forgiveness, remember this, you are

forgiven. Live as someone who believes that truth. Psalm 32:5 says:

“I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.”

Still, many people can't move past their mistakes. They carry guilt, anger, and shame, never realizing the freedom Christ offers. Isaiah 43:25 declares:

“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember your sins.”

Have faith that when you sincerely ask for forgiveness, God forgives you immediately. Leave your sin in the past, because that's exactly what God does.

At the same time, remember: do not judge others. Lead people to Christ, but never through condemnation. The message of the Cross is about forgiveness. It came at

an unimaginable cost, yet it was motivated by mercy toward people who didn't deserve it. Frankly, I'm weary of so-called Christians who tell others they're "going to hell." Where in Scripture did Jesus ever say that to anyone? **John 3:17** says:

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Christ's mission was one of forgiveness, compassion, and love for all mankind. **1 Corinthians 13:13** reminds us:

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

The greatest of these is charity. That should shape how we treat everyone. When we truly accept Christ as our Savior, our lives are renewed, we lead by example. God calls us to bring others to Him through faith, compassion, and love, not judgment.

That doesn't mean you must approve of or celebrate sin. It means you should reach

out to others with the love of Christ, guiding them toward Him with grace.

As **Matthew 7:1-2** teaches:

“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”

We are not the judges of this world. When we judge others, we often push them further from Christ instead of drawing them closer.

Scripture makes it clear that the only thing separating anyone from Heaven is unbelief. **John 3:18** says:

“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

That’s why we must never drive people away from Christ, but instead, point them toward the hope found in Him.

God made the path to eternal life simple. No matter what you’ve done, the

blood of Christ has the power to cleanse you from every sin, past, present, and future. All you must do is accept Him as your Lord and Savior. Yes, it really is that simple.

If you're unsure what to say, consider this prayer:

"Father, I come to You in the name of Jesus Christ. I am a sinner, unworthy of Your love or the sacrifice of Your Son. I ask for forgiveness for my sins in the name of Jesus. I no longer want to live outside Your Word and Your love. Please guide my steps and uphold me for Your glory.

My enemies surround me, and I cannot withstand the battle alone. Save me from my own destruction, heal me, and give me new life in You. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lived, was crucified for my sins, died, was buried, and rose again on the third day, just as the Scriptures say. Save me, O Lord. Save me." In **Deuteronomy 20:4**, God reminds us:

"For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you."

CHAPTER TWO

GROWING IN CHRIST

Rooted in His Word

In Chapter One, I shared that the purpose of this book is to help you build a personal relationship with God's Son, Jesus Christ. As you draw closer to Him, He will draw closer to you and guide you, support you, and give your life direction and purpose.

We live in a fallen world, where morality has declined and what was once considered perverse is now accepted by parts of society, and even by many lawmakers. The Bible

tells us that this will continue to worsen. That's why strengthening yourself through the grace of God is essential for spiritual stability and growth. There are many ways to do this.

One of the best ways to begin is by reading and studying the Bible. **Romans 15:4** reminds us:

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

At first, you may find some books of the Bible difficult to read and understand. I recommend purchasing a teaching Bible, one that includes commentary and explanations to help clarify passages. Supplement your study with additional books and videos that deepen your understanding of God's Word. These resources will strengthen your faith and confidence, both vital to your growing relationship with God.

As you continue reading, your understanding of God will deepen. You'll begin to

feel His presence more intimately, live more fully as a Christian, and avoid the activities that separate you from Him. You'll grow more mindful of His love and more protective of your relationship with Him, this is the blessing of obedience.

Following God's Word and trusting His plan will naturally lead you to worship. Worship is both the result and expression of your study and obedience to Him. **1 Chronicles 16:29** tells us:

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

The Value of Church and Fellowship

Finding a church near you, or where you travel, is an important part of your spiritual journey. In church, we worship God together through prayer, song, learning, and communion, which reminds us of the Last Supper and the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Attending church also gives you fellow-

ship with other believers and provides a lasting support system. When visiting a new church, pay attention to whether you feel God's presence. If the pastor's message contradicts Scripture or you feel uneasy, try another congregation. Sometimes the issue may simply be personality or teaching style.

Be discerning, some churches focus more on being "socially woke" than on preaching God's Word. Avoid these, but don't lose heart. Keep searching until you find a church that feels right, one that teaches Scripture faithfully.

As **Matthew 6:33** says:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

It's all about God's Word, not man's interpretation. As you draw closer to God, your understanding of the Scriptures will deepen, and you will naturally discern what is right and wrong. That inner discernment is the Holy Spirit at work in your life.

Staying Grounded While Traveling

Whenever I travel, my Bible comes with me. Each morning, I read one chapter, a habit I began years ago. Starting with Genesis and continuing through Revelation, I go through the Bible one chapter at a time, then begin again. This simple routine has drawn me closer to God and helps me remain thankful for all His blessings, especially my family.

If you have downtime on the road, there are other uplifting ways to stay spiritually connected. Watch the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), founded by the late Pat Robertson and now led by his son, Gordon. CBN offers excellent programs and mobile apps for both adults and children.

While driving, tune into Christian radio stations such as K-LOVE, Air1, or STAR. They share inspiring music, testimonies, and offer phone lines where pastors pray with listeners. My favorite, K-LOVE, also has an app where you can submit prayer requests or pray for others.

Another valuable resource is Joyce

Meyer Ministries. My wife and I attended one of Joyce's conferences, which was filled with believers seeking to grow closer to God. Joyce speaks with honesty and compassion, drawing from real-life experiences. Her ministry offers videos, devotionals, and an app that makes learning more accessible and inspiring, especially for women.

Giving Back: The Joy of Tithing

Supporting ministries that have helped you grow is a powerful way to give back. Tithing, giving to God's work, is a key part of receiving His blessings. **Luke 6:38** reminds us:

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom..."

However, no one is expected to give beyond their means.

Proverbs 3:27 tells us:

“Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.”

Give when you are able, and let God lead your heart. As **2 Corinthians 9:6–8** says:

“...for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

Give because it comes from your heart, not because you feel pressured or want recognition. God values the intention behind the gift more than its size.

Matthew 6:4 states:

“That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.”

Jesus praised a poor widow who gave two small coins, her entire livelihood, because her gift was from the heart. True generosity isn't measured in wealth, but in faith and sincerity. In **Mark 12:43–44**:

“And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them,

Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

For a moving example, listen to "The Gift" by Aselin Debison. The song beautifully captures how God cherishes humble, heartfelt giving. Remember, no one can buy their way into heaven. Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ. Acts 10:34 affirms:

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

Whether rich or poor, powerful or humble, God judges us not by status or wealth, but by our faith in Jesus and the way we live according to His Word.

The Power of Prayer and Faith

Prayer is our direct line of communication with God. True prayer isn't defined

by formal recitations such as Our Father or Hail Mary. Jesus taught in **Matthew 6:7**:

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.”

Prayer is deeply personal; it’s a conversation between you and God. It can be as simple as pouring out your heart to Him or crying in desperation, as I once did, asking Him to take control of your life and guide you back to His path. Tell Him everything. He already knows it all, but He wants to hear it from you.

When you pray, remember that you’re speaking to the Creator of all things, nothing is beyond His power. Approach Him with reverence, faith, and honesty. God knows your thoughts, your struggles, and your heart. **Psalm 139:23–24** reminds us:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

God has known you from the very beginning. **Jeremiah 1:5** says:

“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee...”

Before you even entered this world, God had a plan and a purpose for your life, just as He did for Samson and countless others. Isn't that amazing?

Faith: The Basis of Your Walk with God

One of the most important parts of your walk with God is faith. **Hebrews 11:6** tells us:

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

So, what is faith? **Hebrews 11:1** defines it beautifully:

“Now faith is the substance of

things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Faith means believing everything God has said, beginning with His Word, the Bible. Many of us have flown on a commercial airliner and know what it's like to land in bad weather. As the aircraft rapidly moves forward and descends, the pilots can't see anything, no obstructions, no horizon, no ground references, yet they trust what they were taught to guide them safely to the airport.

In those moments, the pilots are flying visually blind. But no matter how severe the weather, no matter the storms raging around them, the wind tossing them, or the rain pounding against the aircraft, they remain calm and confident.

That's how we must approach our faith in God. Life's storms will rage around us, and we may not always see where we're headed. But just as a pilot trusts what they have been taught, we must trust God's promises and remain steady, knowing He will bring us safely through. Your faith, especially in life's

toughest moments, will be a testimony to others and a source of strength within you, a reminder that God is always by your side.

Many people say, “I’ll believe when I see it.” But God teaches us the opposite, “You will see it when you believe.” When you truly believe, your spiritual eyes open, your strength is renewed, and fear loses its grip.

2 Timothy 1:7 assures us:

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

When you fear God in reverence, you have no reason to fear anyone or anything else.

Faith Without Sight

Faith has always been a struggle for many, even for those who walked beside Jesus. The Apostle Thomas doubted that Jesus had risen, despite witnessing His miracles firsthand. **John 20:24–25** tells us:

“But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with

them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails... I will not believe."

Later, Jesus appeared again, and Thomas was present. **John 20:26–29** recounts:

"Then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands... and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

You have an amazing opportunity, having never seen God, to stand strong on faith, that not even the Apostle Thomas

could do. You can be one of the many people who Jesus spoke about when He said, “Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

Personally, I believe in God and in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I believe He lived, died, was buried, and rose again on the third day. I believe He now sits at the right hand of the Father. I trust that every word of the Bible is true, and I strive to live by its teachings each day. It is my hope and prayer that this book inspires you and others to do the same.

The Evidence of God’s Creation

The Apostle Paul authored the Book of Romans, and in **Romans 1:20** he wrote:

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”

In other words, the evidence of God's existence is all around us. His power and divine nature are visible through everything He has created, leaving no one with an excuse when standing before Him one day.

Take a moment to look at the world around you. Do you truly believe that an explosion or random evolution produced all this beauty, the endless variety of life forms, plants, trees, flowers, fish, animals, and human beings? **Genesis 1:11-12** records:

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”

God also created an atmosphere and environment perfectly designed for all life to grow, reproduce, and thrive. Consider

this: there are tens of thousands of species of fish, tens of thousands of species of trees, hundreds of thousands of species of plants, and millions of species of animals, including humankind.

While science classifies humans as part of the animal kingdom, for the purpose of this book, I consider them separate. Humanity is God's special creation, made in His image.

Now, consider the plants of the earth. It's remarkable how many provide nourishment, prevent illness, promote healing, and even cure disease. Many are both nutritious and delicious, apples, pineapples, berries, coconuts, watermelon, and countless others.

This intricate system of life is exactly as described in the Bible thousands of years ago. Its truth has been affirmed and supported by decades of archaeological excavations and the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient manuscripts found in the Qumran Caves in the mid-20th century that date to a period before Jesus Christ's earthly ministry.

Explore the fruits and vegetables you

enjoy most, and you'll see how God designed them for our good. From these plants, we make jellies, candies, sauces, and flavorings for meals like Duck L'Orange, all blessings from His creation. The health benefits they provide are immense.

However, not all herbs and vegetables are suitable for every creature. For example, garlic, bell peppers, basil, and oregano are beneficial for humans, but garlic can be toxic to dogs and cats. God gave us these plants to explore and understand their nutritional and healing properties.

Here are a few examples:

- Garlic may help prevent infection, lower blood pressure, and support liver health.
- Bell peppers can boost immunity, support digestion, aid weight management, and reduce inflammation.
- Basil may help control blood pressure, lower cholesterol, and alleviate respiratory or arthritic conditions.

- Oregano is rich in antioxidants that may fight bacteria, reduce inflammation, and combat infections.

These are just a few examples of what Paul meant when he said that God's invisible qualities are clearly seen through His creation. God made every living thing, male and female, and provided a world abundant in resources: water, plants, trees, fish, and animals, all designed to sustain life.

He created bodies that can heal themselves, a weather system that waters the earth, aquifers that purify water, and plants that cleanse the air by transforming carbon dioxide into oxygen through photosynthesis.

No random explosion could have produced such an intricate, balanced, and self-sustaining system. Only God could have designed a world so perfectly ordered.

The Apostle Paul spoke the truth; "we are without excuse." God is real, the Creator of all things, and He sent His only Son to die for our salvation. The explanations of man fall short of the wonder and order we see

around us. Open your eyes, and you will see the unmistakable evidence of God's glory displayed in His creation and revealed in His Word.

A Thankful and Forgiving Heart

When you pray, come before God with a forgiving and grateful heart, thankful for everything in your life. Yes, everything, both the good and the bad. Even the difficult times have purpose, for through them, God shapes us into stronger Christians. With His help, we learn to navigate life's challenges and grow into better versions of ourselves.

Philippians 4:4 reminds us:

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

This doesn't mean you must feel happy when hardships arise. Rather, it means recognizing that God is always with you and being thankful that He will carry you through every circumstance.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 teaches:

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Praise God even in the midst of life's storms. Jesus is our greatest example. No matter what He faced, He continued to pray and obey His Father's will, even unto death. Yes, even Jesus prayed to the Father. He endured suffering and trials, yet the Father was with Him the entire time, strengthening Him through the Holy Spirit. God prepared Jesus for the ultimate sacrifice, which He willingly accepted for the salvation of all mankind.

When God is preparing you for something, He may allow you to experience adversity. These trials are not meant to harm you but to equip you, to teach you endurance, strengthen your faith, and prepare you to help others who face similar challenges in the future.

Gratitude means recognizing that you did not overcome your hardships on your

own. It means acknowledging that God was with you every step of the way. When you pray, give Him the glory for guiding and sustaining you, and believe in your heart that it was His hand that brought you through. I try to live every day with thankfulness. **Philippians 4:6** encourages us:

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

Even in simple moments, I make it a point to thank Him. When I fill up my car, I thank God for providing the oil in the earth and the income that allows me to buy fuel. As I drive through E-ZPass tolls, though I dislike paying for highways our taxes already fund. Still, I thank God for the technology that lets the government fleece me faster, at least it saves me from sitting in long lines.

If you stop to think about it, there's always something to be thankful for. Your health. Your job. The money you earn. Time

spent with family, friends, and colleagues. The training and opportunities you receive. Even your health and pension benefits.

And even if some of these are missing from your life, you still have Jesus, and that is more than enough. He alone can see you through anything and everything. When you place your full faith and trust in Him, your life will begin to change for the better.

Life can be difficult. There will be times when everything seems to go wrong and you feel utterly alone. But remember, you are never alone. God is always working behind the scenes to make things better for those who love Him.

Romans 8:28 declares:

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

It's often said that God gives His toughest battles to His strongest soldiers. Perhaps the trials you're facing right now are preparing you for something amazing that only He can see. Trust Him through the

process, because He's already working for your good.

The Power of Forgiveness

When you pray, whether asking God for forgiveness, seeking help with a problem, or requesting a promotion at work, you must also be willing to forgive others who have wronged you. Jesus made this clear in **Mark 11:25**:

“And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Forgiveness is one of God's prerequisites for answered prayer. It must come from a grateful, forgiving and sincere heart. The same principle applies to helping others and giving. God never forces us to act, He desires a willing, joyful and giving heart. Give because you want to, not because you feel obligated or pressured by a church or person to do so.

Deuteronomy 15:10 teaches:

“Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.”

So, whether you are asking for forgiveness, helping others, or tithing, do it with a grateful heart. You may have many reasons or excuses to justify withholding forgiveness, perhaps believing that the person who hurt you doesn't deserve it. But God calls us to a higher standard. **2 Corinthians 5:17** reminds us:

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

When you surrender your life to Christ, you become a new creation. That transformation should be evident in how you live and how you treat others, including

those who have wronged you. Forgive them, regardless of what they have done.

Forgiveness may not always come easily. Some wounds are deep and painful, and healing can take time. If you find it hard to forgive, don't be discouraged, bring it to God in prayer. Ask Him to work a miracle in your heart.

Here's a simple prayer you can use when forgiveness feels impossible:

"God, this is difficult for me, and I am unable to do this on my own. I give it to You and ask that You change my heart and work a miracle in my life, for Your glory."

Jonah: Obedience and Compassion

You may remember the story of Jonah, the Old Testament prophet who was swallowed by a great fish and remained there for three days. Jonah's ordeal began because he disobeyed God. The Lord had commanded him to go to Nineveh and warn its people of impending judgment. But Jonah hated the Ninevites, they were his enemies, and

he didn't want God to show them mercy. Instead, he boarded a ship headed in the opposite direction, to Tarshish.

God then sent a violent storm that terrified the sailors. Realizing the storm may have been the result of a spiritual issue, the sailors questioned who was responsible. Jonah admitted that he was fleeing from God and told them to throw him overboard to calm the sea. **Jonah 1:11-17** recounts:

“Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous. And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, We beseech

thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee. So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows. Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."

While inside the fish, Jonah prayed for deliverance. **Jonah 2:10** says:

"And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land."

As a personal note, I fully believe Jonah's account is true. I know firsthand that God can do anything.

After this experience, Jonah obeyed God's command. He went to Nineveh,

preached the coming judgment, and the people repented. They turned from their evil ways, and God forgave them. Forgiveness is powerful, even for those we consider undeserving. We don't have to become friends with those who wrong us, but praying for them reflects the love and mercy God has shown to us.

Lessons from Jonah

There are many lessons to learn from Jonah, but two stand out:

1. We are all human. Even those close to God, prophets, pastors, or ordinary believers, can struggle with disobedience, bias, and pride. Our own ideas and emotions can sometimes lead us away from God's will.
2. God's will always prevails. One way or another, He will accomplish His purpose. It's far better to listen the first time.

Proverbs 16:9 tells us:

*“A man’s heart deviseth his way:
but the Lord directeth his steps.”*

We may make our plans, but it is God who ultimately directs our path. While Jonah’s experience was dramatic, God won’t toss you into the sea when you struggle to forgive. Instead, He works patiently and lovingly, transforming your heart over time.

My hope and prayer are that God brings you peace, healing, and the strength to forgive, so that you may experience the freedom and blessings that come from a forgiving heart.

CHAPTER THREE

GOD'S AUTHORITY vs. MAN'S

The Power of Authority

When I served as a uniformed police officer, there were many times I had to step into the middle of the road to stop traffic. I would raise my hand, and every vehicle, cars, trucks, even fully loaded 18-wheelers, came to a halt. Was I powerful enough to stop forty tons of moving steel by my own strength? Of course not.

The drivers weren't responding to my strength but to the authority I represented. They knew that if they ignored my command, there would be consequences. I

was exercising the authority granted to me by a higher power, the State of New Jersey, so long as I remained a police officer in good standing. In the same way, **Matthew 28:18** declares:

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”

As Christians, we have been given that same authority through Christ. You have the power to stand against the devil, to change your circumstances, and to come before God in repentance, seeking forgiveness, guidance, and protection, as long as you remain in good standing with Him.

1 Corinthians 4:20 tells us:

“For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.”

Does this mean you must be perfect? Of course not. We all fall short of the glory of God. None of us is without sin, but God knows our hearts. He understands our weaknesses and lovingly forgives our shortcomings. The power available to us as

believers is truly extraordinary, especially when we live in alignment with His will.

When you act under Christ's authority and combine it with the power of prayer, your faith grows stronger. In turn, you'll experience a more victorious life in Christ. Sadly, many reject Him entirely, and even attempt to persuade others that God doesn't exist.

Why? Because humanity often desires to be its own highest authority. As **Acts 5:29** reminds us:

"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

Imagine that you and I began a new society tomorrow. We could likely agree on some simple moral laws: do not steal, do not kill, do not lie. Most would see these as reasonable foundations. But if we prefaced them with the words "Thou shalt not," many would object. Why? Because they reject God's authority, preferring instead that man be the ultimate ruler.

Constitutional attorney John W.

Whitehead, in his book *The Separation Illusion*, writes:

“Forsaking the scriptures as a guide for all things leads not only to chaos but also, as history illustrated, to the totalitarian state, a government that totally controls its citizens.”

Ultimately, each of us must choose whose authority we will live under, Christ’s or man’s. We cannot serve both.

As **Revelation 3:15–16** warns:

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”

Choosing Christ’s authority is the only path to true freedom, both inward and outward, and ultimately to eternal life with Him. It is a choice every person must make. To refuse to choose is, in itself, a choice, a decision to follow man’s authority instead of God’s.

Navigating Life with God's Guidance

Police vehicles use integrated GPS navigation and mapping solutions that receive satellite signals and combine them with real-time routing data. The result is precise guidance that enables units to reach their assigned destination. As Christians, we must rely on Christ to help us navigate life in the same way, keeping our eyes fixed on the destination God has set before us. Yet many become distracted by looking back. **Luke 9:62** states:

“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

In other words, we must be committed to our future with Christ, leaving regrets behind and moving forward with Him. Many believers get stuck in the past, either by something that happened to them or something they did, and they struggle to forgive themselves. But remember, when you ask for forgiveness, you are forgiven.

God wants you to keep moving forward so He can use you to accomplish great things that bless both you and others.

Today, there are services that analyze your DNA to tell you where your ancestors came from, as if your past determines your future. But that's not true. Christians determine their future by following God's will, regardless of ancestry or their past.

In law enforcement, officers rely on countless resources, books, policies, procedures, and multiple layers of law: criminal, civil, municipal, state, and federal, along with many other publications. But God made it simple for believers. We have just one ultimate guidebook: the Bible. As **Joshua 1:8** declares,

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

As a law enforcement officer whose purpose is to serve others, you already live out one of Christ's greatest calls, to serve. I believe Christ may even have placed that desire in your heart from the beginning. You'll never know how many lives you touch simply by living a godly life, serving others, and setting an example of Christian love. As you change lives one person at a time, perhaps even among your own colleagues, you'll begin to see the world around you change as well.

Navigating means directing your path toward a specific destination. When you surrender your life to Christ, He becomes your navigator. He will guide your steps and give you the words to say when you don't know what to say. You may not always recognize His presence in the moment, but later you'll see the signs, proof that He was involved all along.

A Divine Encounter

Several years ago, I was traveling on business and decided to dine at one of my

favorite restaurants, a place I'd visited many times before. It was my last full day in that city, and the weather was perfect, so I chose to sit outside on the patio.

Before long, I overheard a mother at a nearby table trying to talk to her son. He seemed distant, barely responding. Her voice carried pain and frustration as she struggled to reach him.

I wanted to say something but didn't know what. Though I had given more than a hundred lectures on cybercrime across the United States and Canada, speaking to crowds of over a thousand people, I suddenly found myself speechless. Speaking publicly was one thing; speaking personally to someone who was going through a personal crisis was something entirely different.

Still, I felt a strong pull in my heart to act. Reluctantly, I walked over, introduced myself, and asked if I could join them. To my surprise, the woman graciously agreed. We spoke briefly, and then I left, unsure if I had said the right things. I also had a feeling that I did not say everything I was supposed to say.

That night, I prayed that when I returned to that city, God would give me another chance to meet them and share a story that might bring healing to their relationship. But I never returned, and God, in His wisdom, already knew I wouldn't.

The next morning, I boarded my flight home and settled into my seat. When I turned to my right, I was astonished, the same woman from the restaurant patio was sitting in the very same row, to my right. We looked at each other in amazement. Out of all the flights, all the destinations, and all the moments in time, God had placed her right there next to me.

That is what I mean when I say God gives us signs that He is involved. My prayer had been heard and answered within hours. We spoke again briefly on the flight, and after we landed and deplaned, I shared my story with her and gave her my business card.

Sometime later, I received an email from her that read:

"I am not sure if you remember me or not, but you, my friend, are someone I

will never forget. I was sitting with my son on a patio downtown. He and I were going through the toughest time, it was the first time he had agreed to see me in months. I was crushed. You took the time to interject, with such grace and respect. Your timing was exceptional, and your words stuck with my son and me. The odds of me sitting right next to you on a plane the next morning, after telling my family about the kind stranger who took the time to help, were nothing short of divine intervention.”

I never forgot them. I often wondered if my words had helped, but I now know that God directed both of our paths that day. Through that encounter, He gave me a new boldness to reach out to others who are hurting or in need.

This book itself is the result of that God-given boldness. **Luke 12:12** reminds us:

“For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.”

I know that’s true. I didn’t know what to say that day, but God spoke through me, and

His words touched their hearts. It wasn't me; it was Him.

So don't worry about navigating life on your own. Turn your life over to Christ, and He will set you on the right course. He will bring people into your life to guide you, and He will use you to bless others. God changes our lives, gives us purpose, and strengthens our faith as we follow His direction. If you are interested in reading the story I told her that day, you can find it in the back of this book on **THE STORY** page.

Living Out Your Faith in Service

As a law enforcement officer, you are in a tremendous position to impact the lives of others. Whether it's offering a kind gesture, speaking words of comfort, giving encouragement, or offering guidance to someone who wants to pursue a career in law enforcement, your influence carries weight. Sometimes, that impact can even be life-changing.

In February 2017, I read the story of a flight attendant who saved a young girl from

being trafficked. Her courage made her a true hero.

When you turn your life over to God, He opens your eyes to the world around you. I don't know whether that flight attendant was a Christian, and I'm not suggesting that only Christians can save lives, many people who don't know Christ have done heroic things and saved many people. What I am saying is this: when you dedicate your life to God, He will give you opportunities to serve Him in ways that bless both you and others.

If God can work through an unarmed flight attendant to save a precious child, just think of what He can accomplish through law enforcement officers who live their lives devoted to Him.

Letting Your Light Shine

The number one way to make a lasting impact is to live a Christ-centered life. **Matthew 5:16** reminds us:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good

*works, and glorify your Father
which is in heaven.”*

That doesn't mean you have to be perfect, none of us are. We all stumble; I've done things I regret, and I'm sure you have too. The goal is not perfection, but persistence, to keep striving to follow God's Word. When you do, people will notice something different about you. That difference may open the door to share God's love with your colleagues in a way that is loving, compassionate, forgiving, and understanding.

Offering Grace Instead of Judgment

Some people believe God hates them because of their mistakes, perhaps they've cheated on their spouse or made other painful choices. In those moments, you can gently remind them:

God does not hate you; He loves you. He may not approve of your actions, but you are still His child, and He will never stop loving you.

Encourage them to turn to Him, to ask for forgiveness, and to seek His help in repairing the damage done. God will work wonders in any heart that is truly contrite and willing to change. Share with them the story of King David, who also sinned deeply yet remained a man after God's own heart. The key is repentance and a sincere desire to walk with Christ again.

God knows our hearts and our thoughts. He wants us to change what we can, but He also reminds us that there are some things beyond our control. **Luke 12:25–26** says:

“And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?”

God is telling us not to waste energy worrying about things we cannot change. Instead, turn your life over to Him and let Him shape what truly matters.

God's Love for All

You may encounter someone, perhaps a fellow officer, who confides in you and says, "I've been told all my life that God hates me and that I'm going to hell because I'm homosexual."

You can respond gently by saying, The truth is, God does not hate you.

According to Scripture, the only reason anyone is eternally separated from God is because they reject Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, not because of their orientation, race, or background. We all live in a fallen, cursed world. Nothing is as it was before the fall of man. Yet God's commands still give us direction.

The Ten Commandments reveal what He values most: putting Him above all else, loving Him, honoring our parents, not stealing, not lying, not committing adultery, not killing, and so on. Notice, there's no mention of homosexuality on that list.

I often see people on the news stealing billions, lying, or cheating on their spouses, all of which break God's commandments.

Yet many of those same individuals are quick to condemn others, telling them they're going to hell. That's not our place.

Matthew 7:1–2 warns:

“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”

And **Matthew 7:5** adds:

“Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.”

The world is filled with self-proclaimed Christians who are quick to condemn others while overlooking their own sins. Yet Jesus is our firm foundation, our rock, who remains faithful even when we are not. We should never affirm any lifestyle, whether homosexual or heterosexual, that goes against God's Word. Instead, we can lovingly guide people toward Christ, who offers forgiveness and transformation.

Proverbs 12:25 states:

*“Heaviness in the heart of man
maketh it stoop: but a good word
maketh it glad.”*

The Bible reminds us that our words are like a double-edged sword, they carry the power to hurt or to heal. Let your words give them the hope, found only in Jesus Christ. We must always be mindful of what we say, using our words to encourage others to grow closer to Christ, never to condemn or drive them away from Him.

Proverbs 18:21:

*“Death and life are in the power
of the tongue: and they that love it
shall eat the fruit thereof.”*

Unity in Christ

Whether homosexual or heterosexual, we are all sinners who fall short of the glory of God. Anyone who glorifies sin, adultery, promiscuity, dishonesty, or anything else contrary to God's Word, damages their rela-

tionship with Him.

God calls us to celebrate our relationship with Him, not our sexual orientation, conquests or earthly status. Let's put aside everything that divides us, race, sex, judgment, and condemnation, and instead draw people closer to Christ through truth and love. When we condemn others, we push them away. But when we show compassion, we reflect Christ's heart.

Remember, Jesus did not come to condemn the world, He came to save it. Why would we do the opposite of what He came to do? We shouldn't. **Deuteronomy 4:29** reminds us:

"But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

That's what God desires, for us to seek Him with all that we are, and to celebrate His love, His forgiveness, and our relationship with Him above all else. So if you find yourself living in a way that is contrary to the teachings of Scripture, I invite you to

call out to Jesus today and ask Him to help you bring your life into alignment with His Word.

CHAPTER FOUR

MIRACLE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible: God's Word, Our Guide

The Bible is an extraordinary book, the very Word of God. It provides a factual, historical account of how, why, and when the world and mankind were created. It is the first and oldest history book, covering a broader span of time and truth than any other in existence. Most importantly, it is the first and only book that offers revelation, divine truth revealed by God Himself.

Revelation is information that comes directly from God, previously unknown to mankind. Over the centuries, many have

claimed to receive revelations similar to those in Scripture. Yet these are not new revelations; they are simply truths that have already been revealed in the Bible.

True revelation takes place only once, when God first reveals it, and it is always accurate and without error. Such revelations are contained solely in the Bible, composed over fifteen centuries by numerous men inspired by the Holy Spirit.

This distinction is vital. The Bible warns that many false prophets and false messiahs will come after Jesus. From Abraham until around 400 BC, God spoke through prophets. Then, for the first time in history, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, God Himself clothed in human flesh. Since Jesus came, there has been no need for further prophets or sacrifices. Jesus is the Lamb of God, the final sacrifice for all mankind. Through Him we are redeemed, and we can speak directly to God. As **Hebrews 1:1-2** declares:

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

*Hath in these last days spoken
unto us by his Son, whom he hath
appointed heir of all things, by
whom also he made the worlds.”*

The Bible’s Enduring Impact

According to the Guinness World Records (as of February 1, 2025), “The best-selling book of all time is the Christian Bible... Research conducted by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 2021 suggests that the total number probably lies between 5 and 7 billion copies.”

Likewise, the Christian Broadcasting Network reported that Bible sales rose 22% during the first ten months of 2024. This raises an important question: Why? Why do people continue to seek God, a God they have never seen face-to-face, never spoken to audibly, and often know only through Scripture? The answer lies within us. As **1 Corinthians 3:16** reminds us:

*“Know ye not that ye are the
temple of God, and that the Spirit*

of God dwelleth in you?"

God created us in His image, and because of this, we have a longing for Him. Psalm 63:1 expresses it beautifully:

"O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is."

Some people pursue that relationship eagerly; others wait until their lives fall apart before calling out to Him. Yet even those who reject Him cannot escape His presence, for He dwells in every human heart. As 1 John 4:13 says:

"Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit."

The Miracle of the Bible Itself

For those who seek proof, the Bible itself is the proof. It is not only filled with miracles; it is a miracle. The Bible was

written over 1,500 years by around 40 authors from vastly different backgrounds, kings, peasants, prophets, fishermen, and shepherds.

Moses wrote the first five books of the Old Testament around 1445 BC, and the last book, Malachi, was written around 433 BC. The first book of the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew, is believed to have been written around AD 60. The Apostle John authored the final book of the New Testament, Revelation, around AD 95. There is also a 400-year period of silence between the Testaments, not because history stopped, but because God chose to silence the prophetic voice.

This gap reveals divine orchestration, only God, who exists outside of time, could so perfectly preserve His Word. During this period, the Dead Sea Scrolls were written and hidden in the Qumran Caves, later discovered in the 1940s. God continues to give us reasons to believe, proof that His Word is genuine. Truly, all of this is amazing.

The Bible consists of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New, written

in three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek) across three continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe). Despite these vast differences in origin, its message remains remarkably unified and consistent. Even with today's technology, we could not replicate such coherence across so many authors, eras, and cultures.

This harmony could not have been achieved by human effort. As **2 Timothy 3:16** affirms:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

Preservation Through Persecution

Throughout history, the Bible's critics have tried to destroy it, dismissing it as myth or fairy tale. Yet no one wages war against fairy tales, only against truth that threatens them. Christ is real, and His Word stands in the way of worldly domination.

Consider John Wycliffe, who in the 1300s translated the Bible from Latin into English so that ordinary people could read God's Word for themselves. For this, he was persecuted even after death, his body was exhumed, and his remains, along with some of his books, were burned.

Then the invention of the Gutenberg printing press in 1455, with the Bible as its first printed work, ensured that Scripture reached millions, helping to lift Europe out of the Dark Ages. It was no doubt the work of the Holy Spirit. Every advance in Bible distribution brought greater literacy, freedom, and faith.

Later, in 1536, William Tyndale was burned at the stake for producing another English translation of the Bible. He famously declared, "I will cause a boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scripture than the Pope."

The Bible's Power and Authority

The Bible foretold the coming of Christ in the Old Testament and recorded His life in the New. Its truth has endured for over three millennia, transforming lives and shaping civilizations. Everywhere it spread, tyranny weakened and liberty grew.

Its detractors seek to discredit it, not because they reject human authority, but because they reject God's. They remove God from schools, institutions, and government, claiming neutrality while leading society into moral decay. There is nothing neutral about secularism. Its goal is control, for faith in God brings true freedom, and that is the very thing it despises.

As Catherine Beecher wrote in *The Duty of American Women to Their Country* (1845):

“People without an education have not intelligence enough to know what measures will secure safety and prosperity, nor virtue enough to pursue even what they know to be right, so that, when possessed of power, they will adopt ruinous measures, be excited by

base passions, and be governed by wicked men.”

Without the light of Christ, people remain in ignorance, vulnerable to manipulation. True education begins with the knowledge of God.

The Call to Faith

Christianity cannot be imposed; it is born through revelation by the Holy Spirit. Becoming a follower of Christ is not about rituals or filling out forms, but transformation. When the Holy Spirit moves in your heart, you will know it, deeply and unmistakably.

If you reject Him, you forfeit the greatest relationship you will ever experience. But if you seek Him, you will find that every promise of the Bible, every truth, every miracle, was written not just for humanity, but for you.

CHAPTER FIVE

FIRM RELIANCE

A Nation Formed by Faith

At first glance, this chapter may seem out of context, but it is not. It serves as a powerful example of how God worked through imperfect people to form a nation that became second to none. If He could do this for an entire nation, imagine what He can do for you when you turn to Him and rely on His guidance in every area of your life.

I encourage you to read Deuteronomy 28, an extraordinary chapter that foretells the blessings awaiting nations faithful to

God and His Word, and the curses that follow when they turn away. God's promise is not limited to America, nor even to nations alone; it extends to every person who chooses to build their life on His law and acknowledge His sovereignty. This is exactly what our founders did.

The Declaration of Independence, which served to separate us from England, was based on the Biblical inspiration of our founding fathers. But this instrument is more than a legal document designed to separate our new country from England.

This document created a covenant between the American people and God. Our founders knew that man's rights were God's gift, not the government's. They recognized this and wanted future generations to know that their rights cannot be taken away by anyone other than God, which is memorialized in the document:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of

Happiness.”

They entered into a covenant with God for His guidance to ensure their actions were righteous and to rely on Him for His divine protection. They were not going to take these significant steps without God. This was made clear in the wording: “... to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them.”

“We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions.”

They are asking God that their intentions be righteous. They wanted to be sure that what they were about to start would have God’s support. Then, in the final paragraph of this magnificent document, it states their expectation of protection: “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence,”

In this final paragraph, our founders

told God they relied on Him for everything, including protection from enemies. Note the wording of “firm reliance.” They relied firmly and entirely on God. It goes on to say: “We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our Sacred Honor.”

It did not say “honor,” but “Sacred Honor,” which means dedicated to God. With God as their Judge, they were inseparable from Him and, therefore, successful in all areas of their lives.

As a result, our founders were victorious in all they sought from God. History has shown us, and historians have documented, that the British Army was superior, yet America prevailed. In looking at the revolution, you cannot miss the hand of God helping America win the war against the British.

Whether it was the weather that assisted George Washington on Long Island and at the Battle of Trenton or the miraculous discovery of Benedict Arnold’s treason at West Point, there is no doubt of His intervention in that war.

Our founders also infused their faith

into the nation's institutions. The Washington Monument bears the inscription *Laus Deo*, "Praise be to God." On the Jefferson Memorial appear his words: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift from God?"

Even our earliest universities reflected this devotion. Harvard's motto, "Truth for Christ and the Church," and Princeton's founding declaration, "Cursed be all that learning which is contrary to the cross of Christ", demonstrate that education and faith were intertwined at America's birth.

God is the foundation of this nation and the Creator of all people. As **Daniel 2:21** reminds us:

"And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings."

When George Washington took his presidential oath, his hand rested on a Bible opened to Deuteronomy 28, the

same chapter that outlines the blessings of obedience. By placing their trust in God, our founders ensured that America would become the greatest nation in history, a Judeo-Christian country blessed beyond measure.

The United States of America has led the world in discoveries, inventions, and medical advancements. Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity that powered innovation. Thomas Alva Edison invented the light bulb and lit up the world. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, which led to today's vast telecommunication systems, including the Internet. And the Wright Brothers invented powered flight, which brought the world closer together. These gifts that America shared with the world reflect His favor upon a people who honored Him.

In *America's Providential History* by Mark A. Beliles and Stephen K. McDowell, the authors describe history as His Story, the account of everything God has accomplished since the beginning of time. They argued that the achievements of Ameri-

ca's founders, including the creation of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, as well as the establishment of universities such as Harvard, William & Mary, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton, were brought to fruition due to the Holy Scriptures.

All of these institutions acknowledged God at their founding. The liberties and accomplishments we have enjoyed since our founding, unlike all other countries in the world, are the direct result of our founders' recognition that God is the source of all things. From our founding, we have sought His guidance and protection, always giving Him the glory for our victories and accomplishments. If you turn to Him, you will realize the same blessings upon your life.

The Origin of a Nation

In 1832, Durrie & Peck of Louisville, Kentucky, published a book titled *History of the United States*. The author was Noah

Webster; a man whose literary genius played an essential role in the founding of this great country. Noah was known to many as the Schoolmaster of America.

A few of his contributions included publishing the Blue- Backed Speller, which was used in classrooms for over 150 years, and authoring the first American dictionary, which contained more Biblical references than any other publication. Noah started his dictionary at age 43 and completed the publication at 70.

History of the United States was unique not because it was authored by one of our most outspoken Christian founding fathers but because of where Noah begins the book. Chapter One is titled “Origin of the Human Race.” The first line of the first paragraph reads as follows: “Section I. Of the first man. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and the sun, moon and stars.”

His source is the Bible. Remember, the book’s name is titled History of the United States. So why would such a learned man begin this book at a point in time that was about 6,000 years before the start of this

great country?

Like many individuals throughout history, Noah knew God was the author of all history. He enlightened and educated the world on the premise that everything God had accomplished since creating heaven and earth led to the creation of the greatest country ever known to mankind. A nation founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs because the Bible impacted and inspired our founders.

Noah was convinced that education was useless without the Bible as its foundation. He stated: "In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government, ought to be instructed... No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people." (Noah-Webster 1828 Dictionary page 12). Noah wasn't wrong and he wasn't the first or last person to acknowledge God as the creator of heaven, earth, and history.

He understood that America's story

was part of God's story. Webster believed education was meaningless without the Bible. He quoted **Proverbs 22:6**:

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

God Governs in the Affairs of Men

During the Convention of 1787, when Congress was debating the Constitution, they made little progress and all seemed hopeless. Their efforts were like a rudderless ship in stormy seas. Despite his failing health and inability to stand for long periods of time, Benjamin Franklin stood up before the members of Congress and said the following:

“In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the

beginning of the Contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending providence in our favor.”

“To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? or do we imagine that we no longer need his assistance? I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that “except the Lord build the House they labour in vain that build it.” I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the

Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing Governments by Human wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest.”

“I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that Service.”

The motion passed successfully, beginning the tradition of the United States Congress opening each session with a prayer to God, seeking His guidance in governing America. If we began each day the same way, I believe our lives would be much better.

In her book, *The Christian History of the Constitution of the United States of America*, Verna M. Hall wrote: “America

from the days of creation has been for God's glory and for His people, and if His people will be willing to learn what He has done for them in past days, repent, and ask for God's forgiveness for forgetting what He has done in bringing America into being, God will deal with her enemies within and without."

This holds true for you and I. God created each of us for His glory and will deal with our hopeless situations and enemies, if we make the conscious decision to rely on Him in every area of our lives. There is no time like the present to reach out to Him today.

An Attack on Our Christian Foundation

The Barbary Pirates, predominantly Muslims, operated from several North African states, Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli. Throughout the 17th, early 19th centuries, they attacked merchant vessels from numerous nations, including the United States, seizing ships and enslaving or ransoming their crews. Many captives were sold into slavery in the Barbary States,

contributing to what historians call the Barbary Slave Trade.

In an effort to protect American commerce and limit the loss of life, the early United States government agreed to pay tribute to these states, payments that functioned as extortion rather than diplomacy. This arrangement culminated in the Treaty of Tripoli, ratified unanimously by the U.S. Senate on June 7, 1797, and signed by President John Adams.

Secularists often cite this treaty to argue that the United States was not founded as a Christian nation. However, America's identity was not shaped by its demographics but by the Judeo-Christian ideas embedded in the moral and political philosophy of its founding generation and reflected throughout the nation's founding documents and institutions.

A frequently quoted clause from Article II of the treaty states:

“As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion...”

According to an article by John R.

Vile, a political science professor at Middle Tennessee State University, the provision, which may have been written by Joel Barlow (one of the American negotiators), but which is missing from its Arabic counterpart, was not repeated in other treaties with other powers in the region, and the treaty itself was superseded by another treaty in 1805 (Source: Crane 2020, 404-405).

It is possible that the Barbary States themselves attributed America's early resilience, prosperity, and growing international standing to its Christian foundations. From this perspective, pressuring the United States to renounce its Christian identity may have been intended to weaken God's protection over our nation.

The treaty broke down in 1801 when President Thomas Jefferson refused to increase tribute payments, leading to the First Barbary War. After American naval victories and negotiations, Tripoli agreed to a new treaty on June 4, 1805. Notably, the controversial language from the 1797 treaty, asserting that the United States was "not founded on the Christian religion", was

removed. Jefferson approved and signed this second treaty.

The larger historical record, including thousands of founding-era letters, public proclamations, state constitutions, legal opinions, and cultural statements, shows that Judeo-Christian ideas significantly influenced American identity, law, and public life. While secularist scholars debate whether the United States is a “Christian nation,” it is clear that its founders drew heavily from biblical concepts of morality, human dignity, and natural rights.

Since the people involved in ratifying the treaty in 1797 believed that Christianity undergirded America’s strength and character, it invites reflection on why many Americans today no longer recognize the formative role these principles played in the nation’s early development and in the ultimate success of what became the greatest nation in the world.

America is a Christian nation in that the teachings of the Bible profoundly influenced our founders and shaped the nation’s providential destiny.

CHAPTER SIX

ATTACKS ON THE BIBLE

The Shifting Sands of Science

Today, science is often driven by ideology and, in some cases, influenced by political agendas. Remember, what makes science actual science is that it must be repeatable and verifiable.

Ken Ham, founder of Answers in Genesis and the Creation Museum, has spent decades writing about the ongoing attacks against the book of Genesis. He argues that by undermining Genesis, the foundational book of all Scripture, critics seek to weaken, in the minds of men and women, the very truth of God Himself.

If Genesis can be discredited, then the authority of the rest of the Bible inevitably collapses with it. I encourage you to explore the works of Ken Ham and his team, whose writings and videos offer valuable insight into this critical issue.

People often say, “trust the science,” yet in the same breath claim that biological sex can be changed. From both a biblical and biological perspective, a person’s sex is determined at birth and cannot be altered, regardless of medical or physical changes. God made you who you are, beautiful and wonderfully crafted. **Psalm 139:13–14** reminds us:

“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

What is inherent to a person’s biology remains part of who they are for their entire lives. I believe future generations may look

back on today's scientific claims with confusion over how such foundational truths became so contested. Gender dysphoria is a real struggle for many, and it must be approached with care, compassion, and thoughtful guidance, not rushed or drastic interventions.

Many young men and women who went through the transition processes at an early age have later come forward expressing regret, feeling that they were guided into life-altering decisions before they were ready or even of legal age. We should keep them in our prayers and hope for healing, clarity, and a better future for all who are affected.

Mankind has long attempted to use science to justify the Bible, but it is the Bible that must be used to justify science. The Bible does not change, whereas science continually shifts, not because of new discoveries, but often because of ideologies and the intentions of those who seek to remove God from society by undermining His authority.

Defending Truth and Reaching the Lost

In this chapter, I am providing a list of some of the common attacks used in an attempt to undermine the truth of the Bible, and its Author, God, in the minds of men and women. These attacks are developed by those who are spiritually blinded because they reject the truth about God. **John 12:40** states:

“He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.”

If you have ever wondered why many of our fellow citizens cannot discern right from wrong or good from evil, it is because they have rejected God, and therefore cannot see what you and I can see. In rejecting the truth, they turn away from the fullness of life God offers, both now and in eternity.

God calls both you and me to reach out to unbelievers and share the good news with

them, but we can't leave this work solely to pastors, priests, or evangelists. Jesus Christ has given this charge to all of us, and God will hold us accountable for the opportunities we had, and chose not to act, to make a difference in the lives of others.

The bad news is that none of us are worthy of eternal life with God, we all fall short. As I noted in Chapter One, the Apostle Paul states in **Romans 3:10**,

“As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one.”

The good news, however, is that Jesus Christ died for our sins. Through His sacrifice, we are redeemed by His blood, no longer condemned under the law. That doesn't mean the Ten Commandments no longer matter; rather, when you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, you will naturally desire to live faithfully and righteously.

One Message, Many Tongues

Many people with different motives attack the validity of the Bible. They claim that its meaning has been lost through repeated translations and that the Bible has been translated so many times it can no longer be considered the true Word of God. Yet countless books are translated from one language to another without losing their meaning or the substance of their content, including the writings of other religions.

School textbooks, scientific journals, driver's license tests, and many other important documents have been translated into numerous languages without any loss of meaning. But for reasons of their own, critics continue to claim that translating the Bible altered its message. It did not.

According to the Wycliffe Global Alliance (wycliffe.net), the full Bible has been translated into 756 languages. Regardless of the language, every translation includes the accounts of Adam and Eve, the Garden of Eden, the life of Christ, and His birth, death, and resurrection. Though the words

may differ from language to language, the meaning remains consistent.

Some critics also point to the presence of various English Bible versions, such as the King James Version (KJV), New King James Version (NKJV), New International Version (NIV), English Standard Version (ESV), and others. It is true that many versions exist, but they arose for understandable reasons: different audiences, cultural contexts, scholarly approaches, updated vocabulary, or new manuscript discoveries. These versions do not change the Bible's message; they simply present the same history and teachings with slightly different wording.

Many versions aim to make the Bible easier to read by using modern vocabulary. For example, *Of Plymouth Plantation*, written by William Bradford, is challenging to read today because it was written in Old English. I have read it myself, and it is difficult to follow in its original form. Modern editions update the language to make it more readable, yet the story and meaning remain unchanged. Bible translations work in much the same way.

Though versions may differ in wording, the core meaning does not change, whether in the Old Testament or New Testament. I personally prefer the King James Version, but the message across all reputable Christian translations is consistent. The KJV affirms that Christ died on the cross for our sins. Every sound translation supports this truth. No Christian Bible claims that Christ died in an aircraft accident or anything similarly absurd.

The criticisms aimed at Bible translations are often nothing more than smoke screens intended to distract people from Christ and place human judgment above God's authority. These attacks may even become personal. But Jesus reminds us in **John 16:33**:

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Rest assured that God's Word remains true in every faithful Christian translation.

As long as the translation conveys the same message, its authority stands. And Christians can trust that if something were genuinely wrong in what they were reading, the Holy Spirit, who guides their steps and thoughts, would give them discernment.

Eyewitnesses to the Truth

There are some who claim that the Bible is wrong, insisting that Jesus did not die on the cross, was not buried, and did not rise from the dead. They even argue that He simply died of old age. Yet these individuals were born hundreds, even a thousand years after the events they dispute. They never walked with Jesus, never saw His ministry, and were not present during His life on earth.

By contrast, we have the testimonies of those who did walk with Him, eyewitnesses who wrote about what they personally saw and experienced. They recorded His miracles, His teachings, and the vast crowds who followed Him. Their accounts stand

as firsthand evidence of His life, death, and resurrection.

The followers of Christ, including all the apostles, His mother, His earthly father, Mary Magdalene, and many others, were present with Jesus, and their lives and testimonies are recorded throughout Scripture, written during or shortly after the events they describe. Even the Apostle Paul recounts his encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus.

Paul is my favorite apostle because he stands as a powerful example of forgiveness and redemption. Saul of Tarsus, once a fierce persecutor of Christians and responsible for the death of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, became a devoted follower of Christ. Jesus Himself gave Saul a new name, Paul, and a new heart. The Apostle Paul ultimately gave his life for the Gospel and contributed many of the writings we now cherish in the Bible.

Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins. He is our personal Savior, and nothing anyone invents can change those facts. Much of the Bible has been supported by

archaeological excavations, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and eyewitness accounts from secular individuals who lived during the time of Jesus Christ.

Creation vs. Evolution: Truth Endures

Nothing has evolved more than evolution itself. The theory, still a theory, not a fact, was proposed by Charles Darwin in 1859 in his publication *On the Origin of Species*. The basic premise of Darwin's theory is that variations within species caused them to evolve over millions of years into entirely new creatures.

The theory was intended to show that mankind was not created as described in the Bible, but rather that life began as a single cell that gradually developed into all living things. According to this theory, monkeys eventually evolved into human beings, removing God from the equation and attempting to convince people that He does not exist. Darwin even borrowed the biblical phrase "tree of life," perhaps in an effort to give his theory credibility.

Darwin's theory is now roughly 164 years old, and over time it has been repeatedly challenged and proven false in various ways. God's Word and the life of Jesus Christ have stood firm for more than 3,000 years. Jesus' story has never changed. By contrast, Darwin's theory struggles to last even a few decades without needing revision or being questioned in peer review. Evolution itself is still evolving.

Secularists continue offering new explanations to patch holes in the theory, but these "fixes" also prove inadequate. Numerous evolution hoaxes have been exposed, including Haeckel's embryos, Piltdown Man, and Lucy, among others. A simple search for "evolution hoaxes" reveals how far some people will go to convince others that God does not exist.

Some still defend these hoaxes. Consider the idea that man evolved from monkeys. If that were true, why aren't monkeys still evolving into humans today? Where are the half-evolved "monkey-men"? The only humans appearing today are born of women, just as the Bible teaches.

Genesis 1:27 states:

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.”

There are only two genders, exactly as the Bible has declared for thousands of years.

Did you know that, according to evolutionists, dinosaurs evolved into birds? How does that happen? They need only say it, and suddenly it becomes “science.” This claim presents enormous problems, including how a dinosaur’s lung could evolve into a bird’s lung without killing the creature in the process. Whether over millions, billions, or trillions of years, such a transformation simply could not occur.

According to Dr. David Menton in *The New Answers Book 1*, dinosaur and bird lungs are entirely different structures, and transitioning from one to the other while maintaining life is impossible.

While many strong articles expose the flaws in Darwin’s theory, one of the most

comprehensive I've read is titled *Debunking Evolution: Evidence That Macro-Evolution Is Impossible*, which can be found at www.newgeology.us/presentation32.html.

Many researchers note that Darwin's theory is neither scientific nor falsifiable, meaning it cannot be proven false through observation or experimentation. That alone separates scientific ideas from unscientific ones. Numerous articles outline major problems with evolution, yet the theory continues to be taught and accepted by people with an agenda to remove God from our schools, culture, and lives.

Only the Bible, not evolution, has stood the test of time. Its truth has endured for thousands of years, and it continues to change lives for the better.

Six Days That Changed Everything

The Big Bang theory is yet another attempt to explain creation through natural forces rather than by God. Coined in 1949, the name reflects humanity's effort to elevate itself above God, an effort that has

failed and will continue to fail. The real “big bang” occurred when God said, “Let there be light,” and BANG, it happened!

Many continue trying to remove God from everything and convince others that He does not exist. Their efforts mirror the pride that caused Satan to fall from grace. Satan, once an archangel, wanted to be God. Today, many follow that same path, but Scripture tells us clearly where it leads.

Are we expected to believe that an unexplained explosion produced a perfectly organized world capable of sustaining life, a world that didn't exist before the explosion? What caused the explosion in the first place? The Big Bang theory offers no real answers, only more theories stacked upon theories.

Genesis describes creation in a clear order over six days. Some debate whether these days represent 24-hour periods or long ages, but Scripture settles the matter. **Genesis 1:5** states:

“God called the light ‘day’, and the darkness He called ‘night’. And there was evening, and there was morning, the first day.”

The phrase “evening and morning” unmistakably refers to a literal day. Secularists often cite **2 Peter 3:8**:

“...one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

However, this Bible verse was written nearly 1,500 years after Genesis and refers not to creation but to the return of Christ. Peter was encouraging believers who were mocked for believing Jesus would return. **Revelation 22:12** states:

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

“Quickly” to God is not the same as “quickly” to man, since God exists outside of time. Peter’s analogy has no connection to the literal days described in Genesis, as it was written nearly 1,500 years later and in a completely different context.

When you read Genesis and observe the world, the accuracy of the creation order

becomes clear. God created a perfect environment for human life, and the order was essential:

- Day 1: Light
- Day 2: Atmosphere and firmament
- Day 3: Land and vegetation
- Day 4: Sun, moon, and stars
- Day 5: Birds and sea creatures
- Day 6: Land animals, man, and woman

This order is precise. If the sequence were different, life could not be sustained.

The Bible also explains the purposes of the lights in the heavens, to mark seasons, days, and years, and to separate day from night. **Genesis 1:14–19** states:

“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great

lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.”

Though some may claim the Genesis account seems simplistic by today's standards, it was written over 3,000 years ago and remains profound and accurate. For me, it strengthens my faith and draws me closer to Christ. I hope it does the same for you.

Accepting Creation, Denying the Creator

The Intelligent Design movement acknowledges that the universe displays order, design, and complexity, evidence of a higher intelligence. While the movement

uses scientific reasoning, it deliberately separates itself from all religions and does not acknowledge the one true God or Jesus Christ.

Dr. Georgia Purdom from Answers in Genesis observes: “The central problem with the Intelligent Design movement is a divorce of the Creator from creation. The Creator and His creation cannot be separated; they reflect on each other. All other problems within the movement stem from this one.”

Although some Christians participate in the movement, the movement itself is not Christian. With strong support from secular scientists, it may be that Christian involvement helps the movement gain credibility among religious communities.

Why Christians would align themselves with a movement that refuses to acknowledge God is difficult to understand. The movement contradicts foundational Christian beliefs because it ignores God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Once again, secular science attempts to steer people away from God.

Faith, Federalism, and Freedom

A tactic often used in America to separate God from the people and nation He created is the concept known as the “separation of church and state.” This idea is frequently used to justify removing God from public life, most notably from schools and public buildings, such as barring the Ten Commandments from government facilities, including courthouses. This is striking, given that these same courthouses require individuals to place their hands on the Bible when swearing to tell the truth.

Supporters of this argument often point to the U.S. Constitution and note that it does not explicitly mention God. They are correct, but for a specific and important reason. What is often overlooked is that the Declaration of Independence, which I discussed earlier in Chapter 5, explicitly acknowledges God and is a covenant between God and the American people.

It is also crucial to understand that the federal government was created by the states, not the other way around. Each state

already had its own constitution at the time, many of which explicitly referenced God. The U.S. Constitution was never intended to replace those state constitutions. Instead, it granted a limited and clearly defined set of powers to the federal government, while all remaining powers were reserved to the states.

These limited authorities are commonly referred to as the eighteen enumerated powers, and none of them pertain to religion or laws concerning our Creator. This principle was clearly articulated by James Madison in *Federalist No. 45*, where he wrote:

“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.”

The Founders believed that the states retained the right to govern themselves in all matters outside those few enumerated powers. This is precisely why God and religion are not explicitly mentioned in the U.S. Constitution, not because faith was

excluded from public life, but because it was understood to fall under the authority of the states and the people, not the federal government.

However, some seek to transform “freedom of religion” into “freedom from religion,” an outcome that was never the intent of the Founders. When the U.S. Supreme Court addressed the concept of the “separation of church and state” in *Everson vs. Board of Education* (1947), describing it as a “wall of separation,” the Court reached that conclusion only by disregarding thousands of documents and writings from the Founding era. This included statements from the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, John Jay, who wrote:

“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest, of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

Our Founders, including Chief Justice John Jay, understood that America was a Christian nation at its founding. Even the phrase “church and state” reflects this

reality. The concept is not “synagogue and state,” “temple and state,” or “mosque and state”; it is “church and state.”

This distinction exists for a specific historical reason. The concept arose to prevent one Christian denomination from controlling, restricting, or diminishing what other Christian denominations could believe or practice. It was never the intention of the Founders to reject America’s Christian foundation or to remove Christianity from public life, but rather to preserve religious freedom among Christian believers.

The notion of the separation of church and state is deeply flawed, a point thoroughly examined by constitutional attorney John Whitehead in his book *The Separation Illusion*. I highly recommend that you read this book.

The Crucial Question:

Ultimately, you have a choice: Will you believe God, or will you believe man?

Your answer will shape not only your future in this life, but also your eternal destiny in the life to come.

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE GREAT COMMISSION

This is the final chapter of this book, and how fitting that it is Chapter Seven, a number that symbolizes completion throughout the Bible. Along this journey, I have covered much, all with two central purposes in mind: first, to help you understand the immeasurable importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; and second, to impress upon you the equally important calling to share what you have learned with others.

After His resurrection, Jesus met with the Apostles and commissioned them to

spread the Word of God to all nations. Jesus said in **Matthew 28:18–19**:

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”

This commission was not given solely to the Apostles; it was given to all believers. God has entrusted us with His Word, the Bible, divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit and faithfully preserved through the centuries. He calls each of us to share it with others.

We are not all called to be preachers or evangelists, and I am certainly not suggesting that you start a megachurch. However, as a law enforcement officer, soldier, or professional in another career, you have a unique opportunity. Every day, you interact with fellow officers, support

staff, and individuals from various agencies and organizations. These interactions often place you in positions where you can recognize opportunities to share your faith.

Sharing your faith does not have to begin with words. Start simply by living in a way that reflects what is expected of a follower of Christ. I try every day to live as God calls us to live, and I personally wear a cross with a badge on it, inscribed with Isaiah 54:17. Colleagues, and even strangers, often ask about it. That single question becomes an open door, giving me the opportunity to share Jesus with them.

Some may believe that wearing a cross offers protection in times of trouble, and they may ask about that as well. This becomes a perfect moment to gently speak the truth. A cross is not a good-luck charm. It does not protect us or direct us. Rather, it is an outward expression of our faith. We do not need charms or symbols for protection, because God Himself is always with us, just as Jesus promised:

Matthew 28:20

*“And, lo, I am with you always,
even unto the end of the world.”*

It is important to speak truth and dispel the lies, misconceptions, and myths that have persisted. When we have Jesus, we have everything we need. In Him, we lack nothing.

I do not expect you to read this book and immediately begin sharing Jesus with everyone you meet. That may take time, and that is okay. Growth often requires preparation. Here are three important steps to consider:

1. **Read the Bible regularly.** Become more familiar with Scripture, deepen your understanding, and grow more comfortable explaining God’s Word to others.

2. **Commit to prayer.** Ask God for wisdom, guidance, and clarity regarding how He wants you to fulfill the calling He has placed on your life.

3. **Develop boldness.** Learn to recognize the opportunities God places before you, and have the courage to step into them

when they arise.

This book may be ending, but your calling is not. The work continues, not through perfection or performance, but through faithfulness. Walk with Christ, live what you believe, and trust that God will use you, exactly where you are, for His glory.

Be Ready to Give an Answer

1 Peter 3:15 states:

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

The Apostle Peter knew that people would question God’s authority, and he wanted Christians to be prepared to defend what we know to be true. However, many believers today are not ready to give an answer. Fifty years ago, Christians were generally more prepared, but over the past several decades the Church has not only

failed God, it has also failed God's flock. Many leaders have not been the shepherds they were called to be.

The book *Already Gone*, written by Ken Ham, Britt Beemer, and Todd Hillard, explains why so many young adults are spiritually disengaged and begin leaving the Church even before graduating high school. It is a sobering sign of the times and reveals how church leaders have let our children down. Since the book's publication in 2009, the problem has only grown worse.

Therefore, it is important to be prepared to answer those you meet, or they may not be willing to listen. They may ask how God has changed your life or why you believe God can change theirs. For this reason, you should make a consistent effort to read the Bible and commit to regular prayer.

Prepared to Defend the Faith

I have done my best to provide you with a path toward developing a strong relationship with Jesus Christ and to offer

insight into the challenges you may face as you defend that relationship. I have also outlined many of the attacks made against the Bible and presented the truth that exposes these claims as false.

My hope is that I have equipped each reader, because the way you defend your hope in Jesus Christ may influence others and impact their relationship with God. As the Apostle Paul declared, the evidence of God is clearly seen all around us. I have offered ample information supporting both his statement and the truth of God's Word.

It is my heartfelt prayer that this book inspires you to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, pursue your own study, and commit to daily prayer for guidance, so that you may become a bold disciple of Christ, ready to reach many more people before His return.

Be aware that as you take on this mission, you will encounter spiritual opposition. The devil does not expend effort on those already aligned with his will; rather, he targets those who seek to live according to God's purpose, especially those reaching

out to the lost to lead them toward salvation.

You may face temptations in subtle forms, such as flirtation from attractive individuals, questionable opportunities, or other distractions meant to divert your focus. Guard yourself against these and look to God for the strength to endure. For this reason, it is essential to remain firmly grounded in the Word of God and devoted to continual prayer.

If God has transformed your life, as He has mine, then you owe it not only to your brothers and sisters in the law enforcement and military communities, but also to your wider community and to every person you encounter. May your life be a reflection of His grace and a source of hope to all who cross your path.

The Power of Christ

Angola Prison in Louisiana was long known as the bloodiest prison in America, a facility housing more than 5,000 of the state's most dangerous inmates, where violence, stabbings, and deaths were once

routine. With little hope for release or rehabilitation, despair ruled daily life. That began to change in 1995 when Warden Burl Cain arrived at Angola, and he did not come alone, he brought with him a mission and a message centered on Jesus Christ.

Burl Cain's transformation of Angola is documented in Cain's *Redemption* by Dennis Shere, a book well worth reading. In the book, Shere cites an article by Chris Funk titled "Breaking into Prison" on ChristianityToday.com. In that article, Cain famously said, "There are demons over this place. I'm going to run them off, with God's help."

Over the years, Burl Cain used private donations to build chapels, establish educational and vocational programs, and partnered with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to train inmate missionaries who traveled to other prisons to share the message of Jesus Christ. Through these efforts, countless lives were transformed.

Shere himself stated in his book, "As I traveled with the warden throughout Angola, we entered inmate areas without

any security officers to provide protection. On occasion, he disappeared briefly as I talked with prisoners. It seemed a bit unsettling at first, coming into contact that way with men serving life sentences for murders and other brutal crimes.

There was this recurring thought: These are the worst of the worst. I mean nothing to them. It would take very little effort for someone to take us hostage or hurt us. But it took little time to feel at peace in Angola, and safer than I sometimes have felt in “free” society.”

Shere’s statement is a powerful testimony to what Christ has done and continues to do. If God can work miracles in the lives of 5,000 of the most dangerous men in one prison, imagine what He can do for you, for me, and for everyone we encounter. There is no limit to His power and His love to transform lives.

Isn’t it amazing? Warden Burl Cain was able to bring the word of God into a prison, yet we can’t bring it into a school. Imagine if we could, maybe they wouldn’t end up in prison in the first place. If we were all as

passionate as Burl Cain, just imagine what we could accomplish together.

I wish you well, and may God bless and guide you and your loved ones always.

THE STORY AND TESTIMONIES

THE STORY

This is the story I told the woman who I initially met with her son on the restaurant patio and then again on the airplane the next day. I felt it was important for her to hear my story, so she and her son do not make the same mistake I made, and regret it for the rest of their lives. What I am about to share here is a little longer than what I had actually shared with her.

It was Halloween and my son was 7 months old. He was dressed up as a pumpkin in a little orange costume with a green hat and he looked adorable. I was getting ready to take him trick or treating, and my wife suggested that I drive him to see my father, who lived about a half hour away.

I loved my father but we were going through a rough phase in our relationship. My mother had suffered through a series of strokes and ultimately passed away almost eight months earlier. It hit my father hard

as he saw his wife suffer for years and lost her when she was in her early 60s.

In hindsight, I did not know how to communicate with someone who had lost a loved one, especially a spouse of many years, and I often said all the wrong things. So, I told my wife that I did not want to take my son to see my father. I wanted to have fun with my son, and I knew that seeing my father suffer might mar the day.

My father was a US Marine for four years. He was on Iwo Jima during World War II, lost many of his friends, came home, had six kids, and did a wonderful job raising us. He donated his time to the Knights of Columbus for decades and took part in helping others. He was an all-around great guy and dad. Then, he lost his wife after all his kids had moved out. Life is not fair.

I did not go to see him that day and I told my wife we would go the following week. A few days later, my father passed away all alone at his home. Needless to say, I was devastated that I did not take that opportunity to see my dad one last time, and maybe even try to resolve our issues before I lost him. I regret

that decision to this day.

By sharing my story, I let that woman know how crucial it is to resolve the issues with her son as soon as possible. Although the mother and son were both young, we never know when God will bring us back home, so age is irrelevant. If you find yourself in a similar situation with a loved one, go out of your way to say, “I love you,” at the very least. That is what I should have done.

MY FIRST TESTIMONY

Twenty-seven years ago, I entered a business partnership with someone I believed I could trust. But within seven months, I began to suspect he was involved in unethical practices and was stealing money from our company. I hired an attorney, left the business, and filed a lawsuit against him.

The legal battle dragged on for three and a half years and cost me more than \$80,000. In the end, I settled for pennies on the dollar, with no admission of wrongdoing. I simply couldn't afford to continue; the litigation was draining the finances of the new company I had started on my own.

When I walked away from the business we had built together, I went from earning a salary to having no income at all. I had a wife and two children, a mortgage, two cars, and all the bills that come with family life. My wife and I agreed to take out a \$110,000 home equity loan just to keep up with our mortgage and expenses. Financially, it was the hardest period of my life, and it put

tremendous strain on our marriage. Money problems do that, regardless of who's at fault.

I started my own company and reached out to people I knew, but I couldn't generate any income. So I tried a different approach: I began offering free lectures on cybersecurity, a topic I had built a strong reputation in throughout New Jersey. I contacted large resellers of security products and offered to provide valuable training sessions to their customers at no cost.

They began hosting my lectures at their offices or local venues, inviting ten to twenty clients and providing lunch during the session. Before long, I was teaching IT directors from major pharmaceutical companies and other industry leaders how to secure their networks.

I served as the keynote speaker for about an hour, after which the reseller would explain how their solutions addressed the security weaknesses I had highlighted. It was a win-win for the resellers and their clients, but I was still not making any money from my work.

One day, traveling to yet another free lecture, something happened that would change my life forever and draw me closer to God than I had ever been.

I drove past a church I had passed countless times before. Like many churches, it had a sign displaying a new saying each week. I always read the messages, but this one stopped me in my tracks and brought me to tears without warning. The sign read:

“It’s not faith unless it’s the only thing you’re holding onto.”

As tears streamed down my face, I prayed, “God, I have nothing, no job, no opportunities, no money to pay my bills, and I need Your help. I don’t need Your help tomorrow; I need it today. And yes, You are the only one I am holding onto, because I have nothing else left.”

What I experienced felt like a personal revival, though at that time I didn’t even know what a revival was. Later, I learned about the Great Awakening led by George Whitefield, an English pastor who preached across the American colonies in the 1740s. It was reported that people openly wept in the

streets during his sermons, moved by the overwhelming presence and power of the Holy Spirit. As a result, church growth flourished throughout the colonies. When I read that church sign, I felt something remarkable, refreshing and liberating, something I still remember today.

I continued on to my lecture and delivered it as usual. After I finished my presentation, I walked to the back of the room. A man approached, told me he loved my lecture, and asked if I would consider speaking for his company. When I asked who he worked for, he said Network Associates, a billion-dollar industry leader.

He offered me a \$100,000 contract to speak one or two days a week around the country. Within minutes, my life had changed.

A few weeks later, my contract was finalized, and I began traveling with Network Associates' sales team, giving the same lectures I had been delivering for free, only now I was being paid handsomely. Oddly enough, I never again saw the man who offered me the contract. I later learned

that just days after my agreement was approved, he had left to work for another company. Had I not been there that day, our paths would never have crossed. The whole thing felt surreal.

I continued lecturing nationwide. One day, after finishing a session, a woman approached me and asked if I could speak for her company. She worked for RSA, another major cybersecurity organization. That conversation led to another contract, sending me across the U.S. and Canada one to two days a week.

A few months later, a Network Associates salesman left for a job at Protegrity, a company in Connecticut. He recommended me to his new employer, and I accepted yet another speaking contract. My reputation as a nationally known cybersecurity expert spread quickly.

A West Coast-based security company then hired me for \$10,000 to teach a one-week course. Shortly after, an IT director from a major West Coast hospital called and asked how I could help secure his network. He had heard about me from others in the industry.

When I asked if he had network diagrams, he said yes. I had him fax them over, made handwritten corrections, and faxed them back within thirty minutes. When I called him, the first words he said were, “You’re hired.”

While other companies tried to sell him products, firewalls, intrusion detection systems, antivirus, I was the only one who asked to see his infrastructure design documents first. That conversation led to a \$75,000 contract to assess the hospital’s extensive network, which I completed successfully on my own.

All of these opportunities, quick, unexpected, life-changing, stemmed from the moment I read that church sign that transformed my life and strengthened my relationship with Christ.

Today, I am the sole owner of three companies providing cybersecurity and digital forensics services. With my wife by my side, all our bills, including our mortgage and that home equity loan, are paid off. Even now, retelling this story brings back deep emotion and gratitude. My life

changed the moment I read that sign, let go,
held onto faith, and trusted God completely.

MY SECOND TESTIMONY

I had just returned home from traveling and opened my laptop bag to catch up on work. I was stunned to see my laptop was missing. I had no idea where I might have left or lost it, but I suspected it was at the airport I'd departed from before my three-hour flight home. My heart sank in my chest, and there was nothing I could do.

I was scheduled to fly back to that airport in about a month, but I couldn't wait until then. I started making calls to find the airport's lost and found. After numerous calls, I discovered that each airline had its own lost and found, and so did the airport, the sheriff's office with jurisdiction over the airport, and U.S. Customs.

On the day I flew back, I did something I don't remember ever doing before: I got on my knees and prayed to God, asking Him for a miracle, for help finding my laptop. I promised Him I would give up drinking for a full year, something I had never done before.

I also packed the laptop box it had been shipped in to help prove ownership. I was ready for, and truly needed, a miracle, and bringing that box with me showed God I was expecting it.

Because my laptop was new, I had copied the data from my prior laptop before destroying the old device. That meant I didn't have a backup of the new one, including the projects I was working on. It would have taken a significant amount of time to recreate that work, and I had deadlines to meet. It was a dire situation.

When my flight landed, I went straight to United Airlines' lost and found, the airline I'd flown when I lost the laptop. I asked the gentleman if they had a brownish-colored laptop in their custody, and he said no. He showed me the two laptops they did have, but neither was mine. That uneasy feeling returned to my chest. But it wouldn't last long.

As I started to walk away from United's lost and found, I could have turned left or right, and my choice would have led to a different outcome. If I had turned left, I

would have seen the exit door and walked right out of the terminal, and my story would have ended there. Instead, I turned right, knowing He was guiding me.

Turning right, I saw another lost and found booth, this one for US Airways. I walked up and asked the gentleman if he had a brownish-colored laptop in his custody. He said yes, only one.

He went to the back and brought it out. It looked exactly like mine. I gave him the box, and we matched the serial numbers. It was my laptop. I was already on cloud nine, but what happened next sent chills up my spine and let me know God Himself had answered my prayer.

I thanked the man for keeping my laptop safe and returning it to me. As I turned to leave, he said, "Excuse me, sir?" I turned back, and he continued, "I can't explain it, but I usually send all the lost and found items to our home office in Texas at the end of every week. But something told me to hang onto this computer."

I thanked him again and said, "God bless you."

I thanked God for finding and returning my laptop, and yes, I gave up drinking for more than a year. I made sure not to cut it close by a day or two because I didn't want to disappoint God. Once again, my prayer was answered, and He gave me signs I knew were from Him. I love seeing His fingerprints on everything I ask of Him because it strengthens my faith. The signs may not appear every time, but I always know it is Him.

911 SCRIPTURE

When Confusion Strikes

Confusion may result from indecision or from a lack of wisdom, which is the ability to correctly apply the knowledge acquired throughout one's life.

Psalms 71:1 - *"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion."*

Isaiah 50:7 - *"For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."*

James 1:5 - *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."*

When Fear Strikes

Fear is one of the devil's most powerful tools, and it can overwhelm us if we allow it. Guard your heart and do not let him disrupt your life.

2 Timothy 1:7 - *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”*

Deuteronomy 31:8 - *“And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.”*

Psalms 34:4 - *“I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”*

When Temptation Strikes

Remember, God sees all and knows all. Trust in His strength to guide you through anything, for He never allows us to be tempted beyond what we can endure.

Proverbs 15:3 - *“The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”*

Philippians 4:13 - *“I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”*

I Corinthians 10:13 - *“here hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”*

TOP TEN SONG LIST

This is my list of top ten songs I recommend you listen to for inspiration and to feel an immense spiritual experience. I pray that you find other Christian songs that touch your heart, encourage and support your faith.

1. "The Cross" by Anne Wilson & Chris Tomlin

2. "Worship Through It" by Tasha Layton & Chris Brown

3. "Flowers" by Samantha Ebert & Seph Schlueter

4. "The Commission" by CAIN

5. "I Speak Jesus" by Charity Gayle

6. "If I Got Jesus" by Ben Fuller

7. "Somebody Prayed" by Crowder

8. "Battle Belongs" by Phil Wickham

9. "The God Who Stays" by Matthew West

10. "You've Already Won" by Shane & Shane

When I was a member of Cops for Christ in the early 1980s, a fellow police officer shared **Hebrews 13:1–6** with me. After reading it, I realized that these verses capture everything a police officer is called to emulate.

I've placed these verses on the **next page** with dashed lines around them so you can copy the page, cut along the lines, laminate it, and keep it in your wallet or in the pocket of your uniform. It's worth reading from time to time as a reminder of how law enforcement officers are called to serve.

Hebrews 13: 1-6

(1) Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. (2) Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it. (3) Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourself were suffering. (4) Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. (5) Be content with what you have, for God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (6) So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

There is no way for us to know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future.



If you notice a fellow officer or friend struggling or losing their way, encourage them to download a free copy of our digital book at **badgecross.com**.



In 1979, **John Lucich** was sworn in as a uniformed police officer with the Township of Fairfield. John served five years with the Fairfield Police Department before joining the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, where he was assigned to the Organized Crime & Racketeering Bureau. He worked undercover in organized crime and later began investigating cybercrimes in 1988. Over the course of his career,

John was involved in numerous cases, including high-profile investigations such as the New York Subway Bomber. After retiring, he went on to start four companies, all of which remain in business today.

During his time with the Fairfield Police Department, John became a member of Cops for Christ, where he met with fellow police officers, men/women, from various departments. Through this fellowship, he developed a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and began reaching out to others to share the Word of God.

John remains active in cybercrime investigations and has assisted in imaging and preserving forensic evidence for high-profile cases, including evidence that was provided to the U.S. Attorney's Office during the investigations of U.S. Senator Robert Menendez and N.Y.C. Mayor Eric Adams. His mission remains to change lives by leading as many people as possible to Jesus Christ.

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