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 **MISSING OUT ON GOD’S BEST BECAISE OF UNBELIEF !**

Deuteronomy 6:23 “And He brought us out from thence (Egypt-Bondage), that He might bring us in , to give us the land which He sware unto our fathers. (**Canaan-GOD’S BEST A land of milk & Honey**” Exodus 3:8, 17; 13:5; 33:3; Numbers 13:27, 16:13-14; Deut. 6:3; 27:3;

**Hebrews 3:7-19 READ!**

DO YOU WANT GOD’S BEST FOR YOUR LIFE? A LIFE OF ABUNDANCE

Jesus the Good Shepherd said in

 JOHN 10:10 *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it* ***more abundantly****.”*

1. The Abundant Life begins with Salvation!

.John 3:16 **“*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”***

II Peter 3:9 ***“not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* HOW?**

**We are saved by faith** = Ephesians 2:8 “*For by grace are saved* ***through faith****; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”* “believeth in Him” =John 3:16

**Consider the plan of Salvation=**

* 1. **The fact of sin=Romans 5:12, 3:23; “Wherefore as by one man sin**
	2. **The penalty of sin=Romans 6:23a “For the wages of sin**
	3. **Christ paid the penalty=Romans 5:8 “But God commendeth**
	4. **Confess and Believe=Romans 10:9-10, 13 “That if thou shalt confess**

**Faith is just believing what God says He will do! My Salvation!**

1. **We are to live our lives by faith**= “The just shall **live** by faith” (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38;) **“and lean not to thine own understanding.” ILL=**Car reck in Springfield=Why? Palmer=1997 Bel Air
Chevrolet. 1st new car.

**THIS FAITH LEADS TO THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE! Ephesians 5:18 “*And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess: but be filled with the Spirit.”***

**MY TESTIMONY=Glass door, reading the book, prayer.** In 1996 I ran through a glass door and drove a piece of glass between my right knee cap and the knee joint. The doctor at the hospital said it did it right because it did no damage to the knee joint, Praise the Lord. However it put me in bed for 2 weeks and during that time a read a book called

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“Hand book to Happiness” by D. Charles Solomon that stated that God does not want us to work for Him. I thought the guy was a heretic but he went on to explain what God wants is to work through us! Well, I agreed with that but thought it was about the same until he begins to explain and I realized there is a world of difference. I had been trying to serve the Lord in my way and asking God to bless it. When this truth of the Spirit Filled Life, The Victorious Life, the Overcoming Life, the Christ Centered Life, begin to become a reality in my life I was amazed at how much I had been missing in my walk with the Lord. One night as I led my wife in prayer before we went to sleep I told the Lord that He could do with, in, and through my life what ever He wanted to do no matter what it cost or what it involved. I was His to use what ever way he wanted to use me. The Lord heard that prayer and begin to work in my life in ways that were wonderful and amazing. He changed my marriage, He gave me new understanding of His word so I could not get enough of studying it, He opened the door for a radio ministry that reaches Africa, Australia, and Asia with far greater results in souls saved and churches started with the help of other brethren than I could ever have done by myself. It was all of the Lord and I am continuing to just Praise The Lord for this wonderful personal walk I now enjoy with the Lord that is amazing. My son, David, helped me put a series on YouTube called “Israel our Example” taken from I Corinthians 10:6, and 11. God’s deliverance from Egypt pictures our Salvation from the bondage of sin. The crossing of the Red Sea pictured Baptism (v. 2) and God led them to Sinai where He gave them the instructions for the Tabernacle worship and the book of Leviticus. He led them to the Jordan River where they could enter God’s Best, the promised land but because of UNBELIEF, they wandered in the wilderness which pictures the carnal Christian life that so many believers live in. God has a glorious plan for every believer but because of unbelief so many miss out on God’s Best! They say “Why if I told the Lord He could do whatever he wants to do in me He might call me to dark Africa as a missionary and I have other plans”. Oh my friend, God’s way is the Best Way but so many live in spiritual defeat and are wretched as Paul explained in Romans 7:24. How I wish I had understood this truth many years earlier but I probably would not have been ready to accept it then. This wonderful truth is available to every believer and is God’s Best and how I long for you to open your life to enter into this richer relationship with the Lord. As you by Faith received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, Now by Faith reach out and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to become truly Lord of every area of your life. Tell Him as I did that you take your hands off your life and yield to whatever His will is for you. That He can do with, In, and Through you whatever He wants to do. That you will go wherever He wants you to go and do whatever He wants you to do. You surrender to His will completely. I am attaching a Complete Surrender Contract to this document for your consideration in taking this wonderful step into God’s Best for your life! I encourage you to sign the contract and allow the Lord to do whatever His will is in your life. It may cost you like some of the disciples when they chose to follow Jesus. Oh my friend, you will find it well worth whatever the cost for His Best to become a reality in your life. Let Galatians 2:20 become a reality in your life. “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live:

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YET NOT I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

1. **ISRAEL ENTERING INTO THE PROMISED LAND IS A PICTURE OF ENTERING INTO THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE! A life of richness, satisfaction, fulfillment, and purpose!**

THE GOD CONTROLLED LIFE IS THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE (Ephesians 5:18 “*And be not* *drunk with wine wherein is excess but be filled with the Spirit”* ),

THE VICTORIOUS LIFE (Romans 8:37 “*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long: we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more that conquerors through Him that loved us*”),

THE CHRIST CENTERED LIFE (Philippians 1:21 *“For to me too live is Christ, and to die is gain.”* Galatians 2:20; *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but* ***Christ liveth in me:*** *and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”*

 THE LIFE OF THE OVERCOMER (Victory over Satanic Forces=I John 4:4*; Ye are of God little children and have overcome them: because* ***greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.***” I John 4:4; *“I write unto you, fathers , because ye have known Him that is from the beginning. I write unto you young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one, I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you Fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning: I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. “* I John 4:13-15. )

THE TRANSFORMED LIFE “ *I Beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God****, that ye present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,*** *which in your reasonable service. 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.”* Romans 12:1-2)

BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD BUT BE TRANSFORMED=Romans 12:2a; **but conformed to be like Christ**=Romans 8:28-29 “*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. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

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**DYING TO A SELF CENTERED LIFE, SELFISHNESS**=Matthew 16:24-25; *Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after me****, Let him deny himself*** *and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will* ***lose his life for my sake*** *shall find it.* Mark 8:34-38; “*And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples He said unto them, Whosoever will come after me,* ***let him deny himself****,* ***and take up his cross****, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but* ***whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s:*** *the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?* “Luke 9:23-26=; *And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake , the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged: if he gain the whole world and lose himself, or be cast away? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed when He shall come in his own glory and in His Father’s and of the holy angels.”*

 Breaking may be Necessary!

Jesus =blessed & breaking the bread to give=feeding the 5,000=Matthew 15:36-37a; “*And He took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them and gave to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude And they did all eat, and were filled* Mark 8:6; “*And He commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and He took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to His disciples to set before them; and did set them before the people*. **The breaking process may be necessary to become all God wants one to be.**

**Completely yielded to Christ in every situation even when we do not understand the trial, trouble, affliction, or situation we are in but obeying Proverbs 3:5-6; Trusting the Lord and leaning not to our understanding!**

**The death of the lamb was necessary to be a sacrifice for Israel and Jesus, God’s lamb, gave his life that we might have Eternal Life.**

 IT MAY COST YOU TO FULLY FOLLOW THE LORD JESUS!!

Moses had to be stripped of self, lost wealth, fame, before God could use him! =Hebrews 11:24-26. “*By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasure in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.”*

Elisha a successful farmer killing past life to be used of God==he was transformed= I Kings 19:19-21. “*So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his*

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*mantle upon him. And he (Elisha) left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he (Elijah) said unto him: Go back again: for what have I done to thee? And he (Elisha) returned back from him and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.”*

James, and John gave up their fishing business=Matthew 4:21-22 “*And going on from thence, He saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He call them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.* Ill. Bobby in Electra, Texas who God called to be a missionary but his mother said NO! Result**!** His Mother said she could not think of her son raising grandchildren in a foreign land. He became a manager of a Grocery Store in Wichita Falls but his life was unfilled and one day in a state of depression he set himself on fire and burned to death. Then his Mom was without him completely. How much better to let the Lord have His way in His life.

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Matthew gave up his income=Matthew 9:9; *“And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and He saith unto Him, Follow me. And He rose, and followed Him.”* Mark 2:14-15; Luke 5:27-29.

Slave girl delivered from the spirit of divination costing her job=Acts 16:16-19; but she was set free and entered into a life of freedom from the demonic power.

Legion set free cost 2,000 hogs=Mark 5:1-20.

 Earthly Things leave one feeling.

Hopeless, meaningless, empty, with no lasting purpose or reason for living! No fulfillment and satisfaction. This is why suicide is on the rise in our nation.

I read that one of the Eastman Kodak family wrote a note one day that stated, “I have reached all my goals. There is nothing more to live for.” He then took his gun and committed suicide.

 Eternal Things give one purpose for living,

**The Spirit filled life** **gives one Joy, peace, love, forgiveness, meaning for living, a fulfilled satisfied life! Serving** **the Lord gives a person fulfillment and purpose because this life is not self-centered but Christ centered.**

WHILE WE LOOK NOT AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN BUT AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN, FOR THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN ARE TEMPORAL (TEMPORARY) BUT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL= II Corinthians 4:18.

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Pride=Satanic, worldly, =Ezekiel 28; Isaiah 14: Pride before destruction, =Proverbs 16:18; Pride shall be abased=Matthew 23:12. Humility=Christ Like (The Word who became flesh with no place to lay His head) He that humbleth himself shall be exalted=Luke 14:11.

Answered Prayer according to God’s will which is the absolute best for our lives=Psalm 116:1-2; I John 5:14-15 “And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.”

God answers prayer in 3 ways =Yes, No, Wait!

 **THE PROMISED LAND= JOSHUA**

**THE LORD OPENING THE JORDAN FOR ISRAEL TO CROSS OVER STRENGTHENING THEIR FAITH. Joshua 3:9-17;**

**THERE WILL BE ENEMIES JUST AS ISRAEL HAD!!**

 **Jericho=Joshua 6=**

 Achan=Hebrews 3:12 “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily while it is called Today: lest any of you be heardened throught the deceitfulness of sin, (Illustrated= Jericho and Ai [they thought it will be no problem to conquer them] **but there was sin in the camp!**

 Giants of (1) The world system, (2) The flesh with indwelling sin, (3) Satan & demons! . I John 2:15-17; Romans 7:14-25; I John 4:1-4; Rev. 12:9;

**Giants like the spirit of Fear and worry**= “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but (the Holy Spirit) of POWER, and LOVE, and of a SOUND MIND” (II Timothy 1:7) WORRY=Matthew 6:25-34 **(READ)**

I cannot live the victorious life in my strength but Christ can and will live through and in me through the indwelling Holy Spirit (which is Christ in me=Galatians 2:20).

**“Let the Lord have His way, in your life everyday, There’s no peace, there’s no rest until the Lord has His way, Place your life in His hands, Rest secure in His plans, Let the Lord, Let the Lord have His way.”**

**Please consider signing the following Total Surrender Contract and giving your life totally in the hands of the Lord. Let Him do with, in, and through you whatever He wants to do because He will do it in LOVE (I John 4:8, 16;). God loved you so much He sent Jesus to die for your sins. Jesus loved you so much He endured the suffering of the cross for you. The Holy Spirit loves you so much He is drawing you to make this choice now!**

 TOTAL SURRENDER CONTRACT

**Dear Lord, I unconditionally surrender to You my will, mind, and emotions, my body my plans, hopes, and dreams. I give you my home, my marriage, my mate, my children, my geographical location, my recreation and entertainment, my career. I commit into your hands my successes, and failures, my habits, my finances, my problems, my time, my integrity and character, my attitudes, my business conduct and relationships, my Christian walk and my response to authority.**

**Lord, I further surrender to You the following “rights:”**

**My right to possessions My right to a good reputation My right to have acceptance My right to have pleasant circumstances My right to presume on the will of God My right to life itself My right to beauty or strength My right to be heard My right to take up offense My right to avoid reaping from what I sow My right to be right My right to see results My right to be loved by others My right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ My right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Dear Lord, I give You permission to do anything You wish to me, with me in me or through me. I claimed the above items once as mine. Now I acknowledge they all belong to you and are under Your control. You can do with them anything You please. I willingly make this commitment in the name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I recognize that this is an agreement with You that can never be broken. Now that I have surrendered ownership of my life to You, I understand You will never give ownership back to me.**

**Amen.**

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