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WELCOME

Thank you for taking a few moments to read this booklet. Whether you found it by chance or someone placed it in your hands, I'm genuinely glad you're here.

Life has a way of leaving us weary. It can be confusing, overwhelming, and at times deeply painful. Every person carries burdens that others cannot see. If that's where you find yourself today, I want you to know you are not alone.

The God who created you knows your name, sees every struggle, and understands every hurt. The very fact that you are reading these words today is a reminder that your story is not over.

My prayer is that as you read these next few pages, you'll discover the peace that only He can give, the truth that sets people free, and the unshakable hope found in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

May today be remembered as the day your journey began to change for the better as you turned your heart toward the Lord. God bless you.

– Minister Dunagin

GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE

God is on your side. He is rooting for you. One of the first things that all of us need to realize is that God is for us and not against us. The trials of life and this fallen world put a strain on this truth, but it is true. The Lord wants good for us. He wants us at peace.

Jesus is referred to as the Prince of Peace (Is 9:6). Jeremiah says when He thinks of us, He thinks good thoughts. He thinks of a hopeful future (Je 29:11). God wants us to have peace right now, this very moment. Jesus said that He has come that we might have life and have that life more abundantly (Jn 10:10).

The Prince of Peace came from heaven to earth with the intention of making our life better. Our natural life and our eternal life. I want to establish this one point right up front. When you look at your life, when you look at the challenges, when you look at the past stresses, I want you to establish in your mind and in your heart that

whatever the reasons were that you faced certain challenges or that certain stresses came, it was not that God was against you.

The reason was not that God does not love you, or that he doesn't desire for you to have a peaceful life and a blessed future. He is on your side. He does want good for you. He does want you to be happy.

GOD WILL MAKE IT GOOD

The second thing I want to share with you is a powerful revelation. The Scripture says that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose (Rm 8:28). It also says what the enemy meant for evil, God will turn for our good (Gn 50:20).

This is so powerful. Understanding this helps us to look at our current situation and know that no matter what it looks like, God can change it! And when we are seeking Him, He **will** change it. Not only can He change the situation, but He will change the situation. It does not matter who is against you, what person, or what evil force.

When we turn our hearts to the Lord, seek His help, and stay with Him, the end of that situation will be for our good. I want you to know that.

So, we see that God thinks good thoughts toward us and not only has the ability to turn situations around, but promises that He will turn

every situation, every attack, around for our good when we seek Him and follow his leading. Praise God! That is good news!

THE JOY COMBO

I also want to share with you a powerful two-scripture combo. I will call it, like they do in the boxing world, a one-two combo. It's a combination, where the boxer throws a jab and then follows it with a cross. It is a two-punch combination.

Well, I want to share a one-two combination today from the Scriptures. The first Scripture is, “***In His presence is the fullness of joy.***” – Psalm 16:11

This thrilling, spiritual fulfillment of the Joy of the Lord is found in his presence. Joy. His fulfilling joy.

So, we learn from this first Scripture that anytime we are feeling sad or our spirit feels low, there is a fountain of joy in the presence of the Lord. The fullness of joy, not just a little sip of joy, but a rushing mighty river of the fullness of joy. A river of joy that washes away fear, that washes

away anxiety, that washes away uncertainty and soothes our wounds.

A river of joy that realigns our temporary life focus onto eternal hope and saturates our souls with unimaginable joy. Now, that is wonderful to know. That is a secret weapon to have and to be aware of. That when we need to drink of the river of joy, we can find it in the presence of the Lord.

Now, remember, I said this was a one-two combo. Here is part two; How do we get to the presence of the Lord? Well, the Scripture says to, ***“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.”*** – Psalm 100:4.

Another Scripture says that He inhabits the praise of His people (Ps 22:3). It is one thing to know that joy is found in His presence, but knowing how to get to His presence is the true secret.

If joy and peace were bottled up in a jar and put inside a steel box with a lock on the door that we could not open, knowing that the jar we so

desperately need is inside, knowing where it is, does not do us any good if we do not know how to get to where it is. But praise the Lord, the Scripture tells us how to access his presence. Just start thanking the Lord.

Say it even now, *“Thank You, Jesus.”*

“Thank you for everything you have done. “

“Thank You for just the thoughts of positiveness.”

“Thank You, Jesus for being on my side. “

Thank Him for dying for you. Just give Him thanks. And continue to thank and praise Him. And it won't be very long, you will find yourself in His presence, where the fullness of joy is.

And I encourage you to make this a daily habit. Consider starting your day by spending time thanking the Lord and watch how it changes your entire life.

BEWARE THE ENEMY

Now that you know God is on your side, and now that you know the fountain of joy is available and how to access it in the presence of the Lord, next you need to understand the battle that you are in.

For whatever reason, we find ourselves in this world where there is a war for our peace, a war for our purpose, and a war for our soul. The Bible talks quite a bit about our enemy. It says that our enemy, the devil, goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet 5:8).

It tells us that Jesus says our enemy comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy. And then He follows this by saying He has come that we might have life and have that life more abundantly (Jn 10:10).

You must understand that there is a conflict that we find ourselves right in the middle of. Not realizing this causes so many of us to make mistakes that could be avoided or to make the wrong decision, because we don't fully

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understand the circumstances or what is at stake. Then when things don't work out, we quickly blame the Lord... who actually wants good for us.

But, it wasn't the Lord. It was listening to the voice of the enemy, who tricks us with pride, greed, and selfishness. Yes, many times when something does not go good, making a different choice could have prevented it from ever happening.

Of course, not everything is avoidable. If we were born with abusive parents, that is nothing we could control. There are a number of things in life that are out of our control. We must pray about these and believe God to deliver us from them.

But there is a whole lot of life that comes down to our choices, and I fully believe that if we realized who it was offering these bad decisions and pointing us to the wrong path and what this enemy of our life and soul is really after, many times we would make a different decision.

The devil, your enemy, has no power over you unless you give it to him. Even in the beginning, it has always been this way. He operates in trickery and lies. He misleads us and tries to trap us away from God's truth, God's plans for our life, and if possible, God's forgiveness and presence for eternity. Yes, you must realize that you have an enemy in this life. An enemy that wants to steal your joy, your purpose, and your eternal soul. Be careful.

YOU HAVE PURPOSE

Next, I want to talk about purpose. You need to know that God created you for a purpose. You need to know that you have a destiny. I heard a preacher say that the best place to be, the happiest we can ever be, the most protected and at peace we can ever be in our life, is when we are right in the middle of God's will for our life.

But how do we know that God has a purpose for our life? Well, He tells us in Jeremiah that before we were formed in our mother's womb, He knew us (Je 1:5). Consider these other scriptures about your life having purpose and destiny.

“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.” - Jeremiah 29:11

“A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.” - Proverbs 16:9

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” -

Ephesians 2:10

“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.” - Romans 8:28

God loves us and has a plan for each of our lives. If we follow him and learn to listen to his leading, our heavenly ordained destiny will surely come.

YOU ARE ETERNAL

You are more valuable than you realize. You are not merely flesh and bone, a moment in time, or a collection of passing thoughts... you are an eternal soul. Scripture describes mankind as formed by God's own hands and given life by His breath, and throughout the Bible we see that death is not the end of the story. You will exist beyond the physical death of your body. Nothing in creation is more valuable than you. Your life has meaning, your choices matter, and your destiny reaches beyond this present age.

Scriptures:

*“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” — **Genesis 2:7***

*“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul...” — **Matthew 10:28***

*“And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee,
Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.” — Luke*
23:43

*“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be
absent from the body, and to be present with the
Lord.” — 2 Corinthians 5:8*

EVERYONE'S PROBLEM

Humanity has an unsolvable problem. A problem highlighted by death. And death doesn't stop at the grave. But why do we die? The bible tells us death entered through sin (Rm 5:12). In another passage it says "the wages of sin is death" (Rm 6:23).

This sin problem has spread to all mankind through our bloodline. Our problem is deeper than our thoughts and behavior. It is our very nature. Scripture says sin is of the flesh and the life of the flesh is in the blood (Lv 17:11).

Many people don't understand the contrast between our original design and our current condition. What really happened to humanity when sin entered our race? Here is the short version:

- Originally, we were clothed in the glory of God. Untouchable. Unable to be hurt. Free of mental, physical, and spiritual weakness. We could not be harmed or die.

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- Sin separated us from the protection and life force of God's glory. When Adam and Eve's "eyes were opened and they knew they were naked" (Gen 3:7), the bible is not speaking of natural clothing. The impenetrable, sealing glory that protected them had been removed and they were now naked and totally vulnerable. They were filled with fear and hid from God. They spiritually died that very day. After many years later the body died also.
- This weakness, this plague, this belittling, this sickness of sin passed to every one of us born afterwards. All of humanity. Because it is of the flesh and of the blood. This Sin sickness is in our blood. We see clearly that everyone is infected, because everyone dies.
- All of creation is impacted. The bible says the whole of creation groans for deliverance, and longs for full restoration (Rom 8:22).

Scriptures:

“And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;” – Genesis 3:7a

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” – Romans 3:23

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” – Romans 5:12

“For the wages of sin is death;” – Romans 6:23a

WHY JESUS

Jesus had no sin. Jesus brought in the only way to cleanse and restore the bloodline of humanity. Jesus Christ is not the only way of salvation simply because He claimed to be in John 14:6. He is the only way because He alone solved the problem.

He alone had the ability to live a life without sin because of his pure nature, his pure blood. His Father is not a natural man, but the one true holy and righteous God. God the creator. The God of all. He is not just a prophet or a good teacher. He is the holy son of God. He is God manifested in the flesh (1 Tim 3:16).

His blood was untainted. His blood was pure. His blood was without sin. No other blood could fix our problem.

He offered Himself willingly and gave what no one else could give. In the great exchange, He who knew no sin (Jesus Christ) became sin for us, so

that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor 5:21).

Salvation is not found in trying harder, but in receiving what only Christ could accomplish. Jesus paid the price none of us could ever pay, and he did this because of Love (John 3:16).

Scriptures:

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows... he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” — Isaiah 53:4–5

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” — John 14:6

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” — 2 Corinthians 5:21

*“By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”
— Hebrews 9:12*

“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.” — 1 John 3:5

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” — Acts 4:12

Salvation

I believe the key to your peace; The key to your success; The key to finding your destiny starts in Christ.

I want to encourage you, to pause for a moment and ask yourself: **Has there ever been a time where you asked the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins and save your eternal soul?**

If there has never been a time when you asked Christ to save you, I urge you to do that right now. Clear your mind of everything else, and just take a moment and realize that **God loves you so much that he came and died on the cross**, to offer you salvation, and it is available to you right now. If you've never asked him to save you, say this prayer out loud with me:

“Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. I believe you came and died on a cross to pay for my sins. I believe you rose again on the third day and conquered sin, death and hell. I ask you right now to please forgive me for all of my sins, and wrong doings. I ask you to come into my heart, be my Savior and my Lord. I ask you to fill me with

your Holy Spirit and lead me all the rest of my days. I ask it all in your holy name, Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for writing my name in the lamb's book of life. Thank you for saving my soul. Amen."

If you sincerely prayed that prayer just now. God bless you and welcome to the everlasting family of God. I encourage you to start reading your Bible daily and set time aside to spend in prayer and reflection with the Lord. Amen.

*"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.**" —*
John 3:16

"Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." – Acts 2:21

SUSTAINING PEACE

True peace can only come from the presence of the Lord. From learning his ways and maturing in Him.

Maybe you've just received Christ as your savior and are wondering what is next. Or maybe you've been a Christian for some time, and it's never really been clear what that should mean for your life.

I want to share with you one simple key that will lead your life into days of sustaining peace. One simple practice. Look at this passage from Isaiah.

“You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You: Because he trusts in You.” – Isaiah 26:3

One simple practice. Keep your focus on Jesus. Spend time with him in prayer, scripture,

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and learning his holy presence. This is the sustaining source of life, hope, and peace.

God bless you.

YOUR NEXT STEP

I pray this free guide was a blessing.

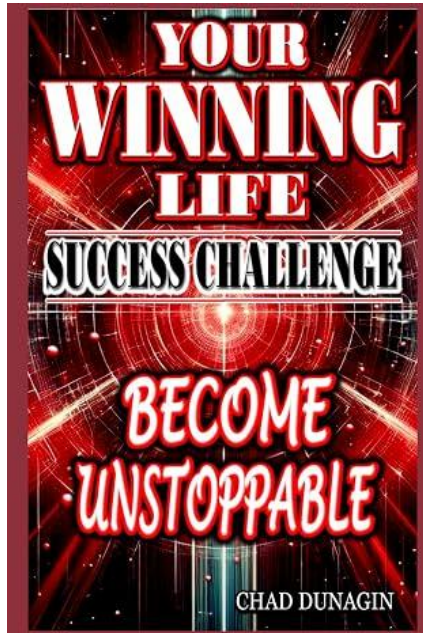
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