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Let me introduce you to the Savior, the Son of God, Jesus, foretold in the Old Testament. We were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, where we had no relationship with the Father. However, the Father loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life (with Him).

Jesus came to be our Way, Truth, and Life, that will lead back to the needed relationship with the Father. He came that He might destroy the works of the devil. He came to be our atonement for the sins of the world.

Message from the Editor

SHAKING OFF THE WINTER: Have we gotten over the winter? It's certainly not what it used to be. Some years before when we looked at the weather, we knew what season we were in, but now, its hard to tell. Snow may be still coming down for some states. When I think about the snow, I think about the rush it gives those skiing down the slopes. However, after the rush you have to calm

down. Seasons also happen in the spirit. **One season** you may ask God for a purpose and plan. **Next season**, you take time to know all you need in carrying it through. **Next season** you get to see the cost while staying steadfast with God. **Lastly**, there is a season of growth. All may take time, sometimes years. But it was spoken and it shall come to fruition. Stay in the season God has you in; not getting ahead of time but in His time. **GOD BLESS!**

I continue to ask those that desire to place encouraging articles or testimonials in the PITWM Newsletter, please contact me through "contact me" or email directly to gwoodard001@comcast.net. (1 page please). I know others that may be going through some circumstances would certainly be refreshed with your Word from the Lord! That has been my desire to allow others to use their God-given talent and anointing for God's glory. Don't let your purpose fall by the wayside, but allow God's Word to grow deep into the good soil of others. I need you to spread this Good News to others and trust God to be in charge of the Word you give forth because it will bring joy and release to your heart. This year will be a most significant year for many, especially so, when God is in it!

DEVOTIONAL

WALK IN THE BLESSINGS OF GOD!!!

When you walk before God you have God's presence, protection and His perseverance. Be thou perfect.

God is developing the divine in the human part of us.

God is building our Character. It will turn your bitter into sweetness.

Remember there are some people who are in your lives for a lifetime but there are some who are only for a season. So, stop shining the light on the distractions and keep your focus on the promise.

Lady Erika Johnson, New Beginnings Church — November 15, 2010

WHY YOU NEED HIM

If you died today or tomorrow, you're going to Heaven or Hell! Where will you go? Heaven to live life eternally with the Father! Or Hell, to live in damnation eternally with the devil! The payment for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You must be born again because you are separated from Him. God loves you so much that He does not want you to die in your sin and if you don't believe in Him, believe this: you will die in your sins, because you're separated from Him by not accepting Him as Savior and Lord. You are a sinner in need a Savior!

LEAVING THE OLD, COMING TO THE NEW

YOU NEED A SAVIOR TODAY IN YOUR LIFE !

Believe by faith, Jesus is the Christ, born of God. Your New Life did not come from your earthly parents because the life they gave you will end in death. But this new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living God. God gives a heart to know Him and return to Him. He is seeking you today, drawing you to a full life with Him.

ACCEPTANCE IS NEEDED BY YOU

SEEK the Lord today while you have breath to call upon Him. It's time to come clean with God if you truly do not know Him!

PRAY! I'm praying for the sinner that God tugs on your heart and you **desire Him today!** Accept Him by faith; Him **dying** on the cross for your sins, being **buried** in the grave for your sins, and **resurrected** from the grave on the third day to give you new life in Him. **May love win you today!** I LOVE YOU!

RECEIVE! For it is by God's free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

IS. 9:6; JH. 3:16; JH. 14:6;
1JH.3:8B; 1 JH. 2:2; MATT.13:30,
38-42; ROM. 6:23; JH.3:3; 1 PT.
1:23; JH. 8:24; IS. 59:2; JERM.
24:7; IS.55:6; JH.6:44; MATT. 6:6;
ACTS 8:22A; JAM. 5:19-20;
1CORTH. 15:3-4; EPH. 2:8

If you don't know where you come from, you won't know where you're to go. If you remain rootless, you're remain fruitless; bound by pass (can't forget); bound by tradition (won't grow). Your traditions are of none affect when there is no love for the Word of God that causes you to keep implementing stumbling blocks, for Jesus has fulfilled the Law. He wants you to be free to **leave from** and **come to**. Are you going to be the colt or the ass? The ass represents the old order; the people under the Old Covenant; the colt represents the new order; the people under the New Covenant.

Some songs we're singing (feel good songs); the season is gone for those songs—no anointing and no message of what God is doing now. **"And they sung a new song..." Rev.2:9a** . We've got to come out from the old and come into the new, to enhance the Kingdom of God. The principle of the kingdom is growth but it is also birthing. Come and be born again, and God will teach you later. This transition of birthing is a new way of walking into His newness ; walking into His freshness; walking into His anointing! People are going to come in with all kinds of ideas to bring change, but all you need to know is **"Are you born again?"** Decide whether you'-re going to go with denomination or with Jesus; with what we used to do, or with Jesus; with bondage or with jubilee in Jesus. **God does it from the inside out.**

When a baby is formed, the head (skull), the body, the limbs (arms, legs) etc. are formed. The baby is in the mother's womb. The baby has to make a change in order to come out and down through the birth canal. When the baby comes out, the feet are supposed to be the last of the body to come out. Usually in normal births, the baby's head will come out first. The un-biblical cord needs to be cut because the baby is still hooked onto the old way of nourishment. Now, a brand new life will come forth to receive God's new and better nourishment to grow!

Jesus, the seed of God stayed in the womb by the power of God. But, when He came out, the Word of God says later **"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him"** Luke 2:40. But, there also came a time when He had to make a shift to stay in the tomb. And after three days and three nights He came out of the tomb by the power of God. Now, Jesus the head of all, comes forth with all power. He is the Anointed One! He is the one who has crushed Satan's head and Satan bruises His heel. But you know what, the bruises and suffering Jesus went through was worth it all because He got up! And the crushing of Satan's head, means that Satan won't recover; he won't get up; he'll go down to the pit of hell forever! The shift went in the wrong direction for Satan. That's why it's so important to leave the worldly things and come into spiritual things; **leave the Old and come into the New of being Born Again!**

Into this New Life, the only way to cut the cord is by the Word of God. When the cord is cut, **you cut** a lot of people; **you cut** a lot of habits; **you cut** a lot of voices. God wants the church to reproduce. What will your children be doing? What will they accomplish in the church? People are still trying to bring to God what God had rejected—your old selfish ways; your old heart; your same old talk; your slipping and sliding; your hindering and hiding; your dipping and dodging.

God is looking for a pure heart; a heart sold out for Him! God is dealing with the now, not I will or I intend to. How are you going to reproduce? You've got to know the truth. God can't use you until you're broken with a contrite heart! This is where two roads meet. You either stay on the same old road or you leave the old road and come onto the new road. **That's repentance!**

Everything reproduces something. So reproduce what God has blessed and that is you! Lay down with truth! Truth can impregnate you to leave the Old and come into the New. **God Bless!**

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“We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm.”

TRANSITION

- Winston Churchill

EXPERIENCE VS CIVILIAN

By Donald R. Williams
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Over the last 28 years I have been away from the community and from the city of Houston while serving in the Army. Leaving Houston was a transition and now that I have retired, I am transitioning back to civilian life. It's very funny, I went into the service without graduating

from high school and I come out of the service with many degrees and accolades: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Troy University and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University and is currently pursuing my PhD in Public Policy and Administration at Walden University.

During my many years of service I have experienced a lot of different things from good to bad. It was good that I got to meet thousands of great Americans that were willing to put their lives on the line for their country. It was bad because I had a chance to see a lot of horrible sites, and the experiences during these wars that I was able to see and be in, took a toll on many lives, but I am blessed to have survived through it all.

What helped me to get through military life were my friends and my faith in the Lord. Team work is the best tool that you can have when you are in the military. Without team work it is extremely difficult to survive. There are certainly many times faith in the Lord is essential while serving in the military. Having the Lord on my side was foremost the only way to get things done, as He helped me to stay focused on Him instead of the hard tasks at hand. I have always relied on *Psalms 27:1*. *That verse reminded me that "The LORD is my strength and my salvation; whom shall I fear"?* Today I am transitioning back into civilian life. The transition has been surprising and at times difficult. Surprising because I was impressed to see the number of people that are supportive of the veterans that we have coming out of the military today. It has been difficult because I have been away for so long and finding my way around Houston is not as easy as I would have imagined.

Why now? Well, I just knew it was time to come out; it was time for a change in my life. Over the last ten plus years the United States has been at war. Since 2002, I have served in five different combat tours. My family and I were beginning to feel the effects of multiple combat tours. I just ended a 22 year marriage as a result of it; very heart-breaking. It was time to get out and I felt that I left nothing on the table.

The hardest adjustment to the transition for me is looking for steady employment. Veterans are good employees, but there are a lot of people reluctant to hiring them for some reason. If so, they want them to do entry level jobs that pays less than unemployment. There are jobs out there, but my advice to any service member preparing to changeover, is to have several jobs secured before they get out and conduct some of the certifications while they are on active duty. The military offer some of the certifications and they are easier to obtain while on active duty.

Throughout my life and certainly while serving in the Military, it has developed in me a love and a passion to helping others. I would love to use my experience gained to help the people within the communities of Houston and especially in the community of Harrisburg-Smith Addition. To fill my void, God has blessed me to be an Orator, speaking to all types of people, in many cities, states, and countries; still traveling to many events when called. I'm still fulfilling my calling to people. As I reach out to the youth, speaking, mentoring, counseling, helping to teach the importance of health and nutrition, teaching and performing poetry (especially to the children), and educating the community on the values of a college education with the hopes of raising our college enrollment and involvement among the youth, I gladly step into this role proudly, ordained by God. Going from a high school drop-out to a PhD student, has demonstrated that anything is possible, if we believe. I have always been on the Lord's Team. Therefore, He fulfills all things in my life to demonstrate His LOVE! The Military experience still shows me that people still need help whether on the battlefield and also in my civilian life! The comparison is relevant to all.

POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.

MY MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

MY VISION: Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

BIBLE QUIZ: Questions From God

- What questions did God ask Adam when Adam and Eve were hiding themselves from His presence?
 - Where are you?
 - Who told you that you were naked?
 - Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?
 - All of the above.
- When Cain killed Abel and God spoke to him what was the first question that God asked Cain?
 - What have you done?
 - Why have you killed your brother Abel?
 - Where is your brother Abel?
 - Did you think that you could hide your sin from Me forever?
- What have you done? Samuel asked Saul at Gilgal and Saul explained that he had gone ahead and made the sacrifices to the Lord because Samuel was late arriving for the appointment. What was Samuel's response to Saul?
 - "Thou hast done foolishly ... the LORD would have established thy kingdom in Israel for ever, but now thy kingdom shall not continue..."
 - Blessed be the Lord God of Israel who only doest wondrous things.
 - The Lord is with thee thou mighty man of valor!
 - He took a horn of oil and anointed Saul as king over all Israel because he showed such good initiative.
- Who was the prophet that said to king David, "Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes?"
 - Isaiah
 - Nathan
 - Obadiah
 - Amos
- Where was the Lord when Isaiah saw Him high and lifted up and the Lord asked him, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
 - On top of Mount Sinai.
 - In the wilderness.
 - In the temple.
 - In a cave.
- The Lord asked Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry?" What natural thing did He use to illustrate His point?
 - A mighty wind.
 - A gourd vine.
 - An earthquake.
 - He destroyed the city of Ninevah.

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"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."

MICHAEL JORDAN

"If you run you stand a chance of losing, but if you don't run you've already lost."

BARACK OBAMA

Scripture For The Month

"Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better. Yes, you must be a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with this new nature."

Eph. 4:23-24 TBL.

IT CAN HAPPEN

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

MY MISSION: Use the God-given gift for His glory!

MY VISION: Teach others to reach for those God-given gifts in them!

DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

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| Red Cross Month | March |
| Daylight Saving Time | March 11 |
| Spring Break (HISD) | March 12-16 |
| St. Patrick's Day | March 17 |
| First Day of Spring | March 20 |

- Who was Jesus speaking to when He said, "Who do you say that I am?"
 - His mother.
 - The mother of the dead child at Nain.
 - Pontius Pilate.
 - His disciples.
- To whom did Jesus say, "What do you want Me to do for you?"
 - Blind Bartimaeus
 - The mother of the sons of Zebedee.
 - The waiters at the wedding feast at Cana.
 - The woman with the issue of blood.
- To whom did Jesus say, "Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
 - Judas Iscariot.
 - Pontius Pilate.
 - A Roman centurion.
 - Simon Peter.
- Jesus addressed this man twice by his name and then asked, "...why are you persecuting Me?"
 - Luke
 - Judas Iscariot
 - King Agrippa
 - Saul
- Jesus told a parable of a rich man who planned to build himself bigger barns, and take his ease. But God said to him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee... Then what question did He ask?
 - What hast thou done with thy treasure?
 - Then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
 - Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not?
 - Were it better for you that a millstone were hanged about your neck, and you cast into the sea?

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