

On Probation With the World

*My Story
From Darkness
To Light*



President Trump has my seat *in the Whitehouse*
See the scriptures come to life on my journey
Jesus came to me in person

Pastor Tom!!!



Invitation to the Reader



The devil is building kings not servants:

At an early age, I was taken to a mountain top and offered the world just as it happened for Jesus in Matthew 4. Something inside me stirred and I turned it down. I'm sure my reasons weren't the same as they were for Jesus. People, there is a battle going on at all times but the devil parades around covering it up with riches, fame, sugar coated blessings that give us what our selfish nature desires. Because of this we all live in a fog, or better said, it's all an allusion. And what do we call this allusion? **REALITY WAKE UP!**

The Separation Station!

I call This place, **The Separation Station!** Here we live and make daily choices based on selfishness while chasing what is called The American Dream. Yes, that is exactly what it is, a dream. As you follow my journey, you will see my choices and the consequences that follow. It is our choices that will determine what direction our lives will take. Understand this! There are only 2 real choices. You can choose the devil's way and possibly become some sort of a king in your own respect only ending in death. Or you can choose God's Way that leads to life.

People, it's an easy choice, but it's all up to you. Everything you read in this book is true and if in not been for God's intervention, I would still be stuck back at the Separation Station. God tells us to seek Him, while He still may be found. So, if at any time during your reading and you don't know Jesus, stop and turn to Him quickly before moving on. Understand, it's not at all about me, or you and anyone, it's all about Jesus, (only). Amen. If I can change, **I know you can change. Just do it! Just come as you are, because we are all**

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His good servant, Pastor Tom!!!

Fear not...for I am with thee



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Chapter 1

The Beginning Of My Journey

INTRODUCTION

A VISION FROM GOD

Dedicated to Jesus

This is a true story a series of real events from my life. I often say this: If I had not been there myself, I would not believe it either. But I was there. And every word you are about to read is true.

The Bible tells us:

“In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.”
(2 Corinthians 13:1)

At the age of seventeen before I knew God or even believed in His existence I received a vision. It did not come through a dream or imagination. It came directly into my mind, with power and authority.

Scripture says:

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets.”
(Hebrews 1:1)

He said:

“I WANT YOU TO WRITE A BOOK. CALL IT *ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD*.”

I was driving at the time, with my mother sitting beside me. The impact of that vision was so powerful that I had to pull the car over. My heart was racing. I turned to my mother and said, “Mom, this is going to sound really crazy, but I just received a vision telling me to write a book. The voice told me to call it ***On Probation With The World***.”

She laughed and said,
“You’ve always been the strange one.”

The Word of God says:

“For God does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants.”
(Amos 3:7)

Not long after that, God allowed me to experience the crucifixion of Jesus . When I shared this with my mother, it deeply upset her. She said,
“That’s not possible.”

I didn't understand it myself at the time. I pushed it aside and continued living my life until years later, when God made it clear to me.

“These things you did not know, and I declared them to you.”

(Isaiah 48:6)

I was the youngest of eight children, and I want to tell you something from my heart: I truly believe I had the best mother in the world. With so many children, she ruled our household with an iron fist. Some might say she “switched the hell out of us,” but it produced honesty, discipline, and respect for authority.

The Bible says:

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

(Proverbs 22:6)

Though it was painful at times, it shaped our character. Because of her, every one of us grew up honest never lying, never stealing, always respecting others.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land.”

(Exodus 20:12)

She was an incredible woman, and I miss her every single day.

In this book, you will read about a series of events that occurred **before** I had any knowledge of God or His existence events that led me to a moment I will never forget: the moment when **Jesus came to me in person**.

Yes, you read that correctly.

Jesus came to me in person.

The Word says:

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

(John 1:14)

It was the greatest moment of my life, even though it only lasted a few seconds.

As you continue reading, you will see a transformation taking place within me. There were times when I believed *I* was in control making decisions, improving my life, moving forward by my own strength.

But Scripture warns us:

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

(Proverbs 14:12)

What I could not see at the time was that **demonic forces were at work behind the scenes**. Nearly everything I desired came to pass money, power, success. I had it all.

The Bible makes this clear:

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.”
(Ephesians 6:12)

Back then, people used to say,
“It’s the Midas Touch.”

I believed I had it. No matter what I did, success followed. I never lacked anything.

But Jesus warns us:

“What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”
(Mark 8:36)

As you read this book, you may see a little of yourself in my story. Understand this: **there are no accidents.** There is a force behind every action, every decision, and every event in our lives.

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.”
(Psalm 37:23)

A plan is always unfolding.

The only question is this:

Which plan are we part of God’s plan, or the enemy’s?

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.”
(Joshua 24:15)

May God bless you, and may you discover the **true plan** He has for your life.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope.”
(Jeremiah 29:11)

**His faithful servant,
Pastor Tom**

Chapter 2

On Probation With the World

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 1

(2/7/22)

Before we begin, you need to understand something very important: we are in a war. This is not a political war, nor a war of flesh and blood it is a spiritual war between Good and Evil.

The Bible makes this clear:

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.”
(Ephesians 6:12)

The devil is very real. Yet for far too long, we and even the church have swept him under the rug. *Out of sight, out of mind.* This must stop now.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”
(1 Peter 5:8)

As Christians, as children of God, we must assemble together. We must rise up from our pews and begin fighting back against the devil and the tactics he uses in our daily lives. God holds us accountable not only for our actions, but also for the poor choices we make.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”
(Hosea 4:6)

Over time, the devil has successfully separated us from God and from one another.

“A house divided against itself cannot stand.”
(Mark 3:25)

Wake up, and let us begin this journey back to **true reality together**. This is a journey that leads us back to God: obeying His Word and following His ways for our lives. We can do this one step at a time, helping each other along the way.

God promises us:

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”
(Matthew 18:20)

Alone, we will fail every time.

“Two are better than one... for if one falls, the other will lift up his companion.”
(*Ecclesiastes 4:9–10*)

I am praying that as you read the story of my life, you will understand that the twists and turns we experience are the result of our **daily choices**. Every choice carries consequences good or bad and none of them can be avoided.

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”
(*Galatians 6:7*)

The lessons we learn come from enduring life day by day.

“We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”
(*Acts 14:22*)

It is my hope that when you finish reading, you will make the decision to **join me in this battle** the war between Good and Evil. Please choose the right side.

“I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life.”
(*Deuteronomy 30:19*)

So I welcome you as you follow this path with me through the events of my life that took me from **living in the world to coming out of the world**.

“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.”
(*2 Corinthians 6:17*)

I pray to see you at the end at a **new beginning** with me.

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”
(*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

One more thing: do not think you are in such a bad place that God will not open His arms to you. I am living proof that **God loves us all**.

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
(*Romans 5:8*)

Come just as you are.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
(*Matthew 11:28*)

This is a true story, and I ask that you read it with an open mind, refusing to give way to doubt.

“Only believe.”
(*Mark 5:36*)

When I was seventeen years old, driving in a car with my mother, God gave me a vision. He told me that one day I would write a book about the world and about the devil in the church. He revealed that the devil would be operating within the church without people even knowing it.

“For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”
(2 Corinthians 11:14)

He told me to call the book:

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

I am asking you to join me weekly. I promise many blessings to those who do.

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”
(Luke 11:28)

God says, *only believe* and that is all I am asking. If you believe, you will see a new truth. If you reject these words, you will not believe.

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
(Matthew 11:15)

Proverbs 3:5–6

***“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”***

This tells us clearly that we cannot know the truth on our own.

So please accept this opening chapter as true and follow me as I tell my story. At times, I will share events from my personal life to help you understand what I am saying. I am confident you will see God working guiding me into the present day in which we now live.

**“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you
will complete it.”**
(Philippians 1:6)

Welcome to all.

**His good servant
Pastor Tom**

Chapter 3

Spiritual War

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION PART 2

(2/7/22)

Revelation 12:7–9

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Beloved, hear me today: **there was war in heaven.**
Not a disagreement.
Not confusion.
War.

Michael and his angels stood against the dragon, and the dragon fought back with everything he had. But he did **not** prevail. There was no longer a place for him in heaven.

This was the **first war of creation.**

Lucifer, consumed by pride, believed the lie that he could replace God.

Isaiah 14:13–14

“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven... I will be like the most High.”

His rebellion was born out of **deception** and deception has been his weapon ever since.

And now, church, **that enemy walks this earth.**

Revelation 12:12

“Woe to the inhabitants of the earth... for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”

Do not be fooled.
Do not be comfortable.
Do not fall asleep.

Romans 13:11

“It is high time to awake out of sleep.”

The devil is not resting **he is working**.
He is planning.
He is moving

And his goal has never changed.

John 10:10

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

Many of God’s people are living in chains they cannot see.

Bound not by force but by **distraction**.
Controlled not by power but by **manipulation**.

Hebrews 12:1 .

“Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us.”

Satan knows he cannot defeat God.
He learned that lesson in heaven.

So now he targets **you**.

When he was cast down to the earth, he changed his strategy.
No longer open rebellion now **subtle deception**.
No longer obvious attacks now **diversion**.

2 Corinthians 11:3 .

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted.”

His greatest strength is convincing us that

Sin is normal

Compromise is acceptable

Silence is safe

But I declare to you today **it is not okay**.

Isaiah 5:20

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.”

It is time for the church to **wake up**.
It is time for God’s people to **stand up**.
It is time to **take back** what the enemy has stolen.

Joel 3:10 .

“Let the weak say, I am strong.”

We will not be divided.

Mark 3:25 .

“And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”

We will not be distracted.

Luke 10:41–42 .

*“Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
But one thing is needful.”*

We will not be manipulated.

James 4:7 .

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

When we unite, **Heaven moves.**

Matthew 18:20 .

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Church, our **unity is our strength.**

Our **faith is our weapon.**

Our **God is our victory.**

1 John 5:4 .

“This is the victory that overcome the world, even our faith.”

So come **stand with me.**

Believe with me.

Because this war will not be won by the silent,
the distracted,
or the fearful

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.”

but by **the faithful.**

Revelation 2:10 .

“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION PART 3

(2/21/22)

Beloved, hear me today.

Something has gone terribly wrong in this world.

This is not just a bad season.
This is not just politics.
This is not just culture.

This world is off its axis.

Romans 8:22 .

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

What we are seeing is not normal. What we are living in is not God's design. And the danger is not simply that the world is broken the danger is that people have grown **comfortable** in the brokenness.

Isaiah 32:9-10 .

"Rise up, ye women that are at ease... Tremble, ye women that are at ease."

But today, God is calling **His people** to wake up.

Ephesians 5:14 .

"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

I am Pastor Tom, and I am grateful that you are here not by accident, but by **divine appointment**. Because before anything can change around us, something must change **within us**.

2 Corinthians 13:5 .

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith."

We must ask the most important question of our lives:

What is God's plan and how do we find our way back to Him?

ght with me.

Jeremiah 6:16 .

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

Beloved, the devil has been here since the beginning.

He was not created on earth **he was cast down to it**.

Revelation 12:9 .

"And the great dragon was cast out... which deceiveth the whole world."

And in his pride, he believes he is king of this world.

2 Corinthians 4:4 .

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not."

Yes, Satan once had great power power enough to stand in battle against God Himself. Let that settle in your spirit. Pride deceived him. Power blinded him. Rebellion destroyed him.

Isaiah 14:12–15 .

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer... Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell.”

But hear me clearly **he did not stop fighting**.
He changed strategies.

When he lost heaven, he turned his attention to earth.
When he lost his position, he targeted **God’s people**.

1 Peter 5:8 .

“Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

Today, the enemy does not attack with horns and fire.
He attacks with **distraction**.
He attacks with **confusion**.
He attacks with **compromise**.

2 Corinthians 11:3 .

“As the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted.”

And many people don’t even realize they are under attack.

Hosea 4:6 .

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

Look around. People are living with no understanding of what happened in heaven and no awareness of what is happening now. They call evil good and good evil. They chase comfort instead of holiness. They choose silence instead of truth.

Isaiah 5:20 .

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.”

But church **this is not accidental**.

There was a great war in heaven, and every war is about **power**. Satan’s plan has always been the same: to rule where God reigns. And when he could not rule heaven, he settled for earth.

Matthew 4:8–9 .

“All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.”

That is why life without God feels empty.

Ecclesiastes 1:14 .

“All is vanity and vexation of spirit.”

That is why unity is under attack.

Mark 3:25 .

“And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”

That is why truth is mocked.

2 Timothy 3:7 .

“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

But today, I call you to **see it**.

Matthew 13:16 .

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see.”

I don't want to lose anyone, so we will walk this slowly **together**.

Because Scripture tells us:

Matthew 18:20 .

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

And if God is here, then **restoration is possible**.

Joel 2:25 .

“And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten.”

This week, I challenge you **think about the War in Heaven**. Pray about it. Seek understanding. Open your mind and your heart.

James 1:5 .

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.”

Because when God's people stand united, **heaven responds**.

2 Chronicles 7:14 .

“If my people... shall humble themselves, and pray... then will I hear from heaven.”

When God is pleased, blessings fall.

When God is honored, chains break.

WPsalms 85:6 .

“Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?”

You will begin to move spiritually in ways you never planned.

You will see clearly.

You will stand boldly.

You will walk differently.

2 Corinthians 5:7 .

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Beloved, **this is your moment.**

Not to blend in but to stand out.

Romans 12:2 .

“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed.”

Not to be silent but to be strong.

Joshua 1:9 .

“Be strong and of a good courage.”

Not to be divided but to be united.

Ephesians 4:3 .

“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

I will pick up here next week.

Until then, know this I love you, and I am praying for you.

Numbers 6:24–26 .

“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee...”

when God’s people awaken, **revival begins.**

**His good servant
Pastor Tom**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION – PART 4

(2/28/22)

Beloved, hear me today.

Something has gone wrong in this world and it did **not** happen by accident. I stand before you not as a perfect man, but as a **willing servant**, stepping in and out of my past as the Lord leads, using my own life as an example.

1 Corinthians 4:2 .

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

I do not speak lightly. I pray weekly over these words. I wait on God before I release them. What I am telling you now is this:

We must find our way back to God.

The separation is real.

The confusion is real.

The division is real.

Isaiah 59:2 .

“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God.”

I am writing these messages ahead of time, yet I am with you in spirit as you read them. Time does not limit God, and it will not limit this message. When you agree with truth, you align with the Spirit of God.

Matthew 18:20 .

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

God exists **outside of time**. His timing is perfect, while we rush distracted and hurried. We move too fast to hear Him and too busy to feel His presence.

Psalms 46:10 .

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

Slow down.

Read with intention.

Come into one accord and you will hear from God.

THE WAR YOU CANNOT IGNORE

Let us return to the great war in heaven.

Revelation 12:7–9 .

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon... and the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan.”

The devil did not understand the power of God. He **lost** the war. He was cast down to the earth along with his followers. And still he wanted to be king.

But hear this clearly,

The devil is not at war with God.

He already lost that battle.

Now he wages war against **mankind**.

1 Peter 5:8 .

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

Mankind underestimated him.

We ignored him.

We laughed him off.

And while we slept **he planned**.

The devil realized he could never defeat God. But deceiving people? That was easy.

2 Corinthians 11:14 .

“For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

HIS WEAPON: DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION

This is his strategy.

This is his weapon.

DIVERSION to pull your attention away from God.

MANIPULATION to twist truth until lies feel normal.

1 Corinthians 14:33 .

“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.”

The devil knows the Word of God.

He also knows that many believers do not.

Without God, we lose **every time**.

Hosea 4:6 .

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

If you believe you can fight him in your own strength, you are already deceived.

Ephesians 6:12 .

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

THE CALL BACK TO GOD

Beloved, this is **not** a message of fear.
This is a message of **awakening**.

2 Chronicles 7:14 .

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven.”

I am calling you on a journey.
A journey back to truth.
A journey back to God.

Read this again.
Let your spirit receive it.
Open your mind to what is true.

John 8:32 .

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Next time, I will show you just how crafty the enemy really is and how to stand against him **in the power of God**, not your own.

Zechariah 4:6 .

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”

Until then, know this:

I love you.
God is calling you.
And **it is time to come home**.

Luke 15:20 .

“But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion.”

Diversion and Manipulation Part 5

“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.”

Ephesians 6:12

Beloved, hear me clearly today.

We have entered the **second war** not a war of nations, not a war of weapons, but a **war on humanity itself**.

Every war has a winner.
Every war has a loser.
History has never recorded otherwise.

And no war ever begins without a cause.

From the very beginning, Satan has been a strategist. The Bible tells us plainly:

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

John 10:10

From the moment he fell, the devil launched a campaign not with armies, but with **diversion**. His goal has always been the same:
to remove God from our thinking and place **himself** on the throne of this world.

Satan knew something critical:

If he could not destroy God, he would distract God’s people.

So he targeted the battlefield of the **mind**.

“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

Proverbs 23:7

Slowly generation after generation humanity was convinced of a deadly lie:

“You don’t really need God... unless you’re in trouble.”

This lie produced independence without obedience, confidence without truth, and faith without God.

And from this mindset, **manipulation was born**.

The Bible warns us:

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

Proverbs 14:12

When we trust our own understanding instead of God’s wisdom, manipulation becomes normal behavior. Sin becomes excusable. Conviction disappears. And we no longer fear the consequences of our thoughts, words, or actions.

But God is clear:

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

Galatians 6:7

For every action, there is a reaction.

Beloved, manipulation is not harmless it is a trap. And every one of us has become a target in the enemy’s plan.

Pause right now.

Let this truth sink in.

The Great War in Heaven has been erased from our thinking. Satan is no longer taken seriously. His power is ignored. His presence is denied.

And because of that, we stand today on a battlefield **unarmed and unprepared**.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

. Hosea 4:6

We are like lambs led to slaughter and no one seems alarmed.

So let us ask the question:

What is our defense?

The answer is simple.

The Word of God.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

. Psalm 119:105

The Bible is not opinion.

It is not suggestion.

It is **truth**.

But hear me clearly,

The Bible was never given to beat people it was given to save them.

Too many use Scripture as a weapon against others instead of a mirror for themselves. I call this **Scripture whipping**, and God warns us against it.

“Judge not, that ye be not judged.”

. Matthew 7:1

When we hurl verses without love, we build guilt not repentance. Correction without compassion drives people away from God.

The real problem is not lack of Scripture it is lack of **obedience** to it.

The devil knows that if we truly read God’s Word from Genesis to Revelation his lies would be exposed.

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

. John 8:32

Jesus came to destroy deception, expose darkness, and prove that God is alive and reigning.

But understand this:

The battlefield has shifted.

Today, Satan’s greatest work is not outside the church it is **inside it**.

“For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

. 2 Corinthians 11:14

As I share my testimony, I pray your eyes will open. My life has been anything but ordinary marked by moments only God could explain.

I grew up near the Ohio River Valley. As a child, I would run barefoot into the forest, deep into places no fear should allow.

One day, I sat beneath a tree, surrounded by animals deer, squirrels, creatures of the wild yet there was no fear. Only peace.

A peace beyond understanding.

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus.”

. Philippians 4:7

Looking back now, I know God was there. Just as He was with Daniel in the lions’ den.

“My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths.”

. Daniel 6:22

From that moment, I knew my life was marked for something greater though I was too young to understand it.

Beloved, this is only the beginning.

As we move forward together, stay alert, stay prayerful, and stay grounded in truth.

Next week, I will show you step by step how deception works and how easily anyone can be separated from God without even realizing it.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

. 1 Peter 5:

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 6

(3/14/22)

Welcome back, my brothers and sisters.

I don’t know about you, but it feels like the enemy has been relentless. One attack after another. One problem stacked on top of the next. But let me declare something over you right now:

The devil does not know who he is dealing with.

Because through Christ, **WE CAN DO HARD.**

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

. **Philippians 4:13**

Let me say this plainly: the devil thrives where people are distracted, emotional, and unaware. He doesn’t always come roaring like a lion. Sometimes he comes smiling like a blessing.

An Example the Devil Uses Every Day

Let me give you an example simple, clear, and dangerous.

There's a woman who lives across the road from me. We'll call her **Cindy**. Cindy is single, faithful, dependable, and deeply rooted in her church. Everyone knows her. Everyone trusts her.

Now here comes **Tony** me living on the other side of the street.

Tony notices a pattern. Every morning Cindy rushes out to her car to get to work. Same time. Same routine. And Tony walks every morning at that same time.

One morning, while it's still dark, Tony quietly lets the air out of Cindy's tire.

That is **DIVERSION**.

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

. **2 Corinthians 11:14**

Cindy comes out, just like always and now her routine is broken. Confusion. Stress. Frustration. A problem she didn't expect.

And right on time, Tony appears.

"Good morning, Cindy. How are you doing?"

She says, with a cracking voice, "My tire is flat. I've never had this happen before."

Tony responds, "I can help you. I'll drive you to work, fix your tire, and pick you up later."

Cindy says, "You are a blessing."

But listen carefully:

The one who caused the problem now looks like the solution.

That is how the devil operates.

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy..."

. **John 10:10**

To picks Cindy up later. She is grateful. Emotional. Thankful. On the way home, she talks about her church. She invites Tony to come. She even offers to bring him herself.

Tony thinks: My foot is in the door.

At church, Cindy introduces Tony to everyone. She praises him. She tells her testimony of his "kindness." And because Cindy is trusted, her words carry weight.

Within minutes, Tony is accepted. Loved. Welcomed.

But church **this entire thing was built on a lie.**

"They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak."

. **Psalms 12:2**

A lie became truth because it came from a trusted voice.

And now hear me clearly:

If a human being can use **DIVERSION** and **MANIPULATION** to deceive a whole church
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DEVIL CAN DO?

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”
. Jeremiah 17:9

The devil creates the problem (**DIVERSION**)
 Then offers the answer (**MANIPULATION**)
 Then gains access to your life, your emotions, and sometimes even your church.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”
. Hosea 4:6

LISTEN TO ME . SERIOUSLY

You must stop treating the devil like a myth, a joke, or a fairy tale.

If I can do this, **anyone can do this.**

And what I showed you today is **child’s play** compared to the devil’s schemes.

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

. Ephesians 6:11

Not every open door is from God.
 Not every helper is sent by heaven.
 Not every blessing is a blessing.

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God.”
. 1 John 4:1

My friends, we have one more message on **DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION**. Keep these words in your spirit. Watch closely. Pray constantly. Discern carefully.

Because the war is real.
 The enemy is real.
 But **God is greater.**

“Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”
. 1 John 4:4

Diversion and Manipulation Part 7

(3/21/22)

Beloved, hear me today.

From childhood, every one of us enters a season of watching, listening, and learning. Long before we understand right from wrong long before we know who God is or even if He is real.**the enemy is already at work.** The devil does not wait for permission. He does not wait for maturity. He begins early.

The Bible tells us in **Hosea 4:6**,
 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

We were learning.but we did not know what we were learning. We were watching.but we did not know who we were watching. Like sheep without a shepherd, we wandered, unaware that our steps were being influenced by forces we could not see.

There was something different about me. As the youngest in my family, I learned early what it meant to be overlooked. The youngest is often the last to be heard, the last to know, and the last to be understood. I recognized this at a very young age. around five years old. And in that moment, without realizing it, I chose independence over guidance.

I grew up on a farm, where hard work was a requirement, not a suggestion. Life was unstable. we moved often. Change became normal. During those years, I could not see God, and I could not see the devil. And that is exactly how the enemy prefers it.

2 Corinthians 4:4 says,

“The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.”

I began to believe in myself above everything else. School held no interest for me. By junior high, I had already decided: I will build my own future. I will be my own provider. I will be my own source.

But **self-reliance without God is not strength, it is deception.**

I worked after school. I earned trust quickly. Doors opened for me. Favor followed me. Success came easily. Whatever I touched seemed to prosper.

And I thought it was me.

There was a saying back then. the Midas touch. I believed I had it. I saw power in my own hands, wisdom in my own thoughts, and truth in my own actions. I rebelled against authority. I rejected correction. What I believed became truth in my own eyes.

Proverbs 14:12 warns us:

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

Looking back now, I can see it clearly: **the devil was never trying to stop me. he was guiding me.** He was not opposing my success; he was fueling it. Because if the enemy can give you success without God, he can keep you from ever needing God.

I carried a dream in my heart. to be married, to have a family, to build a future. But I did not realize I was walking a road that would keep me chasing a promise that would never be fulfilled.

This is the crossroads we all face.

Jesus said in **Matthew 7:13**,

“Broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.”

There are only two paths:

God’s path

The devil’s deception

And here is the danger. **both roads feel normal at first.**

So what does Scripture say about the enemy?

John 8:44 declares:

“He was a murderer from the beginning there is no truth in him for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

And Jesus exposes his mission in **John 10:10**:

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

The devil does not announce himself. He distracts. He diverts. He manipulates. He creates illusions.making evil look good and independence look powerful.

Even then, I had a heart of love. I cared deeply for people. That was my weakness.and the enemy knew it. When harm came against me, I could not control my anger. And anger became the doorway.

Ephesians 4:27 warns us:

“Neither give place to the devil.”

But I did.

Through emotion.

Through reaction.

Through wounded pride.

The enemy used my emotions as weapons. I began to believe that being good made me weak, that kindness kept me from advancing. And that lie pushed me toward riches, power, and control.

1 Timothy 6:9 says:

“They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare.”

That decision marked a turning point. A new arena. A deeper entanglement with the world.

let me say this plainly:

The world will never love you back.

The devil will never reward you in the end.

As we continue, you will see just how easily a soul can be swallowed by the world.and how desperately we need Jesus to pull us out.

James 4:4 reminds us:

“Friendship with the world is enmity with God.”

But hear the good news:

Jesus did not come to condemn us.He came to rescue us.

He came to open blind eyes.

He came to break manipulation.

He came to set captives free.

Bless you all I love you very much.

His good servant,

Pastor Tom

Chapter 4

My Turning Point

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 8

(3/28/22)

MY TURNING POINT – WHEN PRIDE MET GOD’S MERCY

Church, there was a time in my life when I did not know God, and I did not believe in the devil either. I believed **I was my own god**. I believed my success proved my power. I made decisions and they came to pass. Everything worked. Everything prospered. Everything moved fast.

But hear me today:

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

.Proverbs 16:18

I was blind and didn’t know it. I was walking in success, but not in truth. I had no fear of God, because I did not believe in God.

“The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’”

.Psalm 14:1

From a young age, I worked hard. I held two jobs while still in high school. Every Saturday morning, I hitchhiked **30 miles one way** just to learn shoe repair and leather work. God placed a good man in my life, a teacher who taught me a trade and discipline. He paid me \$20 a week and matched it if I saved it.

I didn’t know it then, but **God was training me**, even while I denied Him.

“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”

.Proverbs 16:9

By age 17, I had a shop rented, tools ordered, and a dream alive. I named it **East of the Waist-Land Leather and Shoe Repair Shop**. I married a beautiful woman named Linda. Business prospered immediately. Money flowed. Success followed me.

But success without God is dangerous.

“What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul?”

.Mark 8:36

The devil doesn’t always come to destroy you first.
he comes to elevate you, inflate you, and blind you.

“And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”

.2 Corinthians 11:14

My marriage was attacked from the beginning. Interference came through family. Manipulation entered my home. My wife was persuaded to have our marriage annulled, and just like that, my heart was shattered.

I was broken. but instead of turning to God, I turned to money.

“They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.”

.Hosea 8:7

The business exploded even more. I made thousands a week. I built influence. I gained powerful friends. even dangerous ones. I helped build **Slavic Village**, hosted massive festivals, and saw over **100,000 people** show up.

The President of the United States honored our work. Television appearances followed. Fame grew.

And pride grew faster.

“Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”

.1 Corinthians 10:12

I thought I was untouchable. I thought I was self-made. I thought I was in control.

But hear this church:

The devil loves atheists, because he never has to hide.

“The god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe.”

.2 Corinthians 4:4

I didn't believe in God, so I didn't believe I needed protection. I didn't know I was standing in a spiritual war.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers.”

.Ephesians 6:12

Just when things looked perfect, unseen forces were already moving. The trap was being set. The fall was being prepared.

But even then.

God had not abandoned me.

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.”

.Psalm 103:8

I will stop here today. Next time, you will see how God entered my life quietly. before I ever knew Him. while the devil launched attacks I did not recognize.

Stay with me.

What comes next will expose how the world operates in darkness, and how God rescues even those who deny His name.

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

.Romans 5:8

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 9

(4/4/22)

MY TURNING POINT!

This is the moment where I must pause the story.because before I move forward, **truth must be laid down**. What I am about to say is not opinion. It is not theory. It is **spiritual reality**.

After this, I will return to where #8 left off.

Let us go back.to the beginning.

THE FIRST COMMAND

Adam and Eve walked with God. They heard His voice. They lived in His presence. And God gave them one instruction:

Genesis 2:16–17 .

“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

God did not negotiate.

God did not explain Himself.

God **commanded**.

And that should have been enough.

When God says don't do it, obedience is not optional.

1 Samuel 15:22 .

“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.”

THE FALLEN ENEMY

After the war in heaven.when Satan sought to exalt himself above God.he was cast down along with a third of the angels.

Revelation 12:7–9 .

“And there was war in heaven... and the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.”

Losing in heaven did not end his rebellion.
It only **changed the battlefield**.

Unable to overthrow God, Satan turned his rage toward **God's creation**.

1 Peter 5:8 .

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION BEGIN

The devil came subtly **as a serpent**.

Genesis 3:1 .

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field...”

He diverted Eve from God's command and manipulated her with lies.

“You won't die.”

“God is holding something back.”

“You'll be like God.”

Genesis 3:4–5 .

“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods...”

That was **DIVERSION**.moving her focus away from God's Word.

That was **MANIPULATION**.twisting truth to create desire.

She ate.

Then she brought Adam into it.

And in that moment, mankind chose **self-rule over God's rule**.

Isaiah 53:6 .

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way...”

THE FIRST LIE

Because Eve did not immediately die, Adam believed God had lied.

That was Satan's first recorded lie.and it still echoes today.

Jesus exposed him clearly:

John 8:44 .

“He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth... for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

Every deception since Eden flows from that moment.

HIDING FROM GOD

God came, as He always did, to walk with Adam.

But Adam was gone.hiding.

Genesis 3:9–10 .

“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
And he said, I heard thy voice... and I was afraid.”

Sin always leads to **separation**.

Disobedience always produces **fear**.

THE WAR CONTINUES

Hear me carefully:

Losing the battle in heaven **did not stop Satan**.

He is still at war.right now.using **DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION** to turn God’s people away from obedience and into self-authority.

2 Corinthians 4:4 .

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...”

The lie is this:

“I don’t need God.”

“I am my own boss.”

“I decide what’s right for me.”

That lie has fueled wars, pride, rebellion, and lawlessness.

Judges 21:25 .

“Every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”

A CALL TO AWAKEN

I urge you.go back and read from the beginning. Let the Holy Spirit open your eyes. My prayer is that we come into **one mind and one accord**.

Amos 3:3 .

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

By following this journey, you will begin to recognize the **true Will of God**.

Sadly, much of the church does not see this. Deception has lasted so long that it feels normal.

2 Timothy 3:13 .

“Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”

But as we move forward, I will not only show you. I believe you will **experience** the Will of God.

Romans 12:2 .

“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

Next week, I will continue with #8.

Tell others to come. This is not my story. it is **our awakening**.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 10**(4/11/22)****MY TURNING POINT****On Probation With The World!****MY TURNING POINT AND A WARNING TO ALL WHO HAVE EARS TO HEAR.**

Things looked good on the outside. but spiritually, I was standing on dangerous ground.

I had no knowledge of God. I did not believe in Him. And hear this truth:

Where God is rejected, the devil is invited.

The Word of God says:

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” . **Hosea 4:6**

Even though I denied God, I never denied the devil. And that was no accident. The enemy doesn't need you to worship him. he only needs you to **ignore God**.

Strange things were happening in my store. Cars would pull up, and when customers tried to leave, their vehicles would not start. sometimes brand-new cars. This happened again and again. Lawless people were drawn to me like moths to a flame.

The Bible says:

“The wicked are drawn to wickedness.” . **Proverbs 4:16**

One day, while customers stood in my store, a man walked in and said, “Tom, I need help.” He told me there was a dead body in his trunk.

I laughed.

that should have terrified me.

But sin dulls the conscience.

“Having their conscience seared as with a hot iron.” . **1 Timothy 4:2**

Business was booming. I worked late nights. And in those hours, supernatural things began to happen. Objects flew off counters and across the room. I laughed it off.

But hear me:

When the devil shows himself and you laugh, he knows he has you.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion.” . **1 Peter 5:8**

One night, while a biker friend named Tiny stood talking to me, I left my body. In a moment, I was standing on a bridge overlooking San Francisco Bay. I wasn't dreaming. I wasn't asleep.

I was gone.

Moments later, I was back in my store. Tiny said, “Tom, your eyes were empty. You weren't here.”

Beloved.**that was not power. That was possession.**

“And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.” . **2 Corinthians 11:14**

At night, I would dream of flying.soaring over my neighborhood like Superman. It felt powerful. It felt exciting.

But the devil always offers **counterfeit power**.

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul?” . **Mark 8:36**

My business thrived. My influence grew. I met powerful people.even criminals with influence. I was still broken from losing my wife. And the enemy used that pain to mold me.

Then came pride.

I felt untouchable. I did whatever I wanted. Police were my friends. Fear left me.

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” . **Proverbs 16:18**

I convinced myself I was doing good. I became a vigilante. I judged others. I decided who deserved justice.

But hear the Word:

“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. . **Romans 12:19**

I carried guns. I traded weapons. Violence surrounded me. And yet I believed I was righteous.

That is the devil's greatest lie.**making darkness feel like light.**

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.” . **Isaiah 5:20**

The devil stayed close, giving me everything I wanted.easy, fast, without resistance.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.” . **John 10:10**

I didn't see it then, but now I know: **I was being groomed.**

Diverted. Manipulated. Separated from God.

And maybe, as you read this, you recognize some of yourself.

“Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” . **Hebrews 3:15**

Next, I will show you **how the devil enters quietly**, how he distracts, flatters, empowers.and then destroys.

This testimony is not to glorify sin.

It is to **expose the enemy**.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 11

MY TURNING POINT

On Probation With The World

“The Devil’s Offer, the Wilderness, and the Call of God”

Key Scripture:

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”
. Mark 8:36 .

INTRODUCTION – THE INVISIBLE WAR

Beloved, hear me today:

You do not wake up one morning and fall into deception.

You are **slowly carried there**.by diversion, manipulation, and counterfeit blessing.

“For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

. 2 Corinthians 11:14 .

This is not a story about success.

This is a story about **almost losing my soul**.

THE BLESSING THAT WAS NOT FROM GOD

I knew something was happening in my life, but I could not understand it.

I wanted to do good.genuinely good. I helped people without asking for anything in return. And because of that, everything I touched prospered.

Money came easily.

Influence came quickly.

Honor came publicly.

I was elevated in my city. I was admired. People came to me for answers.

I felt powerful.

But church, **not every open door is opened by God**.

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

. Proverbs 14:12 .

I was being blessed.but not by heaven.

SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH OPEN EYES

As I watched the world, something disturbed my spirit. What they called progress looked like destruction. Laws were being passed that slowly enslaved the people. Small businesses were being crushed. Fear was becoming the governing force.

And the people said nothing.

“They have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not.”

. Jeremiah 5:21 .

I saw people becoming sheep.silent, compliant, afraid.

Fear made obedience easier than truth.

That question haunted me:

Why am I here?

THE RAGE THAT ALMOST DESTROYED ME

Then came the betrayal.

A lawyer.hungry for power.destroyed my name publicly. Lies were printed. I was accused of crimes I never committed. My reputation was butchered in front of the world.

“They reward evil for good, to the spoiling of my soul.”

. Psalm 35:12 .

Something broke inside me.

I was angry enough to kill.

Let me tell you something real today:

Uncontrolled anger is an open door for Satan.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

. 1 Peter 5:8 .

I was moments away from destruction.

WALKING AWAY FROM THE WORLD

In one instant, I walked away from everything.

Money.

Property.

Power.

Influence.

I left Cleveland with \$500 and the clothes on my back.

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

. Luke 9:62 .

I didn't know I was obeying God.but heaven knew.

THE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

My first night out, I walked all night in pouring rain.
Rejected. Alone. Unknown.

Church, **God always uses the wilderness to strip us.**

“And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.”

. Luke 4:1 .

I slept under overpasses.
I lived in the desert.
I survived on peanut butter and water.

But I was being prepared.

“ARE YOU AN ANGEL?”

People opened their hearts to me everywhere I went.
One man drove eighty miles past his exit just to talk. He looked at me and asked,
“Are you an angel?”

No. I was just a man God had not yet revealed Himself to.

“He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.”

. Psalm 91:11 .

I didn't understand it yet. but God was already using me.

THE DEVIL'S OFFER

Beloved, hear this clearly.

I was offered the presidency of the United States through criminal power.
The world was laid before me.

And now I understand what was happening.

“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world.”

. Matthew 4:8 .

Satan offered Jesus the world.

Satan offered me the world.

And by the grace of God, I walked away.

THE REVELATION

I didn't know I was in a war.but I was.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers.”
. Ephesians 6:12 .

The devil had been grooming me.
God was now reclaiming me.

This was my turning point.

CLOSING CALL – WAKE UP

I ask you today:

What has the world offered you?

What are you holding that is holding you back?

Are you walking in blessing.or deception?

“Choose you this day whom ye will serve.”
. Joshua 24:15 .

Next week, I will continue with what happened in Rangely, Colorado.where the battle between good and evil became undeniable.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 12

(4/25/22)

MY TURNING POINT

Part 1 The Park

On Probation With The World!

God was calling me to do good.and I could not escape it.

There comes a moment in every life when God strips everything away.not to destroy you, but to reveal Himself.

I was living in a hole in the ground, out in the desert. No money. No home. No safety net. Nothing but the clothes on my back, a little water, and a jar of peanut butter almost gone. By the world's standards, I had nothing.

But by heaven's standards, **I had everything God needed to work with.**

“God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.”

(1 Corinthians 1:27)

I didn't plan this journey. I didn't choose this path.

This course was set by God Himself.

As I sat there, thinking in that hole, Scripture came alive in me. though I didn't yet understand why. Jesus once sent His disciples out with nothing, and He told them:

“Take nothing for your journey... neither bread, neither money.”

(Luke 9:3)

Beloved. listen closely.

When God is your source, lack becomes irrelevant.

Sunday – Day 1: The Arrival

God brought me to **Rangely, Colorado**. a small town that looked lifeless, quiet, forgotten. But don't be deceived: **God specializes in forgotten places.**

I ended up at an abandoned weigh station with a small park behind it. That park became my home. I locked my bag in a small storage shed and began walking through town.

That's when God sent provision with a name: **Vince.**

A man I had never met welcomed me without question. He fed me. He brought me into fellowship. He showed me kindness.

“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

(Hebrews 13:2)

You see, when you walk in obedience, **God will use people you don't know to bless you in ways you don't expect.**

Monday – Day 2: Faith Moves Feet

The next morning, I rose early and headed toward the IBP plant. 15 miles away. I had no car. No ride. No promise.

But I had faith.

Within minutes, Vietnamese workers picked me up. Not once. but again and again. God made strangers my chauffeurs.

“And the Lord shall guide thee continually.”

(Isaiah 58:11)

At the plant, I filled out an application. Business owner. Experience. Faith.

When the interviewer asked where I lived and how I would get to work, I answered boldly:

“I got here today, didn’t I?”

Beloved this matters:

Faith doesn’t explain. Faith declares.

She gave me the job.

“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”

(Luke 1:37)

Tuesday to Thursday: God Establishes the Ground

Orientation passed quickly. Hundreds of Vietnamese workers surrounded me. They knew my name. They knew my situation. They laughed. but they respected me.

Why?

Because **when God is with you, people recognize authority even when you appear to have nothing.**

“The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.”

(Proverbs 10:22)

Friday – Day 6: Crazy Faith

I was assigned to the rib line. cutting meat. Honest work. Hard work. Humble work.

Then the Spirit stirred me.

I went back to the office and asked for another application. to apply for **plant foreman.**

After five days.

The clerk laughed and called me crazy.

But .

Faith always sounds crazy to people who live by sight.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

I wrote it plainly:

Within six months, I can increase production by 20%.

Why could I say that?

Because when God positions you, **He also qualifies you.**

“Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it.”

(Philippians 1:6)

That night, my Vietnamese friends drove me back home.to the park.

Not a house.

Not an apartment.

A park.

Yet I slept in peace.

“And thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.”

(Proverbs 3:24)

Final Word (Sermon Close)

Beloved, hear me:

When you have **no money**, God becomes your provider.

When you have **no home**, God becomes your shelter

When you have **no plan**, God reveals His purpose.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

(Proverbs 3:5)

This was only the beginning.

Join me next time for **Part 2 – The Park.**

MY TURNING POINT – PART 2: THE PARK

(4/24/22)

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 13

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

“WHEN GOD CALLS YOU TO DO GOOD”

This was **day six.**

Six days since the world had written me off.

Six days since I had nothing but the clothes on my back.

Six days since I had stepped into a place the world called nothing.but God called ground zero for a miracle.

I had just come back to the park from work, and when I arrived, I noticed something had changed. The park was filling up. People were gathering. Families. Children. The broken. The hungry.

when God moves, He gathers.

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.”

(John 12:32)

Vince was there waiting for me. God had already assigned help before I even knew I needed it. A friend. A driver. A witness.

That day I had a paycheck. just over **\$500**. And let me tell you something right now:

When God puts money in your hand, He is testing your heart.

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

(Matthew 6:21, .)

THE BANK: FAITH WITH NO ADDRESS

We went to the bank. I needed an account. I needed stability. I needed to take my next step. even if the ground beneath me didn't look solid yet.

The manager asked, “Where do you live?”

I said, “The Park. West 50th Street.”

She laughed. “We need a real address.”

And that's when God taught me something:

Faith doesn't wait for permission. Faith speaks truth where truth hasn't been accepted yet.

I said, “I work at IBP. I just got paid. I am staying here. Put ‘The Park’ down for now. I will own a home soon, and when I do, I'll come back.”

She smiled and said yes.

Church, hear me:

God will give you favor in places you don't qualify for. if you walk in truth.

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

(Luke 2:52, .)

THE POST OFFICE: STANDING ON GOD'S PREVIOUS MIRACLE

Next stop. the Post Office.

Same question. Same answer.

“No,” she said. “We're Federal. We can't accept that.”

But God reminded me.**don't forget what I already did for you.**

I pulled out my bank paperwork and said,
“They’re Federal too.and they accepted it.”

She paused. Looked again. Then said yes.

Listen closely:

Every victory God gives you becomes your evidence for the next door.

“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.”

(Revelation 12:11, .)

That day, a man living in a park became an official resident of the town.

THE CALL TO FEED THE HUNGRY

As we drove away, the Spirit spoke plainly:

“Feed My people.”

I told Vince to stop at the store. There were children in that park. Families with nothing. And I knew.**this money was seed, not security.**

I spent nearly **\$200 on food.**

That may not sound like much now, but back then.it was everything.

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over.”

(Luke 6:38, .)

We cooked together. We ate together. Over **20 people** shared a meal that night.

Church.**revival doesn't always start in a building. Sometimes it starts at a grill in a park.**

“Pure religion and undefiled before God... is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.”

(James 1:27, .)

PROVISION MULTIPLIED

Saturday came. We still had food. I said, “If you’re hungry.come eat.”

Word spread fast.

More people came. Social Services came. Then the newspaper came.

Someone hung a sign that read:
“Tom’s Place.”

The next morning, it was front-page news.

Let me tell you something:

When you stop trying to build your name, God will put His spotlight on obedience.

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”
(1 Peter 5:6, .)

SUNDAY: OVERFLOW

Sunday afternoon, cars lined up. Trunks full of food. Boxes everywhere.

I stood there in awe.

The radio station showed up. Interviews followed. A live broadcast was scheduled.

What began as obedience became **overflow**.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”
(Psalm 23:1, .)

MONDAY: GOD’S FAVOR MADE VISIBLE

Monday morning, I went back to work.

I sat outside like always.

And for over **30 minutes**, all I heard was:

“Hi Tom!”

“Hi Tom!”

“Hi Tom!”

Favor had a sound.

“When a man’s ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.”
(Proverbs 16:7, .)

I walked in, not knowing what was next, but knowing **God was in control**.

And that’s where I’ll stop.

TO BE CONTINUED...

The Park – Part 3

My Turning Point (Part 3: The Park)

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 14

(4/27/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

GOD WAS CALLING BUT I COULDN'T HEAR HIM YET

As I speak these words now, with revelation and truth, I can clearly see what I could not see then: **the devil was working overtime in my life through diversion and manipulation.** This was not random. This was strategy.

The devil has only ever had one plan. to distract you long enough to control you.

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.” . **John 10:10**

He gives pleasure so you forget purpose. He gives comfort so you avoid conviction. He gives power so you never kneel.

“For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.” . **2 Corinthians 11:14**

Diversion opens the door. Manipulation tightens the grip. Control is the destination.

And I was walking straight into it.

THE PARK A FALSE KINGDOM

Here we are again at **The Park (Part 3).**

I was sitting outside the plant, waiting to go in to work, completely unaware that I was standing in the middle of a spiritual battlefield. In just **one week**, everything had changed. so fast it should have terrified me, but instead it intoxicated me.

I had gone to the library to learn Vietnamese greetings. I boldly requested a Plant Head position. The Post Office and the bank accepted **The Park, West 50th**, as my legal residence. I now had money in the bank, a personal driver and **eleven men guarding my place** while I worked.

All of this. **in one week.**

That should have made me fall to my knees.

Instead, it made me feel like a king.

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” . **Proverbs 16:18**

What I didn't know then was this: **quick blessings without roots often aren't blessings at all.**

“When they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them.” . **1 Thessalonians 5:3**

INSIDE THE PLANT AUTHORITY WITHOUT POSITION

This plant never shut down. Over **3,000 cattle a day** moved through it. Yellow hats were foremen. Orange hats were government security. Order was everything.

Yet somehow, I walked freely.

My foreman handed me three buckets and showed me how to trim fat from ribs. Fifteen minutes later, my work was done.

Paid... to stand.

Idle hands are dangerous.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion.” . **1 Peter 5:8**

I began walking the plant, helping on every line, speaking to everyone. Hundreds of Vietnamese workers were there. They already knew about me and the park.

When I spoke to them in their own language, they were shocked. Respect turned into loyalty instantly.

Just like that. I had influence.

Influence without accountability is a trap.

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” . **Proverbs 18:24**

I thought I had an army.

I didn't realize I was being surrounded.

THE PARK BECOMES AN ALTAR WITHOUT GOD

When I left work, cars lined up waiting to drive me home. At the park, crowds gathered. Travelers stopped. Families ate. Grills burned day and night. No one went hungry.

And here is the truth that humbles me even now:

I was doing God's work . without knowing God.

“Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not done many works in Your name?’” . **Matthew 7:22**

Helping people made me feel good. Spending money made me feel powerful. But **feeling good is not the same as being right.**

The town hated it. Politicians watched. Police circled hourly. But they couldn't touch me.

Legally, the park was mine.

Spiritually, it was becoming a throne.

“What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” . **Mark 8:36**

THE WARNING SIGNS

Then the warnings began.

A massive man stood silently inches from me at work. No words. No eye contact. Just presence.

Later, I was assigned to a job meant for men twice my size. cutting heavy halves of cattle from a moving line. When I couldn't do it, I screamed for the line to stop, clinging to the carcass, covered in blood.

The whole plant heard me.

That scream was not just physical.

It was spiritual.

“Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty.” . **Proverbs 18:12**

I was being shown something.

I just didn't understand it yet.

THE BLINDNESS OF SUCCESS

Days passed.eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen.each one smoother than the last. Fifteen minutes of work. Freedom everywhere. Attention growing. Media interviews. Payday.

Money came easy.

Too easy.

“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.” . **Proverbs 10:22**

There was sorrow coming.

I just couldn't see it yet.

A PAUSE BEFORE THE FALL

By day sixteen, Saturday morning arrived.

And this is where I must stop.

Because what follows is not glory . **it is confrontation.**

God was about to remove the veil.

“For whom the Lord loves He corrects.” . **Hebrews 12:6**

To be continued...

MY TURNING POINT (Part 4: The Park)

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 15

(5/1/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

WHEN GOD CALLED ME TO DO GOOD, HELL RESPONDED

As I speak these words now with understanding, revelation, and truth, I see clearly what was hidden from me then. I had become a problem.not because I was doing wrong, but because I was doing **good**. I was feeding the hungry. I was helping the broken. I was living where others had been forgotten.

And that made me a target.

The goal was not discipline.

The goal was not correction.

The goal was **removal**.

Remove me from the park.

Remove me from my job.

Stop the feeding.

Silence the witness.

And if necessary.**end my life.**

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

(2 Timothy 3:12, .)

This is how the devil operates.not always with horns and fire, but through **systems, authority, fear, neglect, and silence.**

“The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.”

(Psalm 37:12, .)

THE VISION BEFORE THE IMPACT

It was **Day 16**, early Saturday morning. The sun was already hot. I borrowed a bicycle and rode through the quiet back streets. No traffic. No noise.

Peace.just before the storm.

Then it happened: **a vision.**

In my mind, I saw a truck coming straight at me. I reacted before reason had time to think. I turned sharply to the right to escape what I saw.

But what I saw came to pass.

I was struck. Thrown. Broken.

“Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.”

(Psalm 91:3, .)

I lay on the burning asphalt. Shock held me still. Pain waited its turn.

An elderly woman pulled up beside me and looked.not with concern, not with urgency.but as if she were checking whether I was still alive. No words. No mercy. Then she drove away.

But God sent **one man.**

He placed his wallet under my hand so it would not burn on the road.

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.”

(Isaiah 59:19, .)

THE AMBULANCE WITHOUT URGENCY

They came. They knew my name.

Both bones in my leg were exposed. I was bleeding. I was in agony.

They snapped my leg back into place.

Then they drove.slowly.

No siren.

No urgency.

No mercy.

They took the long way. Every bump sent pain screaming through my body.

I did not understand then.but my spirit recorded it.

“They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.”

(Amos 5:10, .)

THE HOSPITAL . A PLACE OF HEALING TURNED INTO A PLACE OF FEAR

Day One: Alone

Day Two: Neglect.

Day Three: Pressure to leave.

A cast heavier than my body felt. Pain untreated. Calls unanswered. Dignity stripped.

When pain overwhelmed me and rage broke loose, I saw something terrifying.**how close the enemy came to destroying me through anger.**

“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.”

(Ephesians 4:26, .)

I was sedated.not healed, just silenced.

THE EYES OPENED

On Day Three, the doctor said something that shook me awake:

“We need the bed.”

I had been there only days.

Another patient.there for months.confirmed what my spirit already knew.

This was not medical.

This was not normal.

This was **intentional**.

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

(John 10:10, .)

The accident.

The police clearing the park.

The neglect.

The forced discharge.

One plan. One enemy. One agenda.

GOD MAKES A WAY OF ESCAPE

I moved fast. Flights booked. Exit planned.

No help. No medication. Just orders to leave.

But God used a faithful friend.

Vince wheeled me out when no one else would. He got me to the airport. He stood with me when the system would not.

“For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

(Psalm 1:6, .)

I flew until I reached Ohio. Family. Safety. Life.

“He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock.”

(Psalm 40:2, .)

Hear this clearly: When you step into God’s calling, resistance will come.

When you serve the forgotten, systems will rise against you.

When God preserves your life, it is because **your testimony is not finished.**

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper.”

(Isaiah 54:17, .)

I lived.

I escaped.

And I will testify.

The Park was only the beginning.

Next: **The Day of the Doctor** . where God reveals even more.

My Turning Point (Waking Up)

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 16

(5/2/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

WAKING UP

It became undeniably clear to me that I had escaped The Park with my life still intact. I didn’t just survive. I was **preserved**. I could feel it deep inside my spirit. I could not yet explain it, but I knew without doubt that something greater than chance had intervened.

“The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.”

. Psalm 121:7

Something had shifted. My eyes were opening. My mind was awakening. I was beginning to **know things**. not by education, not by logic, but by revelation. I didn’t yet know the source, but the knowing was real.

For the first time in my life, I became aware that there are **forces unseen** moving all around us, influencing our thoughts, our paths, and our decisions. Good and evil are not ideas. they are active powers at work every day.

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

. Ephesians 6:12

Yet even in this awakening, I was still learning discernment. I could not always tell which spirit was operating. Confusion lingered. I was discovering a hard truth: **not everything that appears good is sent by God**, and not everything that looks evil is without purpose.

“Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

. 2 Corinthians 11:14

This realization humbled me. It forced me to slow down. My only way forward was to **watch the fruit**. to follow actions to their consequences and judge by the end results.

“Ye shall know them by their fruits.”

. Matthew 7:16

So I made a decision: I would take **one day at a time**, watching my choices carefully, praying though I barely knew how that my steps would lead toward good and not evil.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

. Psalm 119:105

As my awareness grew, I began to notice something else something troubling in the world around me. There was a visible and deliberate attack on the **family unit**, the very foundation I was raised to cherish. I didn't yet have the words for it, but my spirit recognized it.

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

. Psalm 11:3

I knew then that I would have to guard my heart and my household as I continued this journey.

“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”

. 1 Corinthians 16:13

Now let me return to the story God was unfolding.

Monday morning came, and we went to the doctor a specialist in compound fractures and bone damage. I was placed in a patient room to wait. About fifteen minutes passed, and then the doctor walked in. She sat down, looked at me once, and immediately said:

“WHO DID THIS TO YOU?”

Even with the cast awkwardly positioned, I couldn't help but laugh. I joked, “Doc, would you say that in court?”

She apologized and explained that insurance restrictions prevented her from answering. I told her I understood.

Then she spoke with authority:

“Mr. Miller, we need to get you into surgery as soon as possible. We are going to have to re-break your leg and set it correctly.”

I didn't hesitate. If breaking it again would heal it right, then break it.

“Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.”

. Job 13:15

This was **Day 25** after The Park event. Surgery was scheduled for **Day 27**, Wednesday morning.

When I woke up, everything had changed. A new cast. A new alignment. A stabilizing device placed to help the bones mend properly. What was broken was now being **repositioned for healing**.

And that's when God showed me something deeper.

Just as my leg had to be broken again to heal correctly, **my life had to be interrupted, humbled, and reset** for God's purpose to be fulfilled.

“Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.”

. Psalm 119:67

From that moment forward, I would spend nearly **ten months confined to a bed** at my mother's house. What felt like delay was actually **preparation**.

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

. Psalm 46:10

God was not only healing my bones.He was healing my soul.

“He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.”

. Psalm 147:3

I didn't yet understand it fully, but I was no longer asleep.

I was **waking up**.

I will continue here next time.speaking on healing, waiting, and obedience.

(Waiting for healing... but trusting the Healer)

**His good servant,
pastor tom**

Chapter 5

MY LIFE HAS BECOME EVENTS

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 17

(5/5/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.” . **Psalm 37:23**

My leg was broken.again. Not by accident, not by chance, but by necessity. What man called damage control, God called **divine interruption**. I was placed into a new cast, fitted not for comfort, but for correction. The injury from Garden City, Kansas demanded a deeper repair.

And so did my soul.

I was placed in the back bedroom, laid flat, unable to move forward.forced to stop. The doctor said one week. God said **eleven months**.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.” . **Isaiah 55:8**

Eleven months in a bed.

Eleven months of enforced stillness.

Eleven months where God stripped away motion so He could restore vision.

My mother.sent by God.cared for me with patience and love. While my body was bound, my mind was being awakened. I filled my days with books, knowledge, and learning.even sign language.but God was teaching me a different language: **the language of surrender**.

“When I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept Thy word.” . **Psalm 119:67**

Without warning, without preaching, without pressure, **God entered my thoughts**. I wasn't searching for Him.He was calling me.

“No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him.” . **John 6:44**

Then came my cousin, Mary Jane.a woman facing death. Cancer in her body, fear in her heart. Doctors demanded action. She came not to a pastor, not to a church.but to a broken man in a bed.

Because God speaks through vessels the world overlooks.

She asked, “Tom, what should I do?”

And out of my spirit.not my mind.came truth:

“Trust God. Do nothing. Place your life in His hands.”

“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.” . **Psalm 37:5**

Peace fell on her instantly. The burden lifted. Heaven spoke. Doctors said six months. God said **rest in Me**.

I told her, “Spend time with your family. Treasure every moment.”

“Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” . **Psalm 90:12**

I lay there afterward staring at ceiling tiles.counting them, waiting, enduring. What felt like endless delay was actually **divine alignment**.

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.” . **Isaiah 40:31**

Eventually, I reached my breaking point. Four months in, I said, “I can’t stay here.” And God placed a new vision in my heart.a van, a journey, movement. Though bound in a cast, I moved in faith.

I traveled to Cleveland, bought a van, and turned it into a dwelling. Crawling in and out with a broken leg, I built freedom with my own hands.

“Faith without works is dead.” . **James 2:17**

When the cast finally came off, my leg was never the same. Permanent damage. Pain with every step. But I was alive.

“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.” . **Job 13:15**

Then God turned my heart toward my mother.a woman who had never gone anywhere, never driven, never lived for herself. I asked her to come with me.

Her tears testified louder than words.

“Honour thy father and thy mother.” . **Exodus 20:12**

We traveled together.seeing sights she never imagined. Time restored. Love returned. Purpose fulfilled.

When we came back, she said, “That was the best time of my life.”

And my heart knew.I had obeyed God.

“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.” . **John 13:17**

After that, the season ended. Another **Event** began. I headed toward Florida.still wandering, still searching, but now aware that my life was no longer random.

It was being **written**.

“Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it.” . **Philippians 1:6**

I didn't yet know the destination.but I knew the Author.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” . **Revelation 22:13**

CLOSING EXHORTATION

Sometimes God will break what is moving
to heal what is eternal.
Sometimes He will stop your walk
to teach you how to stand.

If your life feels like a series of interruptions.
they may be **Events**, ordered by Heaven.

“All things work together for good to them that love God.” . **Romans 8:28**

Amen.

I'M STILL SEARCHING / WONDERING

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 18

(5/11/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

I headed toward South Florida with **five hundred dollars in my pocket** and nothing solid beneath my feet except pride and impulse. My van was fully equipped.I could live anywhere.but my soul had no resting place. I was moving, but I wasn't going anywhere.

“**We all, like sheep, have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way.**” .
Isaiah 53:6

It had been a long time since I had been around people, real people, and I felt that loneliness deep inside. Instead of seeking wisdom, I sought distraction. Instead of seeking God, I followed desire.

Late one night, still young and foolish, I stopped at a topless bar. What followed was not love, not connection.only another reminder that the flesh always takes more than it gives.

By morning, my pockets were empty.

Everything was gone.

All that remained was a **postcard of Miami Beach**.a picture of beauty, promise, and escape. And I chased that image like it meant something.

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” . Mark 8:36

I made it to the beach. I laid there, thinking, planning, wondering what my next move would be. The sun was warm. The air felt good. On the outside, everything seemed peaceful. But inside, something was wrong.

I didn't belong there.

That's when confusion and discomfort set in. I didn't understand what I was seeing. I wasn't educated. I wasn't prepared. All I knew was that my spirit felt unsettled.

“God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.” . 1 Corinthians 14:33

I decided to leave.

But before I could even open my van door, **eleven police cars surrounded me**, guns drawn. Commands shouted. Hands in the air.

It felt unreal.almost laughable.yet deadly serious. I laughed, but heaven was silent.

“Be sure your sin will find you out.” . Numbers 32:23

I didn't realize it yet, but my past had followed me. The reputation I built without God had gone ahead of me. To them, I wasn't a man.I was a threat.

They searched my van. Found nothing.

“Welcome to Florida,” they said. “Now go home.”

When they left, I discovered the last of my money was gone.

Once again, I was stripped.

“The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” . Job 1:21
(But at the time, I wasn't blessing Him.)

I sought help where I could.traveler's aid, churches. God still provided even when I didn't acknowledge Him. A hotel night. Breakfast. Gas money.

“Yet He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good.” . Matthew 5:45

Then I came upon a shoe store.

That's when my hands found work before my heart found truth.

I walked in and asked for work. Hours later, I had proven myself. Every repair done. Every task completed. The owner was amazed.

He told me how betrayal had broken his trust. Family had stolen from him. He couldn't trust anyone.

And I told him, boldly, **"You can trust me."**

"The heart is deceitful above all things." . Jeremiah 17:9

He hired me. Gave me a place to live. Gave me the store. Gave me success overnight.

And I thought, See? Everything just works out for me.

That old lie returned. the belief that I was untouchable. That favor meant approval. That opportunity meant blessing.

But not all doors opened are opened by God.

"For Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." . 2 Corinthians 11:14

Once again, prosperity fed my pride. Comfort silenced conviction. Pleasure distracted purpose.

I was still searching.

Still wondering.

Still confusing **God's mercy** with **God's permission**.

"Do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" . Romans 2:4

God was protecting me.

God was providing.

God was waiting.

But I was not listening.

And the longer a man ignores God's voice, the louder the consequences must become.

"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." . Hebrews 3:15

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 19

(5/22/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." . 1 Peter 5:8

The devil was at work in my life again. quietly, strategically, patiently. But at that time, I could not see it. I was stepping into yet another season of false confidence, another moment where I believed I could do anything I set my mind to.

I still did not believe in God.

And because I did not believe, I did not guard my heart.

Once again, I took advantage of whatever was placed in front of me. money, opportunity, pleasure. never questioning the source.

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” . Proverbs 14:12

So I went to the beach, leaving Arie’s home behind, yet carrying with me another temptation disguised as a blessing: marriage into a wealthy family, power, status, and more money than I had ever imagined. laid at my feet as if it were a reward.

Back at the store, business was thriving. Money flowed. Influence returned. Power whispered my name again.

And I listened.

I had friends now. Frank, a truck driver, and Eddie. We filled our nights with clubs, music, alcohol, dancing, and women. The world told me I was winning. I was admired. Desired. Envied.

I was content.

And contentment without God is the most dangerous place a man can be.

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.” . Amos 6:1

Months passed. I never thought again about the business I had surrendered. Pleasure had silenced wisdom. Comfort had numbed conviction. I mistook peace for safety.

That is how the trap works.

I remember one night clearly. We were sitting in a club, drinking beer. Frank and Eddie wanted to meet women but were too afraid. Pride rose up in me, and I said, “I can get any girl in here if I want to.”

They laughed. “Bet you a beer you can’t.”

They pointed to the most beautiful woman in the room.

I looked at her. and I knew.

I stood up, walked over, and asked to sit beside her. She made room. I looked into her eyes and asked her to dance. She smiled and said yes.

In minutes, I had her attention. In minutes, I had her number.

Pride was fed.

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” . Proverbs 16:18

Her name was **Lola**.

I called her the next day from my shop. We went out. We talked for hours. Something about her pulled me in. I couldn't explain it. It wasn't love. It was deeper, darker, stronger. Almost magnetic.

I felt drawn to her. Not to be fulfilled, but to rescue.

And that is another deception.

“Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.” . James 1:14

Weeks passed quickly. She told me little about her past. Only that her ex-husband would not leave her alone. I wasn't afraid. Fear had no voice in me then. Wisdom did.

I surrendered my business, moved in with her, and within weeks, we were married.

Too fast.

Too easy.

Too unquestioned.

Her mother lived with us. She had children from previous relationships. And though I could not see it then, the house was already filled with unseen forces.

“The enemy comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy.” . John 10:10

I soon learned the truth about her ex-husband, Mr. Stokes. He was an evil man. Obsessed, controlling, destructive. Though he had another woman, he made it his mission to terrorize our home. Late-night drive-bys. Watching our house. Invading our peace.

Worst of all. He abused his own daughter.

Many times, little Marie would cry and ask me, “Why is my daddy so mean to me?”

And something inside me began to break.

The house filled with sorrow, fear, and confusion.

Then the truth about Lola's mother surfaced. Her words were poison. Constant accusations, emotional abuse, tearing her daughter down day after day. Lola fell into depression. Darkness settled over the home.

It was no longer a house. It was a battlefield.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness.” . Ephesians 6:12

My anger returned.

That familiar rage.

That place I had sworn never to return to.

I began to think about killing Mr. Stokes.

I planned it.

I imagined meeting him secretly, knowing he would bring a gun. My plan was simple. I would end it quickly with a knife.

For three months, I trained in my backyard, throwing a knife at a target from fifty feet away, again and again, until I could hit the bullseye every time.

I was preparing to become a murderer.

“Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.” . 1 John 3:15

Then came the call.

My father was dying in a hospital in Ohio.

Time was short.

We left immediately.

I did not know it then, but that journey north would echo later in my life. when God would finally reveal what had truly been happening all along.

I will stop here.

But remember this:

What looks like blessing can be bait.

What feels like love can be a trap.

And contentment without God is not peace. it is deception.

“If the Lord had not been on my side... then the waters would have engulfed us.” . Psalm 124:1–4

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION 20

(5/21/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

MY FATHER’S DEATH . PART 1

“For we are not ignorant of Satan’s devices.” . 2 Corinthians 2:11

When I received the call that my father might not make it through the night, it felt as though another stone had been added to the mountain already crushing my soul. I was already overwhelmed, already under attack.yet this news struck at the core of my heart.

Still, we left immediately. Lola and I drove straight through to Ohio.eleven long hours.to the hospital where my father was dying.

Family members were already there. I was told my father had been asking for me. When the room finally emptied, I went in alone.

I took his hand.

And something happened.

I cannot explain it in human terms, but I felt **life**.something like power, like energy.flowing through me and into him. Seconds later, my father opened his eyes. He woke up. He sat up.

Moments before, the doctors had said he would not survive the night. They were certain. Yet suddenly, before their very eyes, everything changed.

They examined him again and said they did not understand what had happened. There was no medical explanation. They simply said, "He's fine. He can go home."

"With God all things are possible." . Matthew 19:26

We took him home.

The next morning, the man who was supposed to be dead was sitting upright, eating a full breakfast, strong and alert. What was meant to be a funeral turned into amazement. My brothers and sisters had come expecting death.but instead, they witnessed life.

"I am the Lord who heals you." . Exodus 15:26

Yet even in the midst of this miracle, something was wrong.

Almost immediately, Lola began asking when we could leave.when we could go back home. I couldn't understand it. We had just arrived. My father had just been spared from death.

Her urgency disturbed me.

Later that day, my brothers and I stepped out briefly.to play pool, have a drink, and catch up. We were gone less than two hours when the call came.

"Come home. Dad has died."

I was stunned.

He had been alive. Awake. Eating. Strong.

When we returned, my mother sat alone in her chair. Lola was there as well. I was told that Lola had gone in to feed my father and give him his medication. and within thirty minutes, he was dead.

She never told me when it happened.

Instead, she asked again how soon we could leave.

A few days later, we buried my father. Cancer. Natural causes. No one questioned anything. We said our goodbyes and returned home. Lola still in a hurry, still pushing forward while I was frozen in grief.

But the darkness did not stop there.

Back home, the problems with Richard Stokes. Marie's father. continued. I had learned he was sexually abusing his own daughter. I kept silent. He was respected. A pillar in his church. No one would have believed the truth.

Lola was terrified of him. She told me he had killed his previous wife, though it was ruled a suicide. Then more stories surfaced. violence, bloodshed, madness surrounding her family.

I began to realize I had married into **generational darkness**.

"The curse causeless shall not come." . Proverbs 26:2

The house became a battlefield. lies, manipulation, emotional cruelty. I was trying to run businesses, build a life, hold everything together. but inside, I was collapsing.

Then the voice came.

"You are no good."

"No one cares."

"End it, and the pain will stop."

It was not my voice.

It was persistent. Accusing. Convincing.

"The accuser of our brethren... accuses them before our God day and night." . Revelation 12:10

I believed the lie.

I made a decision I should not have survived.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." . Proverbs 14:12

The next thing I remember. I woke up in jail.

Surrounded by strangers. Disoriented. Broken.

When I asked why I was there, the answer shattered what remained of me: accusations so evil, so incomprehensible, I could not process them.

I knew nothing.

I understood nothing.

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me.” . Psalm 23:4

I will stop here.

Next, I will tell what it was like to wake up in a jail cell. accused, abandoned, and standing at the edge of complete destruction yet still unknowingly held by the hand of God.

**His good servant
pastor tom**

Chapter 6

Encounter with Jesus

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 21

(6/5/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

MY FATHER'S DEATH (PART 2)

THE VISION IN MY CELL

I had just learned the charges against me and was sent back to my cell. I was walking, but I wasn't present. My body moved, but my mind was somewhere else. foggy, numb, detached. The sleeping pills, the shock, the grief over my father, and the weight of what I was facing all collided at once.

I had never heard of charges like this before. I was a businessman. sharp in one world, ignorant in another. And suddenly, I found myself locked inside a system I did not understand.

There was no bail.

That meant I wasn't leaving anytime soon.

"Man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps."

. Proverbs 16:9

I made friends quickly. Cards became our escape. Spades was the game. While time crawled forward, I met a man named **Vince**. a Spanish man with very little English and a shattered heart.

The system preyed on his weakness. Because he could not fully read or understand what he was signing, he was **deceived**. They told him if he confessed, they would help him and his family. Instead, they gave him **15 years mandatory no mercy, no reduction**.

This was not justice.

This was manipulation.

"The wicked lie in wait, secretly watching the innocent."

. Psalm 10:8

Looking back now, I see it clearly. the devil was working through diversion and lies, pushing the right buttons at the right time. Vince expected restoration. What he received was destruction.

"The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy."

. John 10:10

Here's the irony:

Vince was a believer.

I was not.

He talked to me about Jesus. I rejected him. I mocked him. I cursed him away. I was proud, hardened, convinced I needed no God.

“Professing to be wise, they became fools.”

. Romans 1:22

But Vince didn't stop.

Week after week, he slid gospel tracts under my locked cell door. I threw them away every time. I slammed my door shut. I locked myself in. People thought I was crazy. But I wasn't hiding from them. I was hiding from God.

“No one can hide from His presence.”

. Psalm 139:7

Then came **March 28, 1987**, around **3:00 p.m.**

Another tract slid under my door.

It was **John 3:16**.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...”

As I read it, something changed. I felt a presence. heavy, holy, undeniable. I wasn't alone.

I threw the paper on my bed and said,

“Forget this.”

Then I looked up and spoke words I did not understand the power of:

“God, if You are real... You're going to have to show me.”

Before the sentence finished.

JESUS WAS THERE.

Not a shadow.

Not imagination.

Not emotion.

JESUS.

Standing less than two feet from me.

He was radiant. clean, pure, alive. I could not see through Him. He stood in **body form**.

And instantly, I collapsed.

I hit the floor crying like a child. Strength left my body. Pride evaporated. Every lie I had believed about myself dissolved in His presence.

“Every knee shall bow.”

. Philippians 2:10

Time disappeared. What felt like minutes was only seconds. And then. He was gone.

I stood up shaking, sobbing, looking out the small window of my cell to see if anyone else had seen what I saw.

No one did.

God made sure this encounter was **personal**.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.”

. Jeremiah 1:5

I entered that cell a **non-believer**.

I stood there afterward **filled with the Word of God**.

I didn't study it.

I didn't earn it.

It was placed inside me.

“I will put My words in your mouth.”

. Isaiah 51:16

“My word shall not return to Me void.”

. Isaiah 55:11

I burst out of my cell and started telling everyone about Jesus. Men stared at me like I had lost my mind.

But here's the truth:

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”

. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Where was the old man?

He was gone.

Even now, writing this, tears fall. When you stand in the presence of Jesus, you realize how small you are. and how great His mercy is.

“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

. James 4:6

I'll stop here.

Next chapter:

THE CONVERSION OF TOM (IN JAIL)

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 22 ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

(6/13/22)

THE CONVERSION OF TOM (Part 3)

I walked out of that cell a new creation.

I went in a man who did not believe in God.

I came out **filled with the Gospel**, baptized in revelation, and made whole by the power of Jesus .

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away;
behold, all things have become new.”
. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus had appeared to me.in person.in that cell. There is no softer way to say it, no safer way to explain it. Heaven invaded that concrete box, and I was forever changed.

When I stepped back into holding, the men could see it immediately. Their eyes told the story before their mouths ever could. Something about me had shifted. Something eternal had taken residence inside me.

I wasn't telling them what had happened **to me**.

I was proclaiming **who Jesus is**.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their
testimony.”
. Revelation 12:11

I had become a walking testimony.still chained on the outside, still awaiting trial like the rest of the men.but **completely free on the inside**.

I still didn't understand why I was there.

I didn't understand how I got there.

And I didn't understand how I was still alive after swallowing **32 sleeping pills**.

But fear had left me.

Peace had replaced panic.

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and
minds through Jesus.”
. Philippians 4:7

I wasn't worried about my future anymore. I wasn't consumed by my circumstances. As time passed, the **Holy Spirit began speaking to me**, guiding my steps, ordering my days.

One day, the Spirit told me to join the art class.

That made no sense. I had never drawn anything in my life. No talent. No training. No ability. But obedience doesn't require understanding. it requires trust.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."
. Proverbs 3:5

So I joined.

And suddenly, art began flowing out of me. Real art. Meaningful art. Picture after picture. Creation pouring through my hands.

The teacher couldn't believe it. He said he had never seen anything like it. someone producing art with **no background whatsoever**.

That's because it wasn't me.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."
. 2 Corinthians 4:7

And just as quickly as the gift appeared, it disappeared when I left the class. I went right back to stick figures. LOL.

God was teaching me something: **the gift is His, not mine**.

During this time, they told me I was facing **165 years in prison**. I laughed. I said, "I won't do all that. You can't make me."

I wasn't being arrogant. I was being honest. I knew my life was no longer in their hands.

"My times are in Your hand."
. Psalm 31:15

Then they offered me a deal. Reduce the charges if I pled guilty. **Ten years**.

I said no.

"I want a trial."

Someone had sent me a Bible. I don't know who. but God does. I read that Bible **33 times**, cover to cover. And every time, it spoke something new to me. The Word was alive.

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword."
. Hebrews 4:12

Then came the trial. right before Thanksgiving.

It was chaos. Lies were spoken openly. Truth was ignored. Justice was rushed. A juror stood up and said, "Let's just get this over with. it's Thanksgiving."

That should have been a mistrial.

But no one cared.

The judge hurried the process like he had dinner waiting at home. My life meant less than a holiday schedule.

I realized then: **man's court is flawed.but God's court is perfect.**

“It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.”
. Psalm 118:8

They went in.
They came out.

Not guilty on most charges.
Guilty on one.

Five and a half years.

And that is why Thanksgiving will forever be etched into my memory.

But prison would not stop what God had started.

“He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus .”
. Philippians 1:6

I'll stop here.

Next comes the ride to prison.
and the next chapter of God's plan.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 23

(6/19/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

MY RIDE TO PRISON (Part 4)

As I stood in that courtroom, I realized something chilling:
this was not just a legal trial.this was spiritual judgment playing out before my eyes.

My trial mirrored the trial of Jesus .
False witnesses rose up. Truth was ignored. The verdict was decided long before evidence was weighed.

“Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death.”
. **Matthew 26:59**

Lie after lie was spoken against me. Every word felt like another nail being driven in. I felt crucified. not by wood and iron, but by deception and betrayal.

I asked for a polygraph test.
I asked for truth to be measured.

They refused.

Those accusing me refused as well.
And in that moment, I understood: **darkness does not invite light**, because light exposes everything.

“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”
. **John 3:19**

When the guilty verdict came down, my path changed instantly.
Not because I was guilty. but because the world had spoken.

First stop: Miami intake.
A holding place where men are stripped of more than clothing. they are stripped of identity.

We were ordered to remove everything.
Naked. Exposed. Humiliated.
Even dignity was taken from us.

“They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”
. **Psalm 22:18**

I was no longer treated as a human being.
I was processed like property.

Mockery followed humiliation. Threats followed mockery.
The enemy uses fear as his first weapon. always.

But fear did not take me.

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

I refused to bow to intimidation.
I refused to let their words define me.

Shackled hand and foot, we were loaded onto a bus and sent away. like cattle being transported. My destination was **Arcadia, Florida State Prison**.

As we arrived, inmates stood offering food and drinks freely.
But nothing in prison is free.

What looked like kindness was bondage in disguise.
Those who accepted were later charged a price. one they couldn't pay.

“The borrower is servant to the lender.”

. **Proverbs 22:7**

This is how prison works:
Debt creates chains stronger than steel.
Men become enslaved to men.

There were hundreds of inmates in the camp.gangs divided by race, ethnicity, and allegiance. The system thrived on division.

“A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.”

. **Mark 3:24**

Yet even there.behind razor wire and concrete walls.God was present.

I reached my bunk and waited.
Waiting for orders.
Waiting for assignments.
Waiting for what was next.

I wasn't afraid.

Not because I was strong.but because I had been preserved.

“Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me.”

. **Psalm 23:4**

What I didn't understand yet was this:

God was not done with me.

The prison was not my grave.it was my wilderness.
And just like Moses, just like Joseph, just like Paul.
God uses prisons to prepare prophets.

“But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy.”

. **Genesis 39:21**

The enemy meant this place to destroy me.
God meant it to reveal Himself to me.

This was not punishment alone.
This was positioning.

And the chains that brought me in
would one day become the testimony that set others free.

**His good servant
pastor tom**

Chapter 7

God's plan (Walking with God)

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 24

(6/20/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

DOING TIME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

When I arrived at Arcadia State Prison, I thought I was coming to serve time for my mistakes. What I did not know was this: **God had already decided to serve that time with me.**

I went in as a prisoner.but I was not alone.
The **Holy Spirit moved into my cell.**

Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18).
And He kept His word.

Day after day, night after night, the Holy Spirit stayed with me.teaching me, guiding me, opening the Scriptures to my understanding. I didn't just read the Bible; **the Bible read me.**
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

There was a church inside that prison, open every day. And every chance I got, I went.
What the world called incarceration, God called **separation.**
What looked like punishment became **preparation.**

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).
Prison made me still.and in that stillness, I finally heard Him.

I read the Word constantly.Genesis to Revelation, again and again. I marked the inside cover every time I finished. And understanding came.not from intellect, but from revelation.
"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things" (John 14:26).

The Word became alive. Majestic. Clear. Personal.
I knew I was being taught by God Himself.

I studied other religions, searching and comparing.but Christ stood alone.
"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

The prison carried on around me, but it no longer defined me.
God did.

There was protection on my life. The inmates knew it. The guards knew it. I wasn't pretending. I wasn't playing church. God was real in me.

"You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16).

Soon they started calling me **Preacher Tom**.

Even in the rec hall, even at the pool tables, God was working. I became known as the preacher who could play pool.and everywhere I went, people called for me.

"And the Lord gave me favor in the sight of all" (Acts 2:47).

The guards trusted me. The sergeant offered me the best job in the prison.the butcher shop. God promoted me in the middle of captivity.

"When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Proverbs 16:7).

But temptation followed.

Money was offered. Threats were made. My life was put on the line because I refused to steal.

Still, I stood firm.

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and lose his soul?" (Mark 8:36).

God protected me.

Then came the day in the kitchen.boiling oil, chaos, violence in seconds. I stood inches from death. But God gave me wisdom in the moment, and a life was spared from worse destruction.

"He will give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11).

Time passed quickly, and suddenly my release was near. Inmates came to say goodbye. Guards shook my hand. Some even said they wished I could stay.

But God was calling me forward.

On my last day, James.the gang leader.called me aside in secret. Behind the barracks, away from eyes, he took my hand and said, "You're real. You really believe in God. You're not faking."

That moment preached louder than any sermon I ever spoke.

"Let your light so shine before men..." (Matthew 5:16).

I walked out of those gates and looked back.not in regret, but in gratitude.

What the world would call the worst season of my life became **one of the best**.

Because that's where I met God.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

I left prison.but I did not leave the Holy Spirit.

And next, I will tell you what it means to return to the world.

this time, walking with God.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 25

(6/24/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

BACK TO THE WORLD THIS TIME WITH GOD

“The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”
. Exodus 14:14 .

BACK TO THE WORLD BUT NOT BACK TO THE DEVIL

I came back into the world, but I did **not** come back alone.
I came back **with God**.

I had just stepped out from behind prison walls, still officially on probation, but **spiritually set free**.

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”
. John 8:36 .

I sought the largest county, not for rebellion, but for **movement**.because when God delivers you, He does not deliver you to sit still. He delivers you to **walk**.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
. 2 Corinthians 5:7 .

I was with my brother Ted Sylver of Jordan Ministry.men who came into the prisons not chasing microphones or crowds, but chasing **souls**.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”
. Mark 16:15 .

TAUGHT BY GOD, NOT MAN

For nearly three years, I sat behind bars while the **Holy Spirit became my teacher**.
I read the Bible **33 times**, not with man's interpretation.but with heaven's instruction.

“But the anointing which ye have received... teacheth you of all things.”
. 1 John 2:27 .

I didn't know what God had planned.but I knew He had a plan.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord.”
. Jeremiah 29:11 .

People say they know God's will.but **no flesh fully knows it**.

“The secret things belong unto the Lord our God.”
. Deuteronomy 29:29 .

God began opening my eyes. I started seeing the world **through heaven's lens**, not man's lies.

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.”

. 2 Corinthians 4:4 .

And once God shows you truth,you can never unsee it.

ORDERED STEPS

God placed me in Sarasota County with a Mennonite family,quiet servants of God, walking in humility and obedience.

“God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”

. James 4:6 .

They welcomed me as a brother, not a project.

“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

. Hebrews 13:2 .

GOD SPOKE AND I OBEYED

Then one night, God **spoke**.

Not thunder.

Not confusion.

But **authority**.

“Go to court and apply to have your probation removed.”

“My sheep hear my voice.”

. John 10:27 .

Faith demands obedience.

“To obey is better than sacrifice.”

. 1 Samuel 15:22 .

I told Ted. He said, “If God said it.do it.”

GOD MOVED THE LEGAL SYSTEM

I called my former public defender, Mr. Hittleman.

He said, “I was just thinking about you.”

“The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord.”

. Proverbs 21:1 .

Legally, he should not have represented me.

But when God opens a door.**no law can shut it.**

“I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.”

. Revelation 3:8 .

WHEN THE ENEMY ACCUSES

In the courtroom, the prosecutor raged.accusing, shouting, condemning.

“The accuser of our brethren... is cast down.”

. Revelation 12:10 .

I stood silent.

“The Lord shall fight for you.”

. Exodus 14:14 .

GOD SPOKE THROUGH THE JUDGE

The judge stood up.

The room froze.

And judgment shifted.

“WHAT HAS THIS MAN EVER DONE TO YOU?”

Then the words fell like thunder:

“MR. MILLER . YOU ARE FREE TO GO.”

“He bringeth down the mighty from their seats, and exalteth them of low degree.”

. Luke 1:52 .

Chains fell in a courtroom that day.

WHAT MEN CALL IMPOSSIBLE

Probation dropped.

Case closed.

“With God all things are possible.”

. Matthew 19:26 .

This doesn't happen in the natural.

This happens in the **supernatural.**

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord.”
. Zechariah 4:6 .

God wasn't finished.

He had only begun.

“Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it.”
. Philippians 1:6 .

I went back into the world.

but this time, the world didn't have me.

Amen.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 26

(6/24/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

BACK TO THE WORLD . THIS TIME WITH GOD

When I came out on probation, I was stepping back into the world. but this time, **not alone**. This time, **God was with me**. I searched for the largest county possible so I could move freely, yet I did not know then that true freedom does not come from geography, but from obedience to God.

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” . 2 Corinthians 3:17

I was with my friend **Ted Sylver of the Jordan Ministry**, one of the few ministries that entered the prison not to perform, not to impress, but to **preach Christ crucified**. They were real servants of God, not seeking applause, not chasing platforms.

By this time, I had spent nearly **three years in prison**, reading the Bible **33 times from Genesis to Revelation**, taught not by man, but by the **Holy Spirit Himself**.

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things.” . John 14:26

I did not yet know what God had planned for my life, but I knew this much. **He had a plan**. And when God has a plan, no prison, no devil, no past can cancel it.

“The counsel of the Lord stands forever.” . Psalm 33:11

People speak lightly about “the will of God,” but the truth is, the will of God is not discovered by opinion. it is revealed by **submission**. God was showing me things not yet revealed to the world. He was teaching me to see reality through **His eyes**, not man's.

That is when I understood something dangerous: **the world is deceived**.

“The whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.” . **1 John 5:19**

Knowing this truth became heavy. Truth is not always comforting.it is often **burdensome**. I found myself asking God, “Now that I see this, what do I do?”

I began probation in **Sarasota County** and was placed with a **Mennonite family**, led by **Al Overhaul**. This was no accident. God placed me under the care of a gentle, righteous man. I attended their church, and for the first time, I saw believers who lived what they believed.

They welcomed me without question, without suspicion, without judgment.

“Love covers a multitude of sins.” . **1 Peter 4:8**

Living with them stripped judgment out of me. I did not know it then, but **God was shaping me**.

“As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand.” . **Jeremiah 18:6**

Yet the old man in me was not fully dead. I still believed in my own strength, my own plans, my own abilities. I laugh now.my own ability. Without God, there is no ability at all.

“Apart from Me you can do nothing.” . **John 15:5**

I worked long, hard days doing yard work for little pay. The flesh wanted to complain, but the Spirit taught me humility.

“Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God.” . **1 Peter 5:6**

Eventually, I found a painting job with a man named **Herb**. I told him the truth about my past. God honored honesty.

“The truth shall make you free.” . **John 8:32**

Soon I had my own apartment. Life looked stable. I was going to church. I had friendships. But something was wrong.

I became what many believers become.**a fence-sitter**.

“Because you are lukewarm... I will vomit you out of My mouth.” . **Revelation 3:16**

“You cannot serve God and mammon.” . **Matthew 6:24**

Then the attacks began.

Dreams first. Then one night, **reality broke open**.

The devil came.not as a thought, not as a dream.but **in manifestation**, dragging me from my bed. I held onto the doorframe with all my strength as he pulled me toward destruction.

In desperation, I cried out the only Name that holds power:

“JESUS!”

Immediately, I was released.

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.” . **Philippians 2:10**

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” . **James 4:7**

This was not imagination. This was war.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood.” . **Ephesians 6:12**

This was the second time Satan tried to destroy me. The first was before prison, when he whispered lies telling me to kill myself.

“The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy.” . **John 10:10**

Even now I know many will doubt this testimony. But truth does not bow to unbelief.

“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.” . **Revelation 12:11**

This is not a story.

This is a **warning**.

This is a **witness**.

And this is not the end.

Next comes the chapter of **Maggie**, my next wife another step in God's relentless, sovereign plan.

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**His good servant
pastor tom**

Chapter 8

The Devil Has A Plan

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 27

(6/29/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

DIVINE APPOINTMENTS, COVENANT, AND THE POWER OF THE NAME OF JESUS

My Meeting Maggie, My Next Wife . and the Birth of Lindsay (March 28)

There are moments in life that are not accidents but **appointments set by God**.
This was one of them.

When I went to church that day, I noticed a woman I had never really seen before. Her name was **Maggie**. She had a little girl with her. Cassidy, about four years old. and something in my spirit was stirred. I now understand why.

“A man’s steps are ordered by the Lord.”
.Psalm 37:23

I introduced myself and asked for her number. A few days later, I called her and asked her out. She said, “Oh, I don’t do that anymore.”

In my mind I thought, You’re not dead yet, are you?
And somehow. by the boldness God gives. I said it out loud.

After a pause, she said, “Okay. I’ll go out with you.”

That one sentence was the doorway into a season God had already foreseen.

“Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”
.Isaiah 65:24

Maggie had an unusual personality. one that many would judge. But God does not judge as man judges. What the world labels, God redeems.

“God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise.”
.1 Corinthians 1:27

We began seeing each other. The feelings were mutual. I helped her financially, and soon we were living together in a farmhouse owned by a church member. Things moved quickly, and before long, we were married.

But even then, God was showing me something deeper.

Spiritually, we were not in the same place. I was learning about church culture, about religion versus relationship. I saw people professing Christ, but living no differently than the world.

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.”

.2 Timothy 3:5

We later traveled to Kentucky to visit Maggie’s father. When she told him she was married, his response was cold: “That’s your problem.”

It revealed something important. **not all authority is godly authority.**

“When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.”

.Psalm 27:10

Back home, life continued. My business prospered. Then Maggie became pregnant. This is where **faith moved from words to power.**

God told me **when** the baby would be born. I told everyone. God told me the baby would be born **at home**. I told Maggie, and she trusted God.

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

.Hebrews 11:1

We knew nothing about childbirth. Every midwife refused to help us. But God never refuses those who trust Him.

“Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things.”

.Jeremiah 33:3

March 28 arrived. **exactly as God had spoken.**

At six o’clock that evening, Maggie said, “We need to go home.”
The party ended. Prophecy was about to be fulfilled.

At home, Maggie said, “The water has to break first.”

I laid my hands on her stomach and spoke, not in my authority, but **in the authority of Jesus.**

“And these signs shall follow them that believe... they shall lay hands on the sick.”

.Mark 16:17–18

“In the name of Jesus, water, break!”

And it broke.

Her mother shouted, “PRAISE GOD!”

Maggie knelt by the bed. Moments later, I was on the floor, and our daughter came forth quickly. I lifted her into my hands. **life given by God, received by faith.**

“Children are a heritage from the Lord.”

.Psalm 127:3

There was no chaos. No screaming. Only peace.

“And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall guard your hearts.”

.Philippians 4:7

When the placenta did not come, I laid hands again.

“In the name of Jesus.come out!”

And it did.

Her mother cried out again, “PRAISE GOD!”

The room was holy ground.

March 28.this was not coincidence.

It was the same day Jesus appeared to me in my jail cell and transformed my life.

“Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

.2 Corinthians 5:17

God marked that date.

God marked my daughter.

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.”

.Jeremiah 1:5

This was not just a birth.

It was a **testimony of power**, a declaration that **Jesus is alive**, and His name still carries authority.

but this journey is far from over.

What God begins, He finishes.

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it.”

.Philippians 1:6

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 28

(7/2/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

MAGGIE AND GOD WORKING IN OUR LIVES

After the birth of Lindsay, God began to make Himself known in our lives.not quietly, not gently, but undeniably. His presence became real, active, and demanding. Yet there was one thing God forbade me to do: I was not allowed to tell Maggie about Jesus coming to me in jail.

I did not question Him.

By then, obedience had already been burned into my spirit. I had learned that God does not explain Himself to man. He reveals Himself to the obedient.

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

.John 14:15

I no longer asked why. I simply did what the Spirit told me to do, even when it sounded foolish to the natural mind.

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than men.”

.1 Corinthians 1:25

Rather than speak of every personal detail, I will testify to the moments when God visibly stepped into our lives, leaving no doubt He was in control.

WALKING WITHOUT A MAP

Eventually, we stopped attending organized church meetings. Instead, we began walking where God personally led me. This was difficult for Maggie, because we were not in the same spiritual place. I was learning to walk by faith alone, while she still needed structure.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

.2 Corinthians 5:7

My work flourished. My painting and repair business was abundant. We lived well. I began buying property, not for wealth, but because I believed God would use it for His purposes. I didn't know what He was building, only that I was being used to build it.

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.”

.Psalm 127:1

OBEDIENCE WITHOUT EXPLANATION

One night, God woke me and commanded me to sit in the parking lot of the church we once attended. No reason. No explanation.

I woke Maggie and told her. Then I went.

I sat there all night, alone, praying, watching, waiting. Nothing happened. And yet everything happened, because obedience itself is the miracle.

“To obey is better than sacrifice.”

.1 Samuel 15:22

Another night, God woke me again. This time He said, Go to Gary and Sheryl's house.

It was 3:00 in the morning.

We gathered Lindsay and went. I knocked on the door. Sheryl answered. awake, crying. We hadn't seen them in two years. She told us she had left Gary because of his unfaithfulness.

Then I told her the truth: God sent me here.

She wept.

We prayed. We talked. And then. an hour later. Gary knocked on the door.

I knew instantly what I was witnessing.

“Behold, I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten.”

.Joel 2:25

Both of them broke down. God restored a marriage before my eyes at four in the morning. The presence of God was so heavy, we could barely stand.

“What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

.Mark 10:9

We left knowing we had seen the power of God. not theory, not religion, but living authority.

A HOUSE THAT BECAME A CHURCH

Then God told me to open our home for church.

No announcements.

No invitations.

No address given.

Sunday morning came. Coffee was made. At 8:30 a knock came at the door.

“Is this where church is?”

“Yes.”

Within an hour, twenty-five people filled our home. They came from miles away. None knew each other. Every single one said the same thing:

God told me to come.

“My sheep hear my voice.”

.John 10:27

THE SILENT SEPARATION

Yet even as miracles surrounded us, I felt Maggie drifting away. Spiritually. Emotionally. Something unseen was pulling us apart. I didn't understand it, but I felt it.

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”
.Amos 3:3

Her faith weakened, even while God was moving. Our hearts separated, and I could not stop it.

BIRTH IN WEAKENED FAITH

When Maggie became pregnant again, God told me the baby would be born at home. But this time, the atmosphere was different. Our spiritual separation weakened our faith.

The labor was long. Hard. Fear filled the room. I thought we would lose the baby.

But Maggie endured.

The baby came.

Her name was **Melanie Jane**.

“She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save.”
.Matthew 1:21

TRAGEDY AND BETRAYAL

Then tragedy struck. Maggie’s father’s gold store was robbed. His wife was murdered. shot in the head. He was shot too, but God spared his life.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”
.Psalm 116:15

After that, plans were made in secret. Maggie, aided by her father, prepared to leave me and take the children. While I was away selling my last property in Sarasota, everything was removed from the house.

I came home late at night.

The house was empty.

Only a twelve-page letter lay on the floor.

“Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.”
.Zechariah 13:7

BROKEN BUT NOT ABANDONED

I lost everything.

Again.

A wife.
Children.
Home.

And I had been serving God.

For months, I did not leave the house. I cried daily. Broken. Alone.

**“The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart.”
.Psalm 34:18**

And then the phone rang.

“Are you Tom Miller?”

“Yes.”

“You don’t know me, but God told me to call you. I have a story, and God wants you to hear it.”

She was from Macclenny, Florida.

And once again, I learned this truth:

**“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you
will perform it.”
.Philippians 1:6**

God was not finished.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 29

(7/11/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

THE LADY FROM MACCLENNY CALLS GOD OPENS A DOOR NO MAN CAN SHUT

I was laying on the floor of my house, crushed in spirit. My heart was broken beyond words. Maggie had left me, and my children were gone. I was alone, grieving, and undone.

**“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”
. Psalm 34:18**

While I was still on the floor, crying, **God intervened.**

At about five o’clock that evening, the phone rang.

A woman asked, “Are you Tom Miller?”

I said, “Yes, I am.”

She said she was calling from **Macclenny, Florida**, and then she spoke words that only God could have arranged:

“God told me to call you.”

She said God had been moving in her life for decades and had now told her to hand what He had given her over to me. She said it was now **for me to do for God.**

I had only been in this area a few months. No one knew me. I knew almost nothing about where I was living, but **God knew exactly where I was.**

“Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.”
. Isaiah 65:24

She asked to meet at **Denny’s on Blanding Boulevard** in one hour. She said she had blonde hair and would be waiting outside.

After hanging up, I thought, Where is Denny’s?

I didn’t know.

So I got into my truck and prayed aloud:

“Okay God, You’re going to have to show me.”

“A man’s heart plans his way,
but the LORD directs his steps.”
. Proverbs 16:9

I drove down Blanding Boulevard, uncertain and trusting, until I reached the interstate, and there it was. **Denny’s.**

I pulled in, and just as she said, a woman stood outside waiting.

And I knew then:

When God closes one door, He opens another that no man can shut.

“See, I have set before you an open door,
and no one can shut it.”
. Revelation 3:8

We went inside and sat in a booth. She told me her story, a life marked by obedience, suffering, and rejection.

She had been married three times over more than thirty years. Each husband left her, telling her she was crazy, saying something was wrong with her mind. Yet through it all, **God had spoken to her,** guided her, and performed miracles around her that could not be explained.

She spoke of visions that would not leave her spirit.

Hours passed.

Around **three o’clock in the morning**, nearly six hours later, she finally told me the vision.

God had shown her a **Praise and Worship Center, the largest in the world**, open **24 hours a day**, open to **all people**, lifting up the name of Jesus without ceasing.

“From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.”
. Psalm 113:3

She said God also showed her that **Reba McEntire** would help raise it up for Jesus.

Then she laid a thick stack of papers on the table.

She said,

“This is my entire life.documented. God in and out of my life. It cost me three husbands.”

Then she looked me in the eyes and said:

“Tom, God gave me your phone number. He told me to call you. And He told me to give this to you.”

And then she said:

“The Praise and Worship Center.God says this is yours now. It’s for you to do.”

She handed everything to me.

I sat in silence.

I was grieving the loss of my family, yet in that moment, **the peace of God fell on me**.right there in Denny’s.

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

I told her how excited I was, but she said,

“My part is done. Yours is beginning.”

And she left.

I went home to my empty house and sat on the floor with her life story spread around me. I knew it was true. I didn’t need to read it. I knew my life was now following the same road.only the names had changed.

That night, God taught me a lesson that would define my walk with Him.

Take your hands off what God gives you.

This is where many in the church fall.

God gives an assignment, and we say,
“I got it now, God. Watch me serve You.”

But the moment we take control, **we stop following.**

**“Not by might, nor by power,
but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.”
. Zechariah 4:6**

What people often call “God’s leading” is sometimes **self-will disguised as faith.**

**“The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately wicked;
who can know it?”
. Jeremiah 17:9**

Satan does not stop believers by making them sin openly.

he stops them by letting them **believe they are obeying God when they are not.**

**“For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”
. 2 Corinthians 11:14**

Obedience is not doing what we think God wants.

Obedience is following Him.step by step.without taking the reins.

**“If anyone desires to come after Me,
let him deny himself,
take up his cross daily,
and follow Me.”
. Luke 9:23**

And that night, on probation with the world, God began teaching me how to truly follow Him.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 30

(7/13/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

GOD’S WILL OR GOD’S WILL FOR ME?

THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE

As I sat on the floor that day.broken, emptied, and stripped of everything I thought I understood.I began to see my life clearly for the first time. Three marriages had ended. Three times I had been left. Each wife believing I was unstable, confused, or even crazy. They could not understand why my life no longer followed logic, comfort, or common sense.

But what they could not see was this: **God was not building a life for me.He was breaking me for Him.**

**“For whom the Lord loves He chastens,
and scourges every son whom He receives.”
. Hebrews 12:6**

I realized then that my suffering was not punishment.
It was preparation.

THE GREAT DECEPTION IN THE CHURCH

Most believers are taught to search for God’s will for their life. We pray it. We chase it. We plan around it. But that thinking itself is the deception.

**God does not exist to fulfill our purpose.
We exist to fulfill His.**

**“You are not your own,
for you were bought with a price.”
. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20**

The church often teaches that God’s will is a personal roadmap to blessing, success, and comfort. But Scripture reveals something far different. God’s will is not centered on me. It is centered on Him.

The moment we say, "I've got this now, Lord," we have already stepped outside His will.

"There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way of death."

. **Proverbs 14:12**

WHEN WE TAKE THE REINS, SATAN TAKES THE SEAT

When we remove God from the driver's seat, we do not become free. we become vulnerable. The enemy does not come with horns and fire. He comes with ideas, visions, and religious ambition.

Suddenly we are "doing things for God" that feel good, look good, and impress others. Pride replaces obedience. Performance replaces surrender.

"For Satan himself transforms himself
into an angel of light."

. **2 Corinthians 11:14**

That is why Scripture warns us:

"Like a roaring lion or a charging bear
is a wicked ruler over helpless people."

. **Proverbs 28:15**

When we take the reins from God, **the enemy becomes our ruler. wearing the mask of righteousness.**

GOD'S WILL IS NOT A PLAN IT IS A PLACE

That day on the floor, God began teaching me a new lesson:

God's will is not a plan to discover.

God's will is a presence to remain in.

"In Your presence is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

. **Psalms 16:11**

God's will is not a future destination where everything suddenly makes sense. It is daily obedience. step by step. moment by moment.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."

. **Psalms 37:23**

We do not advance God's will.

We **submit** to it.

OBEDIENCE, NOT OUTCOMES

I still had children. I still had responsibility. I still had consequences from past decisions. But God was not asking me to fix everything. He was asking me to **trust Him in everything.**

“Obedience is better than sacrifice.”

. 1 Samuel 15:22

God does not need our strategies.
He needs our surrender.

THE FINAL TRUTH

Here is the truth most believers never want to hear:

God’s will may cost you everything you thought you needed.
But it will give you everything you truly need. **Him.**

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.”

. Matthew 6:33

And finally, God settles the matter once and for all:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.”

. Proverbs 3:5–6

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.

. Isaiah 55:8–9

CONCLUSION

God’s will is not about me.
God’s will is not about you.
God’s will is about God.

Our only role is obedience.

If we stay in His presence,
If we refuse to take the reins,
If we walk humbly and trust completely.

God will do the rest.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 31

(7/19/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

LEARNING GOD'S WILL NOT MINE

After Maggie took all the profit from the sale of my waterfront property, I was once again stripped down to nothing. I was pressed, tested, and forced into a place where **only God could move**. Yet the Lord reminded me that lack is not absence. it is invitation.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.”

. Isaiah 55:8 .

I had no choice but to trust God and wait on Him. And waiting is not weakness. **waiting is obedience.**

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”

. Isaiah 40:31 .

While I waited, I continued driving, looking for property I could restore and resell. Then I saw it. an abandoned property on Blanding Road, choked with weeds, neglected like many souls in this world. A Realtor sign stood outside, so I called. She refused to show it, saying she was too busy.

That rejection stirred me, but God was teaching me something: **man may block doors, but God owns the keys.**

“Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.”

. Revelation 3:8 .

I researched the property and discovered the owner lived up north. I wrote him directly, explaining the situation and offering to buy the house without the Realtor. He agreed and asked for an offer. I sent him one. \$85,000, with monthly payments while I repaired the home.

He accepted verbally and told me his brother lived on the property and struggled with alcoholism. I told him I would care for his brother. I am a minister, and the broken are my calling.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted.”

. Luke 4:18 .

Everything seemed aligned. until silence came.

A week passed. No response.

I knew in my spirit the man wanted more money. When I called, he confirmed it. I reminded him that a man's word matters before God. He claimed to be a Christian, a pillar in his church.

I told him plainly: Then act like one.

“Let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay.”

. Matthew 5:37 .

I wrote him a letter and spoke truth that could cost me everything. I told him that perhaps his brother drank because he watched a Christian brother break his word without fear of God.

After I sent that letter, I surrendered the outcome to God.

“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”
. Psalm 37:5 .

I expected rejection.

Instead, a week later, the man called.angry, convicted, and shaken. Then he said, “Take the property under the original agreement.”

That was not coincidence. That was **God intervening**.

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord... he turneth it whithersoever he will.”
. Proverbs 21:1 .

I needed a place to live, and God made a way. That season taught me patience and deepened my trust. Most believers say they trust God, but fear exposes the truth.

“Faith without works is dead.”
. James 2:17 .

I had already purchased land in Middleburg near the river. I planned to move this house onto it. God sent a buyer for the house, allowing me to pay it off and walk away with **\$75,000 profit**.

“The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”
. Proverbs 10:22 .

Then came the fire.

Just before moving the house, it burned to the ground due to a poorly built fireplace from years earlier. But hear this.**what God allows to burn is never what He intends you to keep.**

“He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.”
. Ephesians 3:20 .

God was not done.

I purchased another house from a moving company, and it was placed on my land on Banks Road in Middleburg.**my next home, ordered by God.**

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.”
. Psalm 127:1 .

TRUTH

God was teaching me that **His will always costs less than mine**, and His timing is always perfect. When we stop manipulating outcomes and start surrendering them, **God steps in and does what only He can do.**

“Not my will, but thine, be done.”

. Luke 22:42 .

Amen.

**His good servant
pastor tom**

Chapter 9

OBEYING GOD OR RUNNING AHEAD OF HIM

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 32

(7/25/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

Kidnapping in New York and the Mob

I had made the purchase and was waiting for the house movers to place the house on blocks so I could prepare to move in. At that moment, everything in my life appeared to be lining up. Maggie had left and taken the children, but now God had provided a place where I could finally have them with me again on a regular basis.

I believed I was obeying God. I believed I was trusting Him. But looking back, I now understand an important truth:

Everything that looks like God is not always God.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

(Proverbs 3:5)

As long as we live in the flesh, we will struggle. The flesh wants control. The Spirit demands surrender. Most believers fail not because they reject God, but because they mix His voice with their own desires.

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.”

(Galatians 5:17)

When we choose flesh over Spirit, we create distance between ourselves and God. That distance becomes an open door for the enemy. I was no exception. I was guilty just like everyone else.

God was about to teach me another lesson, one I would never forget.

THE MISSED WARNING

Just before moving to the Banks Road property, I was in Publix with my daughter Lindsay. While walking through the store, I noticed a woman standing in the greeting card aisle. Immediately, the Spirit stirred within me, telling me to go speak to her.

I ignored it.

We walked outside toward the van, but the conviction grew stronger. The pull on my heart became unbearable. I stopped and told Lindsay, "Honey, we need to go back inside. I have to do something."

Delayed obedience is still disobedience.

When we returned, the woman was still there. I approached her and said, "This may sound strange, but I feel God telling me to come back in here and see what it is you need."

Her name was Debbie. She looked at me, and immediately broke down crying.

She told me she was trying to find a birthday card for her son but didn't know what to choose. I asked why. She said her ex-husband had taken her son and she was no longer allowed to see him.

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart."

(Psalm 34:18)

She asked me to help her pick out a card. Afterward, I suggested we get coffee and talk. She agreed. We exchanged numbers. She told me she was desperate for money to pay her bills. My heart moved, and I wrote her a check for \$500.

She wept again.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

(Luke 6:38)

Before leaving, she asked to meet again, saying there was something much deeper she needed to share.

WHEN COMPASSION BECOMES PRESUMPTION

A few days later we met again. Debbie told me her full story. She had married into a powerful New York political family connected to organized crime. Her ex-husband was involved with the Mafia. He had taken her son and threatened her life if she ever tried to get him back.

This should have been my stopping point.

But instead of asking God for wisdom, I relied on confidence.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

(Proverbs 14:12)

I told her, "I'll take you to New York. We'll get your son and bring him back to Florida. I'll protect you."

She stared at me. "You would really do that?"

"Yes," I said.

At that moment, I confused **boldness** with **obedience**.

THE ROAD OF NO RETURN

We left immediately. I drove straight through to New York. We went into the house quickly and took her son. As we came out, a woman Debbie knew wished us well. I even asked her to take a photo of us together.

I was committing a felony.and smiling while doing it.

That is how deception works.

I knew I could not drive straight south. I headed west instead, desperate to cross state lines. Debbie and her son fell asleep as we drove.

Then I saw a State Trooper closing in behind us.

My heart began to pound.

I prayed silently, “God, surely You didn’t bring me this far just to send me back to prison.”

Even wrong prayers can still receive mercy.

The trooper pulled close. A white van was driving beside us. Suddenly, the trooper turned on his lights.

My stomach dropped.

But then.he moved into the other lane and stopped the white van instead.

“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.”

(Psalm 34:7)

I whispered, “Thank You, God.”

MERCY IS NOT PERMISSION

We crossed into Ohio and stopped at my mother’s house. She had no idea what had happened. We rested one day, then continued to Florida.

God protected me.but protection does not mean approval.

“Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.”

(Hebrews 12:6)

God allowed me to escape.not because I was right, but because He is merciful. He was teaching me the difference between **hearing His voice** and **running ahead of His will**.

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

(Psalm 46:10)

This chapter is not about bravery.

It is not about heroism.

It is about how easily even a believer can step outside God’s will while believing they are obeying Him.

Mercy may save you.but obedience keeps you.

Faith requires surrender.not control.

**“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father.”**

(Matthew 7:21)

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 33

(8/1/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

HIDING OUT BEFORE THE MOVE TO BANKS ROAD

We returned safely to my house in Middleburg.another home God had already placed in my hands. Debbie was still shaking with fear over what her ex-husband might do after she took their son from him. I looked at her and said plainly, “Do not fear. God will protect us.”

This kind of faith was new to her. And truth be told, it is new to most people sitting in church pews every Sunday. The church talks about faith, but very few actually **live** it. Real faith is not trusting God with words.it is trusting Him when your freedom, safety, money, and life are at risk.

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

.Hebrews 11:1

“The just shall live by faith.”

.Romans 1:17

God was teaching me what it truly means to trust Him with **everything**.not part of my life, not just my prayers, but my **choices**.

Debbie’s son was only fifteen. She asked, “What about school?”

I told her I would provide the books and homeschool him in secret. I said, “Stay here. Stay hidden. When he is of age, God will open the next door.” She agreed.

So while I worked daily on the Banks Road property, Debbie and her son lived under my roof in total secrecy. They could not go anywhere. No phone calls. No visitors. No exposure. This went on for over eight months. I lived as though I were alone, telling no one.because silence was safety.

**“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”**

.Psalm 91:1

During this season, my house burned down. I bought another house and moved it onto the property. It was set on blocks to meet city code so I could receive a certificate of occupancy. The house came in two pieces, pressed together as one, and I rebuilt it with my own hands.

There was a period when I could not see my children. Until Debbie was gone and her son was legally of age, I had to stay away. Maggie was angry with me, and her father Joe was controlling everything. I had little say concerning my children. I received Social Security for child support, but Maggie refused the money. She had her father's financial support. Still, things remained quiet for a time.

The house continued to come together. I connected all the electrical, drywalled every room, secured the structure, and put on a new roof. I planned to stay there long-term, so I had a well drilled **over 800 feet deep**. A normal well only needs about 100 feet, but I was preparing for hard times. I wanted clean water no matter what happened in the world.

**“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself,
but the simple pass on and are punished.”**

.Proverbs 22:3

After more than eight months, Debbie's son turned eighteen. Debbie felt it was time to move on and start over. I had spent over **\$45,000** helping them. She thanked me and said, “Tom, I'll pay you back when I can.”

I laughed and said, “If you do, you'll be the first.”

I wasn't worried about the money. It was never mine.

“The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the Lord of hosts.”

.Haggai 2:8

I did what I did because **God told me to do it**.and obedience is not obedience unless it costs you something.

“To obey is better than sacrifice.”

.1 Samuel 15:22

Here is the truth the church does not want to face: most people do **not** trust God. They trust their emotions, their logic, their fear, and their comfort. When pressure comes, they abandon God's instruction and do what feels safest.

The devil knows this. He creates fear to manipulate people into obeying him instead of God. That is how separation from God happens.one fearful decision at a time.

**“The fear of man brings a snare,
but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.”**

.Proverbs 29:25

This was my test with Debbie. Would I obey God no matter the cost.or protect myself and disobey Him?

Make no mistake: my life was in danger. I could have been accused of kidnapping and sentenced to prison for life. But **I refused to let fear rule me.**

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

“The righteous are bold as a lion.”
.Proverbs 28:1

Was I worried about the money? **No.**
Because it belonged to God.

Looking back now, I have peace. I believe Debbie left knowing that God loves her and that He has a plan for her and her son.

**“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”**
.Jeremiah 29:11

Being a witness is more than words. It is stepping into someone's life and sacrificing your comfort, safety, and resources so their life can change.

That is exactly what Jesus did for us.

**“But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**
.Romans 5:8

**“Greater love has no one than this,
than to lay down one's life for his friends.”**
.John 15:13

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 34

(8/2/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

BANKS ROAD LEARNING THE SPIRIT WORLD

Debbie had moved on safely, and my home on Banks Road was finally ready. God had provided me a place where I could bring my children, love them, and give them peace. I hung a swing high in a tree for them, believing this was the beginning of restoration.

But God was not finished teaching me.

I had rebuilt that house from the inside out, cut it in half and put it back together again. What I didn't realize was that God was doing the same thing to me. I thought I was building a home, but God was building discernment.

“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.”

. Psalm 127:1

With God personally involved in my life, change was happening fast. Yet in the middle of that blessing, I opened a door I was never meant to open. I became involved with a paranormal group. I told myself it was curiosity. I told myself it was spiritual learning. But curiosity without obedience is dangerous.

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

. Proverbs 14:12

I did not know that spirits were already present in the house I lived in. I would soon learn that not every spiritual experience comes from God.

Our group spent nights in graveyards and cemeteries. Jacksonville is filled with them. At first, I heard noises in my home at night. I explained them away as an old house settling. But the noise continued.

That's when a friend from the group came over. She claimed she could sense spiritual presences. She walked through my house and said there were children spirits there.

Here is the truth most people don't want to hear:

The dead do not linger to play.

God does not leave children wandering as spirits.

“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

. Hebrews 9:27

So I began investigating. I set up cameras and recorders. I captured orbs, voices, and unexplained manifestations. I recorded what sounded like a child calling for her mother. I photographed a Christmas tree lighting up with no power source.

But what I failed to understand was this:

“For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

. 2 Corinthians 11:14

Just because something looks innocent does not mean it is holy.

At the same time, I was trading stocks online through a highly secured system. One morning, I logged in, and at the very top of my screen were the words:

“GOOD MORNING FATHER TOM!”

No one could alter that system. No human hand could have placed that message there. I laughed, but not because it was funny. I laughed because my spirit was shaken.

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

. Ephesians 6:12

God was allowing me to see something, but not to entertain it. He was teaching me the reality of the unseen war.

I still enjoyed the house. The children played. I hosted gatherings. I lived surrounded by woods and quiet. But here is the danger: **peace in the natural does not mean peace in the spiritual.**

Around this time, I grew lonely. Instead of waiting on God, I moved ahead of Him. I joined a dating site. Impatience always opens the door to manipulation.

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”

. Isaiah 40:31

That's when I met Charlene. We dated. She had children, and I loved family. Within a year, we were married. I moved into her home in Mandarin, leaving my house behind.

I ended the paranormal group. I returned to normal life. I wrote the bank, explaining my situation and my ministry work, and asked them to take the house back.

They did more than that.

They forgave the entire **\$225,000** loan.

“The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.”

. Psalm 24:1

God proved that **obedience brings provision**, even when we don't fully understand His mercy.

But soon after marriage, I learned Charlene was struggling financially. Though she had a good job, the money was disappearing into the house. Once again, I stepped in to fix what I thought was broken.

And once again, I did it **without asking God first.**

“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

. Luke 13:3

This chapter is not about ghosts.

It is about **discernment.**

It is about **waiting on God.**

It is about **closing doors you never should have opened.**

“Neither give place to the devil.”

. Ephesians 4:27

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 35

(10/3/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

CHARLENE’S HOUSE / MY BATTLE WITH THE DEVIL

By this time, Charlene was already planning her divorce. The church we attended, her church, stood firmly with her and showed no concern for me at all. That alone reveals much about that church, **Family Christian Chapel**. The devil was present there as well, operating and influencing from the pulpit.

Scripture warns us of this very thing:

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

.2 Corinthians 11:13–14

I tried to warn Charlene, but by then she believed I had lost my mind. The commands of God sound foolish to those who walk by sight instead of by faith. The Word makes this clear:

“But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise.”

.1 Corinthians 1:27

When God told me to go downtown and minister to the homeless in Jacksonville, Florida, it sounded insane to her. And I understand why. If I were not living this life, if I were not walking daily with God, I would struggle to believe it too.

But God does not operate according to human logic.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord.”

.Isaiah 55:8

What I am writing here is not theory. It is what is happening **in the spirit realm**. Most people are deceived and do not see the war raging around them.

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

.Ephesians 6:12

So I obeyed.

I went downtown with a handmade sign that read:

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD MINISTRIES

I stood there in obedience, not preaching, not performing, only waiting on God. My assignment was simple:

“To obey is better than sacrifice.”

.1 Samuel 15:22

And God began to move. People came. The crowd grew. The presence of God was evident, not because of me, but because of obedience.

“If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

.Isaiah 1:19

Back at home, Charlene had separated from me completely, especially spiritually. Spiritual separation always comes before physical separation.

“Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?”

.Amos 3:3

She followed her church instead of the voice of God. Meanwhile, the enemy was in my house, attacking my marriage, my family, and every area of my life. Pastors came to pray, but the battle remained. All I could do was stand and endure.

“Having done all, to stand.”

.Ephesians 6:13

I was fighting the enemy day and night, ministering to the homeless by God’s command, while watching my marriage be destroyed before my eyes.

“The thief comes not but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

.John 10:10

I watched my wife and my life slip through my fingers, powerless to stop it. The enemy was strong in that house. Many evil things took place, things I will not speak of. What matters is not the events, but the **condition of my heart**.

“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

.1 Samuel 16:7

Suffering became my daily reality.

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.”

.Psalm 34:19

The devil used people against me, friends, family, and those closest to me.

“A man’s enemies will be those of his own household.”

.Matthew 10:36

I lost my children again. The pain was relentless. Yet in this place of brokenness, God began to carry me.

“When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.”

.Psalm 27:10

This Scripture became my anchor:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

.Proverbs 3:5–6

This Word must be **engraved into our spirits**, because the life God calls us to will never make sense to the world.

“For the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God.”

.1 Corinthians 2:14

In the next part, I will speak of the downtown ministry God established and my leaving Charlene’s house.

May God have mercy on us all.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 36

(10/3/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

CHARLENE / THE DEVIL / DOWNTOWN MINISTRY

As I watched the people coming, the Lord opened my eyes to the truth: the harvest was growing, but the laborers were few. These people were not just poor in possessions. they were broken in spirit. They were hungry for bread, but starving for God.

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

. Matthew 9:37

I began telling churches what God had placed on my heart. I asked for help. water, clothing, anything that could meet the needs of the homeless. And God moved. People began to give. And as they gave, more homeless people were drawn in. When God opens a door, no man can shut it.

“See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it.”

. Revelation 3:8

That was when I knew I had reached another crossroad of obedience.

Once again, I was faced with a choice: my wife and family or God's calling. And once again, God made it clear to me that this was no longer my decision to negotiate. My free will stopped where obedience began. I was not free to choose comfort over calling.

**“We must obey God rather than men.”
 . Acts 5:29**

Every time I arrive at this place, it is painful. Obedience costs relationships. Obedience costs security. Obedience costs reputation. And many times, obedience costs marriage. I must obey God and allow others to choose their own path, whether they understand it or not.

**“A man's enemies will be those of his own household.”
 . Matthew 10:36**

What God tells me to do looks like madness to those who live by the world's logic. I understand why. God's ways do not make sense to a carnal mind. There is nothing I can do but surrender and keep walking.

**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,
 says the Lord.”
 . Isaiah 55:8**

My home was filled with chaos and demonic influence, and I could not stop it. Satan works by making deception feel reasonable. He blinds the eyes of those he controls and convinces them that obedience to God is insanity.

**“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers.”
 . 2 Corinthians 4:4**

They reacted in defense, believing they were right. I understand now they were deceived. The devil does not announce himself as evil; he disguises himself as wisdom.

**“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
 . Proverbs 14:12**

This was the first time I truly understood that I could not fight the devil alone. God never called us to fight in isolation.

**“Two are better than one... for if one falls, the other will lift up his
 companion.”
 . Ecclesiastes 4:9–10**

Charlene became spiritually separated from me, and I stood alone in the house. I lost my daughters again.maybe forever. And soon, I would lose my wife. All I could do was wait as their choices became my consequences, trusting that God was still writing my story.

**“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”
 . Job 13:15**

I knew one thing for certain.God was with me, and that was enough.

**“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
 . Hebrews 13:5**

I left Charlene’s church and began attending a small church down the street.Life Church. God led me there. God has given me the gift of discernment, to see the spiritual condition of people and churches. They were spiritually blind, yet I loved them anyway.

**“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”
 . Hosea 4:6**

Still living in the house with Charlene, I obeyed God and went downtown. Every Saturday morning, the homeless gathered. I fed them, clothed them, and preached the Gospel.

**“Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for Me.”
 . Matthew 25:40**

God began to provide in supernatural ways. Walmart gave me a van full of food and pastries. As the numbers grew, complaints followed. The city became uncomfortable with the sight of hundreds of homeless people gathering.

**“And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”
 . John 1:5**

I baked over 1,000 cookies a week, bagged them, and handed them out. They called me “The Cookie Man.” But I knew the truth.I was just a servant.

**“We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.”
 . Luke 17:10**

This was God’s Will in action.

God’s Will is not a place you visit.it is a place you stand. It is where God is present, where He moves, where He makes a way. God’s Will is obedience in motion.

**“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”
 . Matthew 6:10**

This is what God taught me downtown.

Now let me tell you what God’s Will truly is.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 37

(10/9/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

CHARLENE / GOD’S WILL / DOWNTOWN MINISTRY

Meanwhile, while Charlene was planning her divorce, I was walking straight into God’s will, not man’s will. And let me say this plainly: God’s will is not what most churches teach it is. They have reduced it to comfort, safety, and approval. But God’s will is obedience.often costly obedience.

**“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven,
 but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”
 .Matthew 7:21**

I was learning that God’s will cannot be voted on, approved by church boards, or canceled by government officials. God’s will is spoken by God.and obeyed by His servants.

I was also learning what it truly means to walk in the Spirit. Being in the Spirit is not shouting, music, or emotional displays. Being in the Spirit is hearing God and doing what He says.no matter the consequences.

**“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”
 .Romans 8:14**

As the downtown ministry grew, so did the needs. The hungry came. The broken came. The forgotten came. And God sent provision. Churches began bringing food, water, clothing.because when God orders the work, He supplies the need.

**“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by
 Jesus.”
 .Philippians 4:19**

But when God’s work threatens man’s systems, resistance always follows. Complaints reached the Mayor’s office. Police were sent with orders to shut it down. They told me to leave.

And I said:

“NO. I CAN’T LEAVE.”

They asked why.

“BECAUSE GOD TOLD ME TO COME HERE. AND I WILL NOT LEAVE UNTIL GOD TELLS ME TO LEAVE.”

Church, listen carefully: When God speaks, obedience becomes non-negotiable.

“We ought to obey God rather than men.”

.Acts 5:29

The officers backed down and left. God restrained authority that day. My heart filled with a love so deep it could only come from heaven as I continued feeding and ministering to the homeless.

But while I was obeying God, I knew a storm was coming. Divorce papers were on the way. I did not fight them. Why? Because spiritual battles cannot be explained in natural courts.

“The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him.”

.1 Corinthians 2:14

God's Word had already prepared me:

“If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.”

.Matthew 5:40

So I let it go. I trusted God, not money, not marriage, not outcomes.

“Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you.”

.Psalm 55:22

In court, I became violently ill. Weak. Shaking. And then the judge openly favored Charlene's church. He said it out loud. And in that moment, I recognized the spirit behind the system.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers.”

.Ephesians 6:12

I asked for mercy. another date. The judge refused and spoke to me with contempt. Just like Jesus, I stood silent and accepted the path God had laid before me.

“He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth.”

.Isaiah 53:7

Everything was taken. I was ordered out in three days. Thrown into the street.

But hear this: God never removes something without already preparing provision.

Before I could even reach my van, God moved through a phone call. A friend called. A house was provided. A better house. A greater place.

**“Before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.”
 .Isaiah 65:24**

I moved into a home I did not earn, did not plan, and did not ask for. because obedience positions you for provision.

**“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
 .Matthew 6:33**

Yes, my heart was broken. I loved my wife. Love does not disappear just because papers are signed. But I chose obedience over bitterness.

**“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”
 .Matthew 5:4**

Each morning, I went back downtown. The police kept coming. The orders kept coming. And my answer never changed:

“NO. I CAN’T LEAVE.”

And God kept opening doors.

Charlene was gone. And I made a covenant with God:

“I will not choose again. If You desire someone to walk with me, You will send her.”

**“A man’s steps are ordered by the Lord.”
 .Psalm 37:23**

So I waited.

And I obeyed.

And I trusted God. not the church, not the courts, not the world.

**“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”
 .Revelation 2:10**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 38

(10/14/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY / GOD’S WILL

God’s Will. downtown.

Let me speak plainly. When I was in Charlene’s house, the devil did not whisper. he attacked. Daily. Relentlessly. I was caught between two worlds: obeying God fully and trying to live what the world calls a normal life. That tension is unbearable unless God Himself is your anchor.

“If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” . Luke 9:23

Charlene and her family did not see the war. They only saw the man. But the battle was not against them.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.” . Ephesians 6:12

I was fighting hell while trying to build a loving home. And yet, I say this with truth and respect. Charlene tried. I loved her deeply. She was a good woman. But love does not prepare a person for the cost of obedience.

This time, God told me to speak. I told her plainly: I work for God. If she stayed with me, her life would not belong to comfort. It would belong to service. She believed she wanted that life. Most people do.

Until God actually calls them into it.

“Many are called, but few are chosen.” . Matthew 22:14

People cannot recognize God's will because they are consumed by their own path. They do not see the spiritual war raging around them. Worse, they do not even know they are deceived.

“The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.” . 2 Corinthians 4:4

With Maggie, God commanded my silence. I was not allowed to speak of my personal work with Him. Obedience required restraint. And yet, even in chaos, she remained part of my life, and by God's grace, she endured it.

With Charlene, God commanded honesty. I spoke as events unfolded. Still, the weight was too much. God's will is not light. It is holy.

**“For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” . Matthew 11:30
(Easy does not mean painless. It means carried by Him.)**

So there I was, broken, obedient, and still moving forward, serving God in the downtown ministry. And that season became one of the most powerful times of my life.

Follow closely now. This book is not just testimony. It is living witness. God's Spirit moves through these words because these events were written in heaven before they ever happened on earth.

“This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.” . Psalm 118:23

Let me take you back.

God had first sent me to Charlene while I was living on Banks Road. I was day-trading stocks and doing well. I was also involved in a paranormal group, not for curiosity, but for spiritual

understanding. At the same time, my new wife had already come and gone, and as of this writing, returned permanently to the Philippines. Keep that in mind.

Now.back downtown.

In the beginning, I was not preaching. God did not tell me to speak. He told me to go. I went exactly where He sent me: the park behind the library. I greeted the homeless. I gave them water. I listened.

“Be still, and know that I am God.” . Psalm 46:10

Let us pause here.

God told me to go downtown and minister to the homeless. And as always, I obeyed.no matter what. That phrase is everything. No matter what is the cord that binds me to God. He knows that when He speaks, I will move.

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” . John 10:27

By this time, I had lost it all. My family. My children. My wife.again. Charlene divorced me and had me removed from our home with nowhere to go.

Still, my hope never left the Lord.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” . Psalm 23:1

“Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.” . Job 13:15

I was obeying God, serving downtown, when I signed the divorce papers at her attorney’s office. Less than two minutes later, walking toward my van, the phone rang.

It was my friend Steve.

Two minutes after becoming homeless, God answered. I was given a place to live.not smaller, not temporary.but a house twice the size of the one I had just lost, in Fruit Cove Estates. From a \$200,000 house to a \$400,000 house in minutes.

“Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.” . Isaiah 65:24

I tell you this so you understand: God provides for those who walk in His will. The downtown ministry was not my idea.it was His. Obedience is the only doorway into God’s will.

“To obey is better than sacrifice.” . 1 Samuel 15:22

God’s will is not theory.it is a place. It runs parallel to this world, unseen but active. When we obey, we step into it.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” . 2 Corinthians 5:7

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 39

(10/16/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY / GOD'S WILL

(A SERMON FROM THE STREETS)

This was not my will.
This was God's will.

God did not call me to a building.
He called me to the streets.

For nearly a year I went downtown, week after week, Saturday after Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon, without fail. Not because it was comfortable, but because obedience rarely is.

The crowds grew. The need grew. The suffering grew.
And God grew my heart.

Every week I baked over one thousand cookies, handed out water, and later clothing as donations came in. God provided, because God always provides when His will is being done.

**"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
.Matthew 6:33 .**

I was not running a program.
I was living a calling.

I created a website called On Probation With The World, not to promote myself, but to testify of what God was showing me in real time. I was not preaching from a pulpit. I was preaching with my feet, my hands, my sweat, and my tears.

**"Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."
.James 2:17 .**

Then God said, "You want to help them? Then walk where they walk. Sleep where they sleep. Suffer what they suffer."

So I did.

I went to the streets as one of them.

Dirty. Unshaven. Old clothes. No money.
No name. No status. No protection.

And suddenly, I was invisible.

No showers. No beds. Very little food. Just endless walking.because walking is the only transportation the homeless have.

**“The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.”
.Matthew 8:20 .**

I met a man sleeping on a bench near the water. Morning came and we walked over two hours just to reach a place where a church was handing out food. By the time we arrived, my feet burned, my body shook, and I was so exhausted I couldn't even eat.

Church.listen to me.
This is what survival looks like.

Water became life. And when my bottle ran empty, I went to the Landing to ask for more.

I asked politely. I said “please.”

And I was called a bum.

I was threatened with the police.

I was rejected.not because of who I was, but because of how I looked.

That is when God opened my eyes.

**“Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”
.1 Samuel 16:7 .**

When one woman finally showed compassion and filled my bottle, I walked outside and collapsed in tears. I wept openly. I wept uncontrollably. I wept because now I understood.

This is how the world treats the poor.
This is how the world treats the broken.
This is how the world treats Jesus.when He comes in disguise.

**“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”
.Matthew 25:40 .**

I cried out, “Lord, teach me how to help them.for You.”

That night, the sprinklers came on.
So I bathed in sprinkler water.

No shame. No pride. Just survival.

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”

.1 Peter 5:6 .

I lived on the streets seven days.

I saw church leaders walk past me.

I said hello.

They said nothing.

But God saw everything.

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth.”

.2 Chronicles 16:9 .

I met people from every background. people who once had jobs, homes, families. And the truth hit me like thunder:

America is only a few paychecks away from homelessness.

“Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”

.Proverbs 27:1 .

When I finally returned home, I was grateful in a way I had never been before. Clean water. Clean clothes. A bed. Food.

We take everything for granted.

And God showed me.

We don't lack provision. We lack gratitude.

We don't lack resources. We lack compassion.

We don't lack churches. We lack obedience.

“Having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”

.1 Timothy 6:8 .

I stand guilty before God.

I failed Him many times.

I did not trust Him the way I should have.

But God did not give up on me.

He was preparing me.
 Breaking me.
 Teaching me.

Because God's will is not learned in comfort.
 it is learned in obedience.

**"Not my will, but thine, be done."
 .Luke 22:42 .**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 40

(10/23/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY / GOD'S WILL

When God Pricks the Heart

God pricked his heart.and for a brief moment, heaven responded.

I am still learning God's will, because God's will is not learned in comfort, buildings, or tradition. It is learned in obedience, correction, and consequences. There are consequences when we trust God.and there are consequences when we do not.

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
 and lean not on your own understanding."
 . Proverbs 3:5**

Much of the church believes it sees clearly, yet it walks in blindness and does not even know it.

**"You say, 'I see.' Therefore your sin remains."
 . John 9:41**

**"Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear?"
 . Mark 8:18**

God sent me downtown to minister to the homeless.those forgotten by the world but never forgotten by God.

**"Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for Me."
 . Matthew 25:40**

After years of serving, God shifted the ministry. He told me to preach openly and I obeyed. God confirmed that obedience immediately. Someone unexpectedly paid for a sound system and mixer, providing everything I needed.

“Obedience is better than sacrifice.”

. 1 Samuel 15:22

“My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory.”

. Philippians 4:19

To keep people through the service, I gave each person a number for a small drawing. Two dollars for most winners. Five dollars for the last number. To someone with nothing, five dollars is not small. It is hope.

“Give, and it will be given to you.”

. Luke 6:38

One Saturday, as I passed down the row, a man secretly took several numbers. He thought I didn't see. But I did. I said nothing.

**“The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
seeing the evil and the good.”**

. Proverbs 15:3

Week after week he continued. Another man came to me and said, “He's cheating.”

I replied, “I know. God sees.”

“Be sure your sin will find you out.”

. Numbers 32:23

That day, a preacher before me spoke about stealing. The Word struck its target. The man was pricked in his heart.

**“For the Word of God is living and powerful,
sharper than any two-edged sword.”**

. Hebrews 4:12

When I stood to preach, the man approached me broken. He confessed. He asked if he could return the extra numbers and keep only one.

**“He who conceals his sins will not prosper,
but whoever confesses and forsakes them will find mercy.”**

. Proverbs 28:13

I said, “Yes. Bless you for choosing what is right.”

**“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.”
 . Psalm 51:17**

When it was time for the drawing, I called the final number.the five-dollar prize. The man who had repented won.

He leaped with joy, shouting, running toward me.

I stopped him and said, “Listen to me.”

“You were convicted for stealing. When you chose righteousness.even briefly.God honored that choice. This blessing is not about money. It is about obedience.”

**“The Lord rewards righteousness.”
 . Proverbs 11:18**

**“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,
 and He will lift you up.”
 . James 4:10**

I told him, “God delights in repentance. God responds to obedience. Today you were blessed.not because you deserved it, but because you surrendered.”

**“The kindness of God leads you to repentance.”
 . Romans 2:4**

As I walked away that day, God spoke to me clearly. He showed me that His will is not complicated.but it is costly. God is watching hearts, not appearances. Actions matter. Repentance matters. Obedience matters.

**“To obey is better than sacrifice.”
 . 1 Samuel 15:22**

**“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”
 . Luke 11:28**

God’s will is not found in religion.it is found in response.

And when God pricks the heart, heaven waits to see what we will do

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 41

(10/24/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY / GOD'S WILL**GOD'S WILL DOWNTOWN . THE MISSING GIRL**

By this time, the streets knew my name. not because of me, but because of the God I serve. People were no longer just coming for food or water. They were coming for prayer, for hope, and for deliverance.

The Word says,

“And the common people heard Him gladly” (Mark 12:37).

That Saturday, a woman came to me trembling and weeping.

“Pastor, I need your help. My daughter never got off the bus yesterday. This has never happened. She never came home. Please. pray for my child.”

Immediately, the Spirit of God rose up in me.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (Romans 8:14).

I took her hands and prayed. not from fear, but from authority.

“Lord, You are the God who sees all things.

Your Word declares, ‘Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?’ (Psalm 139:7).

Father, this mother stands before You, and we stand on Your promises. If this child has been taken against her will. if she is being held captive. I ask You now, Lord, to intervene.

Touch the hearts of those holding her. Confuse their plans. Break every chain.

For Your Word says, ‘He brings out the captives into prosperity’ (Psalm 68:6).

In the name of Jesus devil, loose her now and let her go unharmed.

For it is written, ‘Resist the devil, and he will flee’ (James 4:7).

We declare freedom now. Amen.”

It was just after 9:00 a.m. when she walked away still in tears. But before she left, the Lord gave me a word for her.

“Ma’am,” I said.

“You will have your daughter back today. Do not fear. Trust God.”

The Word says,

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21).

She nodded and walked away.

Near 11:00 a.m., as I was preaching, declaring the goodness of God, a car pulled up. The same woman came running toward me, interrupting the message.

“Pastor! Thank you for praying! My daughter is in the hospital being checked out, and she is okay! Two men were holding her, and then suddenly they just said, ‘Go!’ They let her go!”

She lifted her hands and shouted, “Oh, thank You, Jesus!”

And I knew, God had answered.

The Scripture says,

“Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear” (Isaiah 65:24).

I shared the testimony with the crowd, declaring that God is still a deliverer, still a protector, still a miracle-worker when we trust Him fully.

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).

This day was not about me. I take no credit. I stood in awe of what God allowed me to witness. He was teaching me that obedience releases heaven’s power.

During this same season, the Lord led me to an abandoned building downtown and spoke clearly to my spirit: “Claim this for the ministry.”

The earth is the Lord’s.

“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof” (Psalm 24:1).

I later discovered the building belonged to a large church in Jacksonville, pastored by R. J. Washington of Titus Harvest Dome. The Lord instructed me to go to him with a message, that God desired the property for ministry and wanted him to join the work.

By now, I had learned this truth:

“To obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22).

So I made the appointment and went.

I sat in his office for an hour while phone call after phone call interrupted. When the hour ended, he said, “I’m very busy. Thank you for coming.”

I left without ever delivering the message God had given me.

I was hurt. I was angry. But I learned another hard truth:

“He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says” (Revelation 2:7).

Not everyone is willing to hear God, even when God sends the message directly to them.

And still, God’s will goes forward.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 42

(10/24/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

DOWNTOWN MINISTRY / GOD’S WILL

“When God Speaks and Man Must Decide”

God’s Will Downtown . R.J. Washington & The Missing Man

When I returned home, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me. Not gently. Not quietly. But with authority.

The Lord said, “Write him.”

So I wrote.

I was instructed to tell him how rude it was not to listen, not to me, but to the voice of God being sent through me. I was told to warn him that a message from heaven was being resisted.

**“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.”
(Revelation 2:7)**

As I continued the work God assigned me downtown, the Lord spoke again and said:

**“Look for a building for the ministry.”
*(Habakkuk 2:2 . “Write the vision and make it plain...”)***

So after preaching that Saturday morning, I drove through the streets, not guided by real estate logic, but by obedience.

And suddenly, God stopped me.

A building stood before me. For sale. Waiting.

My spirit leaped, because when God moves ahead of you, provision is already standing in place.

**“Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”
(Isaiah 65:24)**

I called the agent. I walked through the building. No one wanted it, even at a cheap price. I asked who owned it and was told it belonged to Titus Harvest Dome, the largest church in Jacksonville, pastored by R.J. Washington.

I went home and prayed, “Lord, what do I do?”

And God answered plainly:

**“Go to him. Ask him to donate the building. Ask him to join you.”
(Psalm 50:10–12 . “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is Mine.”)**

I made the appointment. I went in humility. But my time was dishonored, his attention divided by phone calls. I left knowing something important:

**Man may ignore God’s messenger, but God never ignores obedience.
(1 Samuel 15:22)**

So I wrote the letter.

It was long. It was direct. It was Spirit-led. I told him that God does not anoint buildings to sit empty while people suffer in the streets. I told him the building was meant for God’s purpose, not man’s control.

That letter broke his heart.

He called me later and apologized. But I continued to watch the building, to visit it, to lay hands on it, praying and claiming it for God.

**“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.”
(Matthew 18:18)**

Meanwhile, miracles increased among the homeless.

And then came the moment that still shakes me.

A woman approached me while I was handing out water. She said others told her, “Go see that preacher.” With tears she said her son had been missing for seventeen years.

They searched everywhere. Her church prayed. And then God spoke to her:

“Go to Jacksonville, Florida.”
(Genesis 12:1 . “Go to the land I will show you.”)

They left before dawn and drove hours in faith.

Standing there on that street corner, I took her hands and prayed:

“Lord, You know where her son is right now. Nothing is hidden from You. If it is Your will, restore what has been lost. We trust You whether You say yes or no.”

(Luke 1:37 . “For with God nothing shall be impossible.”)

When I opened my eyes, tears covered both our faces.

Then the Spirit spoke through me:

“Go to Salsbucker.”

And then again, stronger, bolder, the words came:

“Today, you will have your son.”
(Job 22:28 . “You will decree a thing, and it will be established.”)

Around 11:00 a.m., as I preached to fifty or sixty gathered souls, a car pulled up.

The woman shouted:

“I have him! I have my son!”

Then the man leaned out the back window, the same man I had spoken to many times on the street.

He cried out:

“I knew one day you’d help me!”

And a holy stillness fell over everyone.

“The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.”
(Habakkuk 2:20)

That day was not about me.

It was about obedience, availability, and a God who still finds the lost.

**“The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
(Luke 19:10)**

When God’s will is moving, everyone near it feels the weight of glory.

And when you stand close to God’s work, you will never leave unchanged.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 43

(11/6/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

DOWNTOWN GOD’S WILL, OBEDIENCE, AND SEPARATION

As I continued ministering downtown, God continued to bless me and instruct me. I know most people do not believe this, but I speak the truth before God. God speaks to me. And that alone separates truth from deception. Many people claim God speaks to them. You hear it constantly. But Scripture tells us plainly that not every voice that sounds spiritual comes from God.

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God.” (1 John 4:1)

Someone is speaking to them, but often it is Satan, disguising himself as God. The church has accepted this deception because the devil rewards obedience to him with comfort, success, and approval.

“For Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” (2 Corinthians 11:14)

People testify about how “God” is blessing them, yet their lives produce no holiness, no obedience, no fear of God. That is not God. That is deception. And I cannot lie about this.

During this time, I had a website, and through it I met Nora in the Philippines. Looking back from the present day, I now see clearly what I could not see then. She married me for a green card. She believed I had money because of my downtown ministry and website, and she set her heart on what she thought I could give her. That story will come later, but it was part of what God was allowing me to walk through.

At that time, however, I was content. I lacked nothing. I was doing exactly what God told me to do.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” (Psalm 23:1)

I had promised God that I would no longer choose a mate for myself. I told Him plainly: If You send someone, I must know it is You. Until then, I would wait. And in that waiting, I was at peace.

Around 2013, we connected on Facebook. But I was not searching. I was waiting on God to tell me when to write again, when to finish the book He commanded me to write. Now I understand why the delay was necessary. I had more to learn, not from books, but from suffering.

I needed to experience pain.

I needed to see betrayal.

I needed to learn just how deceptive the human heart truly is.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)

God was preparing to reveal the tenderness of His heart, the depth of His love for humanity despite how fallen we are. The devil has already deceived much of the church into living separated from God, while still using His name.

“Having a form of godliness but denying its power.” (2 Timothy 3:5)

I did not fully understand this until I lived it. I know now that when we are not walking in God’s will, destruction follows. God wants the world to know that He is alive, not a theory, not a religion.

People say they believe, but belief without obedience is a lie.

“Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46)

If people truly believed, they would not be so easily deceived or so willing to follow the works of the devil against the one true God.

While ministering downtown, I encountered real demons in people. Many came against me. But they had no power over me, because God was with me.

“No weapon formed against you shall prosper.” (Isaiah 54:17)

Even the city tried to remove me. Police came repeatedly and ordered me to leave. Each time I told them, “God sent me here, and I will not leave until God tells me to go.” They didn’t know how to respond, and each time they walked away.

“We must obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)

God even instructed me to write letters to the mayor, inviting them to join what God was doing. They never responded. Still, I stood in perfect peace.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” (Proverbs 9:10)

This was a season where I was undeniably in the Will of God.

The Will of God is not mystical or hidden. It is not something we invent for ourselves. The Will of God is learned through hearing His voice and obeying without reservation. It often looks foolish to the world.

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)

When you obey God without adding your own reasoning, you become empty of self so that God can fill you.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5)

You become a vessel. A servant. A living sacrifice.

“Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God.” (Romans 12:1)

Then suddenly, God spoke clearly to me:

“It is time for you to stop going downtown. Next Saturday will be your last.”

He told me this on Sunday, giving me time to prepare. This was no small thing. Hundreds of people depended on the ministry. But obedience is not optional.

That Saturday came. I preached as usual. When it was time to close, I asked everyone to stay. I told them I loved them. Then I told them the truth: God sent me here, and now God is calling me to leave.

Chaos erupted. Anger filled the crowd. One man struck me in the face, knocking my glasses off. Other preachers watched to see how I would respond.

A homeless man restrained him. Another returned my glasses.

I looked at the man and said, “I love you. I am not angry.”

“But I tell you, love your enemies.” (Matthew 5:44)

I did not strike back. I did not defend myself. I obeyed Christ.

“When He was reviled, He did not revile in return.” (1 Peter 2:23)

The man was stunned. He expected violence. Instead, he saw love.

**And that day, I made my final exit.
obedient,
at peace,
and led by God.**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 44

(11/7/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

GOD’S WILL With Nora

I had just left downtown, not knowing that God was closing one chapter and opening another. Once again, I stood in the place every servant of God must learn to stand. waiting on the Lord. I could feel it in my spirit: the time had come to begin this work in earnest. On Probation With the World was not born of ambition, but of obedience. This book is not mine. It belongs to God.

**“Write the vision and make it plain, that he may run who reads it.”
(Habakkuk 2:2)**

This book exists to expose the enemy.

The enemy is Satan. the fallen angel who desired the throne of God and was cast down in rebellion. What he lost in Heaven, he now seeks to counterfeit on earth. He cannot create. he can only corrupt. He cannot give life. he can only steal, kill, and destroy.

**“And war broke out in heaven... So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.”
(Revelation 12:7–9)**

At that time, I was living in Fruit Cove Estates. It was there that God opened my eyes to the greatest battlefield of our generation: the internet. What once required distance now requires only desire. In seconds, strangers enter your home, your mind, your heart, and your spirit.

And Satan was already waiting.

One of his most effective weapons is sex.

“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.”

(James 1:14)

Around 2012–2013, I began a long, deliberate study of sexual behavior in both men and women. Not for pleasure. Not for curiosity. But for revelation. I needed to understand how Satan uses desire to enslave, distract, and destroy. Facebook became the primary tool. not because it was harmless, but because it was accessible.

This was not a quick study. It unfolded over years.

What I learned was this: Satan adapts his tactics to culture. He studies nations the way a hunter studies prey. But the weakest targets were often the poorest. those who woke each day not knowing if they would eat. Desperation opens doors that pride alone cannot.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

(Hosea 4:6)

I spoke with men and women across the world. many starving, many broken, many longing to be seen. Meanwhile, I renovated the house I lived in. God provided for me. Provision was never the issue. Discernment was the lesson.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.”

(Ephesians 6:12)

During this time, I was also attending church. Outwardly, life looked ordered. Inwardly, God was teaching me how deception hides in plain sight.

It was then that a woman named Nora contacted me through my website. She said she loved it. Her messages continued. If I did not respond, she would reach out again. Slowly, an attachment formed.

But I am a pastor. And pastors must not live by emotion. they must live by truth.

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God.”

(1 John 4:1)

Even as feelings grew, I included this relationship within my study. I told her many times what I was doing, though I do not believe she fully understood. Nora was from the Philippines, and language and cultural barriers were real.

As time passed, marriage plans formed. By late 2014, the decision stood before us. I explained the wisdom of an engagement visa. It would have been quicker, safer, and orderly. But she insisted on her way. I knew then that yielding to emotion over wisdom always comes at a cost.

**“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”
(Proverbs 3:5)**

During this season, my study revealed something sobering: virtual intimacy forges real spiritual bonds. Distance does not prevent connection when the spirit is involved. People believe they are acting freely, yet they are being led.

**“Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”
(2 Corinthians 11:14)**

Online, people become who they wish to be, not who they are. Faith is misplaced. Reality is distorted. And slowly, chains are formed that feel like love.

I warned her again about my study, about the patterns, the attachments, the deception. This work continued into the 2020s because God was not finished exposing the truth.

**“For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.”
(Mark 4:22)**

This chapter is not written to shame.
It is written to wake up the Church.

The battlefield has moved into our homes.
The war is for the mind.
The weapon is desire.
And the only defense is truth.

**“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
(John 8:32)**

**This is God’s will.
And the revelation is not finished**

**His good servant
pastor tom**

Chapter 10

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND GOD'S WILL VS HUMAN WILL

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 45

(11/8/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

God's Will versus human will.

This lesson was not learned in comfort. It was learned through exposure, pain, and revelation. God showed me that it is not enough to talk about His Will. We must know when to apply it, how to submit to it, and what happens when we ignore it.

"Not my will, but Yours be done." . Luke 22:42

I am learning that every person has their own way of doing things. And Satan loves this. He thrives on independence without obedience. He thrives when everyone follows their own reasoning instead of God's instruction.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." . Proverbs 14:12

When people are scattered, the enemy does not need to attack. Confusion does the work for him.

"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace." . 1 Corinthians 14:33

THE STRATEGY OF THE ENEMY

We are living in a time where knowledge increases rapidly. The internet spreads information faster than wisdom can keep up. Without discernment, people are lost in data but starving for truth.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." . Hosea 4:6

Satan does not force sin. He presents opportunity. He creates conditions where temptation feels justified, excusable, and even reasonable.

"Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed." . James 1:14

THE STUDY AND THE SNARE

In 2013, I began a personal and revealing study on sexual behavior between men and women. This study took place across cultures and nations, often among the vulnerable and the poor. What I learned was not about sex. it was about the human heart.

I placed myself in submission. I appeared weak. I gave control away. And when people felt no threat, they felt no guilt.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?” . Jeremiah 17:9

By giving first, I removed resistance. By appearing at fault, I removed accountability. And by doing so, I revealed one of Satan's greatest weapons: the shifting of blame.

“The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” . Genesis 3:12

Nothing has changed since Eden.

EVIDENCE VS TRUTH

Those involved held what they called evidence. Messages. Words. Images. But evidence without truth is a weapon.

“Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.” . 2 Corinthians 11:14

Even my wife, Nora, held these things as proof. proof not of truth, but of justification. They became her reason to walk away, to commit adultery, and to reject the covenant.

“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled.” Hebrews 13:4

What she called evidence was material willingly given. material stripped of context and truth. And when the heart desires its own will, it will cling to any lie that supports it.

“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie.” Romans 1:25

THE GREAT DECEPTION

This is the core of Satan's deception:
He leads us to choose, then convinces us we had no choice.

We say, “The devil made me do it.”
But Scripture says otherwise.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” . James 4:7

The enemy cannot rule a submitted heart.

“Take every thought captive to obey Christ.” . 2 Corinthians 10:5

THE WARNING TO THE READER

What looks like proof may only be permission misused.

What feels justified may still be rebellion.

What sounds reasonable may still be sin.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” . 1 Peter 5:8

Satan is very good at his job.but he is not greater than God.

“Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” . 1 John 4:4

FINAL CALL

God's Will does not bend to human desire.

Truth does not change because evidence is misused.

And repentance is the only doorway back to freedom.

“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” . John 8:32

This chapter is written not to condemn, but to expose the enemy.so that God's people may no longer be ignorant of his devices.

“Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.” . 2 Corinthians 2:11

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 46

(11/11/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

God's Will vs Human Will: Sex, Deception, and the Cost of Obedience

This season became one of the hardest trials of my entire life.

There is no pain deeper than losing people you love because you chose to obey God.

But Jesus warned us plainly:

“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

. Luke 9:23 .

Obedience is not comfortable.

It is not popular.

And it will cost you relationships.

God will ask you to do things that look crazy to the world. That is why the world rejects God's will.because it does not make sense to flesh.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.”

. Isaiah 55:8 .

I asked myself over and over again, What is normal anymore?

And the truth is.normal is a lie.

This world is operating under deception. People build lives on lies, homes on lies, marriages on lies, and then call it peace. Trust has vanished. Truth is mocked. Sin is renamed and justified.

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness.”

. Isaiah 5:20 .

The Sexual Study: The Church Exposed

God allowed me to conduct what I call a sexual behavior study, and I know many will reject this testimony. But rejection does not cancel truth.

The results shocked me.

Among Christian-believing women, nearly 95% were willing to engage in sexual sin.married or not.if circumstances suited their own desires.

Among men, about 75%, including men willing to engage in same-sex sin.

These were not unbelievers.

These were professing Christians.

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.”

. 2 Timothy 3:5 .

The church is full.but holiness is empty.

Jesus said:

“Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”

. Luke 18:8 .

This is not revival.

This is Sodom and Gomorrah wearing church clothes.

“As it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold... But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone.”

. Luke 17:28–29 .

God's Will: The Only Safe Place

Even so, I testify to this truth:

Being in God's will is the strongest, safest, most powerful place a person can stand.

“The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”

. Proverbs 18:10 .

When I was walking in obedience, God provided, protected, and directed. even when I did not understand.

Nora, Marriage, and the Warning Signs

As my downtown ministry began to fade, Nora remained connected from afar. She sent money to support the ministry and the work God gave me in Pakistan, where we were feeding the poor. especially children.

“He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD.”

. Proverbs 19:17 .

But although we were married, my spirit was uneasy.

“And by peace shall destroy many.”

. Daniel 8:25 .

I discovered Nora had been lying to me about nearly everything. Her heart was not aligned with marriage, nor ministry, nor covenant. Yet I believed her words and placed her on the board of On Probation With The World Ministries, the ministry God entrusted to me.

That was a costly mistake.

Isolation Before Revelation

When I traveled to the Philippines, I had little money and little control. She complained about sleeping beside me. I rose daily at 4 a.m., walking miles through Cabanatuan City, warned constantly of danger.

But God kept me.

**“The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.”
. Psalm 121:7 .**

Later, she placed me alone in Palayan City, forty miles away, without money, transportation, or communication.

But isolation is where God reveals truth.

**“I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak
comfortably unto her.”
. Hosea 2:14 .**

As I walked that city, God exposed lies, cultural deception, sexual immorality, and abuse of marriage for financial gain. Sin was justified as normal. Adultery was renamed. Bigamy was excused.

But God does not change His Word.

**“Jesus the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”
. Hebrews 13:8 .**

Culture does not override Scripture.

The Line God Drew

What appeared beautiful on the surface was spiritually rotten beneath. Foreigners were targeted. Marriage was weaponized. And I stood at the edge of one of the most painful trials of my life.

It came down to one decision:

God's Will . or Human Will.

**“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof
are the ways of death.”
. Proverbs 14:12 .**

Obedience cost me deeply.
But disobedience would have cost me everything.

**“Choose you this day whom ye will serve.”
Joshua 24:15**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 47

(11/13/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

**GOD'S WILL VS THE DEVIL'S CONFUSION
VS.
HUMAN UNDERSTANDING
VS.
MY EXPECTATIONS
VS.
MY PRIDE
VS.
TRUE LOVE**

This chapter is written in love.
Not to accuse.
Not to complain.
But to examine my own heart before God.

I love my wife.
I honor my wife.
And I take responsibility for my own walk with God.

GOD'S WILL vs. HUMAN PLANS

My plan was an Engagement Visa so my wife could come quickly. It made sense to me. It seemed orderly and reasonable. My wife believed marriage first was the right step, and I chose to follow that path.

I did this out of love.

Yet humility later taught me this truth:

Good plans are not the same as God's instructions.

GOD'S WILL vs. GOOD INTENTIONS

My intentions were sincere.
My heart was genuine.
But sincerity alone does not replace obedience.

This is not a judgment on my wife.
This is a lesson for my soul.

God's Word reminds us in Isaiah 55:8–9 that His ways are higher than ours. What we believe is loving may still need to be surrendered to Him.

GOD'S WILL vs. THE DEVIL'S CONFUSION

The devil does not always attack with obvious sin.
Sometimes he uses delay, distraction, and misalignment.

Not to destroy love.
but to weaken clarity.

Where God brings peace, the devil brings confusion.
Where God brings order, the devil brings fog.

GOD'S WILL vs. THE WAIT

The process took years.
The waiting tested my patience.
The delay tested my faith.

But I do not blame my wife for the wait.

Waiting is God's refining fire.

GOD'S WILL vs. MY EXPECTATIONS

When my wife arrived, my heart was full of expectation. I had planned a honeymoon as an expression of love. Life, however, unfolded differently than I imagined.

Here God corrected me gently:

Love does not demand outcomes.
Love offers grace.

GOD'S WILL vs. CONTROL

There were seasons of silence and distance. Instead of responding with frustration, God taught me to respond with prayer.

Marriage is not control.
Marriage is covenant.

GOD'S WILL vs. MY PRIDE

This is where God dealt with me most.

Not my wife.
Not circumstances.
Me.

Pride asks, "Why didn't this go my way?"
Humility asks, "Lord, what are You teaching me?"

GOD'S WILL vs. TRUE LOVE

True love is patient.
True love is humble.
True love trusts God even when understanding is incomplete.

My love for my wife did not fail.
it matured.

THE FINAL VERSUS

So the real battle was never between people.

It was always:

God's Will
vs.
my understanding
vs.
my timing
vs.
my expectations
vs.
my pride

And God won. not by force,
but by humbling my heart.

CLOSING TRUTH

God used this season to teach me how to love like Christ.
with patience, sacrifice, and obedience.

For my wife, I choose love.
For my marriage, I choose prayer.
For my life, I choose God's Will.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 48**(11/20/22)****ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD****GOD'S WILL, HUMAN WILL, AND THE GREAT DECEPTION**

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10

There are moments in life when God brings us to a place of stillness so we can finally see clearly. In those moments, He asks us one question: Whose will are you following? Is it God's will, human will, or the subtle deception of the enemy disguised as opportunity?

God is good all the time.

Not only when life feels right, but even when life breaks our hearts.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

. Romans 8:28

God allows consequences not to destroy us, but to teach us obedience, humility, and discernment. He does not abandon us in our mistakes; He walks with us through them.

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

. 2 Timothy 2:13

In this season, God instructed me to step away from the downtown ministry and into a deeper testing of my faith. my marriage. This was not a punishment, but a refining fire.

"He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

. Malachi 3:3

I speak now not as a man full of anger, but as a servant learning patience. Loving another person requires sacrifice, endurance, and trust in God. especially when love is not returned in the way we hoped.

**“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”
. 1 Corinthians 13:7**

I loved my wife sincerely. My desire was for a home built on faith, safety, and obedience to God. But God has shown me that love cannot force unity, and obedience cannot be manufactured by human effort.

**“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.”
. Psalm 127:1**

We are living in a time when spiritual warfare is no longer hidden. The battle between good and evil has surfaced openly in our homes, our marriages, our churches, and our nations.

**“For the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine.”
. 2 Timothy 4:3**

This is not a war against flesh and blood. It is not a war against a spouse, a family member, or another human being.

**“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.”
. Ephesians 6:12**

Even through heartbreak, God has not removed my calling. He redirected it. He placed me among the poor, the hungry, and the forgotten, where love must be lived, not spoken.

**“Pure and undefiled religion before God... is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble.”
. James 1:27**

I choose forgiveness. I choose obedience. I choose not to harden my heart.

**“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”
. Psalm 51:10**

I leave judgment in God's hands alone. I do not celebrate consequences; I surrender them to the Lord, who judges righteously.

**“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”
. Romans 12:19**

This season has taught me a powerful truth:
Love given freely is never wasted. Even when rejected, love reflects God's own heart.

“God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God.”
. 1 John 4:16

As I close this chapter, I wait patiently on the Lord. not in fear, not in bitterness, but in faith.

“Be still, and know that I am God.”
. Psalm 46:10

I fast. I pray. I listen. I allow God to reveal what He wants His people to see about deception, manipulation, and obedience in these last days.

“Let God be true, but every man a liar.”
. Romans 3:4

May this testimony point not to my suffering, but to God's faithfulness; not to human failure, but to His truth; not to division, but to repentance and surrender.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”
. Revelation 2:7

With humility and obedience,

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 49

(11/25/22)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

NORA'S WILL, NORA'S CONSEQUENCES, AND GOD'S WILL

Today I wait. not in fear, not in anger, but in submission. I am waiting on a response from Immigration regarding accusations of marriage fraud involving my wife, Nora. But while the world decides, God is teaching. Waiting is not wasted time when God is involved.

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”
. Isaiah 40:31

This season has brought me face to face with a truth many avoid: every choice carries consequences. We want blessings without obedience, favor without surrender, and outcomes without accountability. But God does not operate that way.

There is God's will, there is the devil's will, and there is man's will. God, in His mercy, gave us free will. not to destroy ourselves, but to choose life. He does not force righteousness; He reveals it.

“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death... therefore choose life.”

. Deuteronomy 30:19

God's path is narrow and clear. The devil's path is wide and crowded with options. The enemy overwhelms us with choice, confusion, emotion, and desire. until truth is buried under impulse.

“Enter ye in at the strait gate... because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life.”

. Matthew 7:13–14

Though we think ourselves wise, we are still children in understanding. That is why temptation works. That is why deception spreads. Christmas passed quietly this year, not because Christ was honored, but because hearts were heavy. Joy was absent. Loneliness filled the air. This is the fruit of a world that has walked away from God.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

. Hosea 4:6

As I waited, God instructed me to cleanse my house. physically and spiritually. I removed reminders of what once was, not out of bitterness, but out of obedience. When God closes a door, we must not keep standing in the hallway.

“Forget those things which are behind, and reach forth unto those things which are before.”

. Philippians 3:13

I will not answer manipulation with emotion. I will not respond to deception with anger. I remain silent and let God speak.

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

. Exodus 14:14

Choices belong to the individual. but consequences answer to God. No one escapes this law. When we disobey God, we place ourselves under the enemy's influence. At times, God steps back. not to punish, but to teach.

“Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.”

. Hebrews 12:6

Some learn through correction. Others remain in rebellion. God remains righteous either way.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

. Galatians 6:7

I hold no hatred. I speak no curses. I release all judgment to God. My responsibility is obedience, not revenge.

“Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come.”

. 1 Corinthians 4:5

This battle reveals the sickness of the world. Accountability has been replaced by blame. Humility has been replaced by pride. Commitment has been replaced by convenience. And separation from God is the result.

“There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.”

. Proverbs 30:12

I have learned this: what I want and what God wants are often not the same. Growth begins when surrender replaces desire.

“Not my will, but thine, be done.”

. Luke 22:42

If you examine your own life, you will see moments where you believed you were right, only to later discover you were wrong. We are all searching, but without God, we search in circles.

“The heart is deceitful above all things.”

. Jeremiah 17:9

Yet God remains faithful. Tomorrow is a new day. Mercy still flows.

“His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

. Lamentations 3:22–23

Amen

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 50

(1/4/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

NORA FACES MARRIAGE FRAUD WITH IMMIGRATION IN GOD'S TIMING

In God's timing . not mine . all things will be revealed.
I do not rush God.
I do not judge before Him.
I submit to His authority.

If consequences must come, they will come by His hand, not mine.
If mercy is given, it will be His mercy, not earned by man.

**“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”
. Ecclesiastes 3:1**

As for me, I must press on.

**“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.”
. Philippians 3:13**

This is not a message of blame it is a message of obedience.
This is not bitterness . it is surrender.

THE WEIGHT OF TODAY

Here I stand on January 4th, 2023.
A new year, yet the same God.
New days, yet the same calling.

God continues to give visions . not to exalt me, but to humble me.
Not to accuse others, but to warn and prepare hearts.

Even the prophets trembled when God spoke.

**“Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone.”
. Isaiah 6:5**

I have learned that speaking what God shows you requires fear of the Lord, not confidence in the flesh.

**“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword.”
. Hebrews 4:12**

TIME, TODAY, AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD

I have come to understand something sacred:
There is only today.

Yesterday is gone.
Tomorrow is not promised.
God meets us now.

“Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”
. Proverbs 27:1

Yet mankind has drifted away from the presence of today.
From the beginning, man reached outward instead of upward.
We chose control over communion.

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.”
. Isaiah 53:6

We created lives without God and then asked Him to bless them.

Still . and this is mercy beyond understanding . God did not abandon us.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
. Romans 5:8

THE DISTORTION OF LOVE

Over time, we lost what God gave.

Respect.

Honor.

Truth.

Compassion.

Sacrificial love.

We replaced God's love with a love that serves self.

“For men shall be lovers of their own selves.”
. 2 Timothy 3:2

Jesus warned us plainly:

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”
. Matthew 24:12

Generation after generation, love became unrecognizable.
We no longer see the loss because we were born into it.

We desire what we see.
We covet what we lack.
We consume and never satisfy.

**“The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.”
. Ecclesiastes 1:8**

Even creation cries out under the weight of our choices.

**“For the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”
. Romans 8:22**

THE APPOINTED TIME

God allows moments of shaking . not to destroy, but to awaken.

**“Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.”
. Hebrews 12:26**

Jesus told us division would come, not as chaos, but as revelation.

**“Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division.”
. Luke 12:51–53**

This division exposes hearts.
This time prepares a people.

Not everyone will endure.
Not everyone will listen.

**“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.”
. Matthew 24:11**

THE CALL TO ENDURANCE

I do not speak as one without fear.
I speak as one who knows judgment begins in the house of God.

**“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God.”
. 1 Peter 4:17**

The call is not panic.
The call is not accusation.
The call is repentance, endurance, and prayer.

**“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will
I hear from heaven.”
. 2 Chronicles 7:14**

Jesus gave us the final instruction:

**“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”
. Matthew 24:13**

FINAL WORD

So I say this humbly:
Pray.
Watch.
Return to God.

**“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.”
. Matthew 24:42**

**Father, have mercy on us.
Teach us to love again.
Teach us to obey again.
Teach us to live in today . with You**

Amen

**His good servant
pastor tom**

Chapter 11

WAITING ON GOD

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 51

(1/5/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

HIS PRESENCE AND HIS TIME ARE NOW ONE

THE REST OF THE STORY

The time is now.
Not tomorrow.
Not yesterday.
Now.

**“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”
. 2 Corinthians 6:2**

Today, I make this declaration before God and man:
I will wait on the Lord in all things.
I will move only when He leads.
I will speak only what He gives me.

**“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”
. Proverbs 3:5–6**

Father, thank You for Your mercy.
Thank You for Your patience.
Thank You for sending Jesus , who bridges the separation between heaven and earth.

**“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Jesus.”
. 1 Timothy 2:5**

I pray that Your Word would enter the spirit of every person who hears.not just to be heard, but to be obeyed.

**“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”
. James 1:22**

THE BEGINNING AGAIN . THE WAR OF CHOICE

Now that you have heard my story, we must return to God's story, because every human story is found inside of His.

Scripture tells us there was a war in heaven.

**“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought.”
 . Revelation 12:7**

Satan was not weak.

He was powerful.

He was trusted.

And yet, he was given something even greater than power.choice.

**“You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.”
 . Ezekiel 28:15**

Let this be clear:

Free will existed before mankind.

Satan chose pride.

He chose rebellion.

He chose himself over God.

**“I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.”
 . Isaiah 14:13**

And with that choice, consequences were released.

THE LAW OF CONSEQUENCES

This is a law that has never changed:

Every choice produces consequences.

**“Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”
 . Galatians 6:7**

Satan's consequence was separation from God.

**“So He cast him out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”
 . Revelation 12:9**

But hear this clearly:
 God did not lose control.
 God did not panic.
 God did not change His plan.

GOD'S PLAN . RESTORATION, NOT DESTRUCTION

God chose to create mankind, not as an afterthought, but as a purpose.

“The Lord has made all for Himself.”
. Proverbs 16:4

Knowing the enemy would come, God prepared a way.

“Before the foundation of the world.”
. Ephesians 1:4

God's plan has always been redemption.

**“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,
 but that the world through Him might be saved.”**
. John 3:17

Jesus is the answer to separation.
 Jesus is the bridge back to God.
 Jesus is the defeat of Satan's plan.

**“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might
 destroy the works of the devil.”**
. 1 John 3:8

TODAY IS WHERE GOD MEETS YOU

Satan lives in regret and fear.
 God lives in now.

“I AM who I AM.”
. Exodus 3:14

God does not meet you in yesterday's failure.
 God does not meet you in tomorrow's worry.
 God meets you today.

“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.”
. Matthew 6:34

When we learn to live in today.with repentance, obedience, and faith.the separation begins to heal.

**“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”
 . James 4:8**

THE WORD . YOUR WEAPON AND YOUR GUIDE

The Bible is not a suggestion.
 It is not optional.
 It is not decoration.

It is truth.

**“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”
 . 2 Timothy 3:16**

The Word teaches us:

How to resist deception

How to recognize truth

How to return to God

**“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”
 . Psalm 119:11**

A FINAL CALL

God desires that none be lost.

**“As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.”
 . Ezekiel 33:11**

This is not condemnation.
 This is invitation.
 This is love speaking truth.

I stand before you not as one who is perfect, but as one who is obedient.

**“Here am I, send me.”
 . Isaiah 6:8**

Walk with me as we continue forward.learning the true Will of God, the cost of obedience, and the blessing of surrender.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 52

(1/8/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

GOD’S PRESENCE . THE REAL STORY

THE REAL STORY . GOD’S PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING

Beloved, hear this truth: there has never been a battle that God did not already account for. Before the struggle, before the fall, before the pain.God already had a plan. Nothing catches Him by surprise.

**“Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done.”
 (Isaiah 46:10)**

From the beginning of time, God has spoken through His Word. He has called men and women across generations to carry that Word forward.not to change it, not to soften it, but to deliver it faithfully.

**“Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.”
 (Psalm 119:89)**

We are still living in the midst of a great spiritual war. This is not a war of nations only.it is a war for souls. The enemy is real, active, and deceptive, but he is already defeated.

**“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”
 (1 Peter 5:8)**

This world is not our home. We are pilgrims passing through, living in a temporary place where God’s eternal plan is unfolding.

**“For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.”
 (Hebrews 13:14)**

Just as there was war in heaven, that conflict echoes here on earth. It is happening now.around us and within us.

**“For the whole world lieth in wickedness.”
(1 John 5:19)**

I testify not to elevate myself, but to magnify God’s mercy. At the age when Jesus began His ministry, I experienced my own breaking. What the world called the end, God used as a beginning.

**“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”
(1 Peter 5:6)**

In that place of confinement, God met me through His Word. Scripture became my daily bread. Line upon line, truth upon truth, the Holy Spirit instructed me.

**“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
(Matthew 4:4)**

For years, God has been shaping this testimony not to impress men, but to call people back to repentance, obedience, and truth.

**“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.”
(Hebrews 4:12)**

I remain in the flesh, as we all do. Yet God, in His mercy, allows moments when His Spirit makes His presence known moments of conviction, clarity, peace, and power.

**“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”
(Zechariah 4:6)**

Do not be deceived: we are called to seek God daily, to deny the flesh, and to walk in obedience while there is still time.

**“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”
(Luke 9:23)**

What I write is evidence of God’s presence in my life but I know I am not alone. God is calling many in this hour.

**“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.”
(Acts 2:17)**

My exhortation to you is spoken in love and urgency: pick up the Bible and read it. Read it from beginning to end. Do not rely only on sermons, traditions, or opinions.

**“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
(Psalm 119:105)**

Seek God while there is still time. Do not delay. Eternity is closer than we think.

**“Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”
(Hebrews 3:15)**

This is serious business. Salvation is real. Judgment is real. God’s mercy is still available, but the door will not remain open forever.

**“Choose you this day whom ye will serve.”
(Joshua 24:15)**

I write this with humility, love, and obedience to God.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 53

(2/7/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

THE GOOD NEWS: POWER IS RELEASED WHEN WE WAIT ON GOD

Hear this truth today: there is good news for every soul that waits on the Lord. God’s love is not weak, not passive, and not distant. It is active, intentional, and unchanging.

**“The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.”
. Lamentations 3:25**

God created mankind with free will. Every person chooses. Every choice carries weight. And every decision produces a consequence. No one escapes this law, not man, not angels, and not even the devil himself.

**“Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”
. Galatians 6:7**

The enemy also made his choice, and his end is already written.

**“The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire.”
. Revelation 20:10**

But understand this clearly: God stands outside the law of consequence. Nothing can threaten Him. Nothing can overpower Him. Nothing can derail His plan.

“I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning.”

. Isaiah 46:9–10

Many shout, “We already won the battle!” Yes, Christ won the victory. but that does not remove discipline, correction, or earthly consequences. Victory in Christ does not mean a trouble-free life.

“Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.”

. Hebrews 12:6

“In this world ye shall have tribulation.”

. John 16:33

Your choices still matter. Wrong choices bring pain. Disobedience brings hardship. But hear this. God does not abandon us in the consequences.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us.”

. 1 John 1:9

I thank God for godly instruction passed down through parents. especially mothers. who speak wisdom shaped by God Himself.

“Train up a child in the way he should go.”

. Proverbs 22:6

And here is the unshakable truth: God’s plan will not fail. No mistake you made can cancel His purpose.

“The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever.”

. Psalm 33:11

This is the moment for self-examination. Stop running. Stop blaming. Stop hiding.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart.”

. Psalm 139:23

Be still. Listen. Repent. Return.

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

. Psalm 46:10

Today is the day to start again.

**“Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”
. 2 Corinthians 6:2**

Choose life.

**“Choose you this day whom ye will serve.”
. Joshua 24:15**

When we turn back to God, humility replaces pride. Obedience replaces rebellion. Transformation begins.

**“Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
. Romans 12:2**

Do not hide your light.

**“Let your light so shine before men.”
. Matthew 5:16**

We resist the devil not by shouting, but by submitting.

**“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee.”
. James 4:7**

And when we wait on the Lord, strength is restored, direction is clear, and purpose is revived.

**“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”
. Isaiah 40:31**

This is the REAL WILL OF GOD.

**His servant
Pastor Tom**

Chapter 12

A FRESH START WITH GOD

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 54

(2/8/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

**“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”
Hosea 4:6 .**

This is not just a warning.it is a verdict. Destruction does not begin with rebellion; it begins with ignorance. When we lose knowledge of God, we lose discernment. And when discernment is lost, deception takes its place.

**“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”
1 Peter 5:8**

The enemy has power, and Scripture never denies it. His greatest weapon is not force, but separation.separating us from truth, separating us from God, separating us from obedience. This has always been his plan from the beginning.

**“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field...”
Genesis 3:1**

When separation begins, deception follows. What once felt clear becomes confused. What once felt wrong begins to feel reasonable. This is what I call separation mode.a spiritual condition where we no longer see clearly.

**“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him.”
1 Corinthians 2:14**

In separation mode, the self rises up. The flesh demands control. The word “I” takes center stage. I will fix this. I will make a way. I will decide. And suddenly, many options appear.options that look good, feel good, and promise relief.

But Scripture is clear:

**“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
Proverbs 14:12**

That way is deception.

As I reflect on my life, I now see clearly that God was present even when I did not recognize Him. Through every high and every low, there was a pattern: my intentions were often good, but the enemy would twist those intentions, redirecting them toward outcomes God never intended.

“For the good that I would do, I do not do; but the evil I would not do, that I practice.”
Romans 7:19

I never desired to harm anyone. My heart was not bent toward destruction. Yet without full knowledge, even good motives can be manipulated.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”
Jeremiah 17:9

Still, there was something God had placed within me. an inner restraint. A voice that pushed me to place others before myself, even when it cost me. Many times, I accepted loss, blame, or hardship so others would not suffer. This was not strength of my own. it was God shaping my heart.

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”
Philippians 2:3

This reminds me of Jesus in the wilderness.

“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.”
Matthew 4:8

The offer was real. The power was real. The temptation was real.

“All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”
Matthew 4:9

But Jesus did not negotiate. He did not hesitate. He did not compromise.

“Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”
Matthew 4:10

In my own life, I encountered moments that tested obedience. moments where influence, favor, and opportunity appeared attractive. At the time, I did not understand the spiritual weight of those moments. I was young and unaware. But God was present.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you.”
Jeremiah 1:5

Looking back, I now understand this truth: not every open door is from God.

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God.”
1 John 4:1

Something within me refused compromise. Not because I was righteous, but because God was restraining me.

“For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”
Philippians 2:13

Even when I did not see it, God was protecting me. from consequences I did not yet understand.

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.”
Psalms 37:23

Now I see it clearly: this was not about my strength, my wisdom, or my calling. This was about God's mercy.

“It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.”
Lamentations 3:22

This is what a fresh start with God truly is. not a clean record, but a surrendered heart.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”
Psalms 51:10

Today, I choose knowledge over ignorance, obedience over opportunity, and God over the world.

“Choose this day whom you will serve.”
Joshua 24:15

**That is the call.
That is the warning.
That is the hope**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 55

(3/28/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

MY REBIRTH

**“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”
Ephesians 2:1**

MY REBIRTH WHEN HEAVEN INVADED MY CELL

March 28, 1987

A date sealed in eternity.

This was not religion.
This was not emotion.
This was not imagination.

This was Jesus Christ coming to me in person.
This was my conversion.
This was my rebirth.

From my earliest days, I knew I did not belong to this world. I could see it clearly—though I did not yet understand it. The world was upside down. What people celebrated only brought destruction. What people chased never satisfied.

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

1 John 2:15

People climbed higher and higher, grasping for wealth, power, and recognition only to fall harder than before. I called it The Ladder of Life. One moment you're rising. The next moment the rug is pulled out from under you.

And still... they keep climbing.

**“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
Proverbs 14:12**

Wealth was the bait. Power was the hook. And the cost was always the same—the soul.

Oh my... can you see how the devil works?

I was no exception. I ran the same race as the rest of the world. I worked hard. I refused to fail. I had drive. I had vision. I had authority.

And the devil noticed.

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

John 10:10

He manipulated circumstances. He orchestrated events. He tried to position me where he thought he could control me.

I rose quickly becoming the youngest shoemaker in history. I helped build Slavic Village in Cleveland, Ohio, a community honored by President Ford himself. Power doors opened. Political doors opened. Dark doors opened.

Yes even the mob.

Five world leaders requested a private meeting with me. At 2:00 in the morning, I was chauffeured by limousine to a secret meeting. And there, I was offered power beyond imagination.

“How would you like to be President of the United States?”

But something inside me said no.

It wasn't until 2 years later, that I learned that Donald Trump would become President in my Place. The Sprite revealed this to me.(**Future Time**)

“What fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?”

2 Corinthians 6:14

Even then, God was restraining me though I did not yet know Him.

But deception is patient. Manipulation is subtle. And before I knew it, I found myself in prison.

And that is where Heaven intervened.

“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

James 4:6

March 29, 1987.

In a jail cell alone, broken, stripped of everything Jesus came to me in person.

I walked into that cell a nonbeliever.

I walked out a preacher.

In a moment, God rewired my heart and filled my mind with His Word. Chains fell not off my hands, but off my soul.

“If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

John 8:36

That prison became my pulpit.

That cell became my altar.

Those bars could not hold what God had set free.

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us...”

Ephesians 2:4

The next thirty years became my wilderness and my classroom. Jesus taught me how to let go. How to stop striving. How to take my hands off my life and place them in His.

That lesson is not easy.

We are selfish by nature. We want control. We want timing. We want outcomes.

But God wants surrender.

“Not my will, but Yours, be done.”

Luke 22:42

This was my rebirth.

Not just from prison but from the world.

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.”

Galatians 2:20

And now I live on probation not with the world but with God.

If God can meet me in a jail cell,

He can meet you where you are. If He can break chains I didn't even know were there,

He can break yours today.

“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”

Hebrews 3:15

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 56 ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

(6/4/23)

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING

A CALL TO DISCERNMENT, HUMILITY, AND WARFARE

If you claim to be a believer, then you must believe the whole counsel of God, not selected truths that comfort the flesh. God does not bend His Word to our understanding. we are commanded to submit our understanding to His Word.

**“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”
. 2 Timothy 3:16**

**“My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,”
declares the Lord.
. Isaiah 55:8**

THE WAR THAT BEGAN BEFORE US

There was war in heaven. Angels were created with choice, just as mankind was. Satan, once in God's presence, learned God's ways. but instead of worship, he chose pride.

**“Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you
corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.”
. Ezekiel 28:17**

In pride, Satan declared war on God, seeking to rise above the Most High. One-third of the angels followed him in rebellion.

**“They did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their
proper dwelling.”
. Jude 1:6**

The battle was fierce. beyond human imagination. When it ended, Satan and his angels were cast out of God's presence forever.

**“Then war broke out in heaven... and the great dragon was hurled
down.”
. Revelation 12:7–9**

THE POWER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Understand this: ALL POWER EXISTS IN GOD'S PRESENCE. Outside of His presence, there is no authority, no truth, and no life.

**“Apart from Me you can do nothing.”
. John 15:5**

God's will is accomplished only where God is present. People speak casually about “doing God's will,” but Scripture makes something clear:

**“Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord,’ ... Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you.’”
. Matthew 7:22–23**

You cannot do the Will of God unless God Himself calls you, leads you, and empowers you.

**“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them.”
. John 6:44**

CHOICE, DESIRE, AND DECEPTION

God created angels and man with freedom of choice. but desire is shaped by what we serve.

**“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
. Matthew 6:21**

This is why God commands:

**“You shall have no other gods before Me.”
. Exodus 20:3**

Satan was cast to earth, and the war continued. now aimed at human souls.

**“The whole world is under the control of the evil one.”
. 1 John 5:19**

The devil does not force us. he deceives us. He diverts our choices, manipulates our desires, and offers counterfeit rewards.

**“For Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.”
. 2 Corinthians 11:14**

THE COUNTERFEIT FRUIT

God speaks of enjoying the fruits of labor.but Satan creates counterfeit fruit, convincing us that God has blessed what God never approved.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven.”

. Matthew 7:21

This deception separates us from God quietly, slowly, and comfortably.

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

. Proverbs 16:25

And yes.this truth is hard to swallow. But it must be spoken.

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

. John 8:32

THE CALL TO WAR AND HUMILITY

We are not spectators.we are soldiers.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of evil.”

. Ephesians 6:12

The only way forward is God’s way:

“Put on the full armor of God.”

. Ephesians 6:11

But first.humility.

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

. James 4:6

Lay down titles. Lay down pride. Lay down reputation.

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

. Mark 9:35

Come together.not as individuals seeking recognition.but as one body in Christ.

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

. 1 Corinthians 12:27

FINAL WARNING AND HOPE

The war is real. The deception is subtle. The time is now.

**“Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”
. Ephesians 5:14**

Choose wisely. Walk humbly. Stand firm.

AMEN

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 57

(6/11/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

GETTING REAL WITH GOD

Beloved, it is time to get real with God.

Not religious.
Not comfortable.
Not pretending.

Real.

**“Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me, and know my anxieties;
and see if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.”
.Psalm 139:23–24**

I say this with love and urgency: pick up your Bible and read it from beginning to end.
Not to win arguments.
Not to sound spiritual.
Not to expose the sins of others.

But to be changed.

**“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-
edged sword.”
.Hebrews 4:12**

Before you read, pray. Ask God to teach you. not what you want to hear, but what you need to hear.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally.”

.James 1:5

And hear this clearly: stop using Scripture as a weapon.

The Word was never meant to crush people.it was meant to restore them.

“Restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

.Galatians 6:1

We are not better than one another.

We are broken people in need of a Savior.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

.Romans 3:23

We cannot go backward. Yesterday is gone.

Now is the moment God is calling us to live in.

**“This is the day the LORD has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.”**

.Psalm 118:24

Yes, we live in this world.but we do not belong to it.

“Do not love the world or the things in the world.”

.1 John 2:15

“Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

.Romans 12:2

Let us stop pretending the enemy is not real.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.”

.Ephesians 6:12

The devil’s greatest trick is convincing people he has no influence.while he quietly shapes culture, families, and hearts.

“The whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.”

.1 John 5:19

So here is the command of God: lay down your own understanding.

**“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding.”
.Proverbs 3:5**

We must come to this truth:

We think too highly of ourselves.

**“God resists the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”
.James 4:6**

We must decrease, so that Christ may increase.

**“He must increase, but I must decrease.”
.John 3:30**

We are servants. And even that is mercy.

**“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are
commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants.’”
.Luke 17:10**

Look around.

Power battles power.

Wealth controls systems.

Truth is traded for convenience.

**“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his
own soul?”
.Mark 8:36**

The enemy has divided marriages.

Broken families.

Disconnected children.

**“A house divided against itself cannot stand.”
.Mark 3:25**

Anger now rules where love once lived.

**“Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.”
.Matthew 24:12**

People chase security, yet live in fear.
They trust systems but not God.

**“There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way of death.”
.Proverbs 14:12**

Yet God still calls us.

**“Return to Me, and I will return to you.”
.Malachi 3:7**

We are in a spiritual battle.and neutrality is not an option.

**“Choose this day whom you will serve.”
.Joshua 24:15**

Do not mourn what is behind you.
Pick up your cross.today.

**“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his
cross daily, and follow Me.”
.Luke 9:23**

If God is for us, who can stand against us?

**“No weapon formed against you shall prosper.”
.Isaiah 54:17**

Now hear the warning.and the invitation:

**“Seek the LORD while He may be found,
call upon Him while He is near.”
.Isaiah 55:6**

That means a time is coming when many will no longer seek Him at all.

So I ask you: Is today the day you stop pretending?
Is today the day you come down from pride?
Is today the day you return to God?

“Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart.”Hebrews 3:15

THIS IS THE TIME,THIS IS THE MOMENT,THIS IS THE CALL

Chapter 13

A CALL TO WAKE UP

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 58 ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

(8/15/23)

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE ARE YOU WITH ME?

THE REST OF THE STORY

Church, hear me today.

Whether a person believes in God or not does not change the truth. Truth is not voted on. Truth is eternal.

**“Jesus said, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life.’”
. John 14:6**

From the beginning of time, there has been a battle. light versus darkness, good versus evil, God versus Satan. Scripture tells us that Satan, once a trusted angel, became proud. He wanted more. He wanted God's throne. He wanted to rule what did not belong to him.

**“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer... For you have said in your heart, ‘I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.’”
. Isaiah 14:12–13**

But God was never threatened. God was never overpowered. God already had a plan.

**“I am God, and there is no other... declaring the end from the beginning.”
. Isaiah 46:9–10**

Satan was cast down, and in his pride he walked straight into his own destruction. What the enemy meant for rebellion, God allowed for revelation.

**“The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice.”
. Psalm 97:1**

THE BATTLE IS REAL

Beloved, we must understand something today: the war belongs to God, but the battle belongs to us.

Too many people believe the fight is over. Too many people think they are safe simply because they believe in God. That belief alone does not stop the enemy.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

. 1 Peter 5:8

If we are not alert, we become deceived. If we are not grounded in God’s Word, we become complacent. And complacency is one of the devil’s greatest tools.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

. Hosea 4:6

God gives us Scripture not to comfort our excuses, but to train us for battle.

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

. Ephesians 6:11

Paul understood this when he said:

“Fight the good fight of faith.”

. 1 Timothy 6:12

Not run. Not hide. Fight.

THE DEVIL’S STRATEGY

The devil’s mission has never changed.

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

. John 10:10

He steals truth.

He kills hope.

He destroys families, marriages, and destinies.

And then hear this. he convinces the world to blame God.

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.”

. Isaiah 5:20

This is why so many people struggle to trust God. Pain clouds truth. Trauma distorts reality. And deception feels safer than faith. until desperation forces us to cry out to God.

**“In my distress I cried to the LORD, and He heard me.”
. Psalm 120:1**

But Scripture warns us clearly:

**“Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”
. 2 Corinthians 11:14**

If we do not know God’s voice, we will follow the wrong one.

MY TESTIMONY . GOD’S PURPOSE

You have read my story. You know my life has not been normal. Like many men, my desire was simple: a good wife, children, and a peaceful home.

**“Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.”
. Psalm 37:4**

But God had another path.one that would shape me, break me, and ultimately use me.

I have shared things people find hard to believe. I understand that. If I had not lived it, I might doubt it too. But I cannot deny what God has done.

**“Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.”
. Psalm 66:16**

I am not saying this in pride. I say it in fear of the Lord. I would not change my life.not because it was easy, but because it revealed God’s hand.

**“For we are His workmanship, created in Jesus for good works.”
. Ephesians 2:10**

ON PREDESTINATION . NO CONFUSION

Now listen carefully.

Predestination is not a weapon for argument. It is a reminder of God’s sovereignty.

**“Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.”
. Ephesians 1:5**

This does not mean God loves some and rejects others. It means God knows the end from the beginning. Our responsibility is not to debate.it is to obey.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”

. Proverbs 3:5

If you are worried about whether you are chosen, here is the truth: seek God. Hear His voice. Follow Him.

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

. James 4:8

FINAL CALL

Take one day at a time. Stay humble. Stay watchful. Stay faithful.

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

. John 10:27

It is all in God’s hands.and so are we.

Amen

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 59

(8/19/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT’S TIME FOR A CHANGE ARE YOU WITH ME!

THE REST OF THE STORY

Hear me carefully, people of God. Let this be the moment your eyes are opened. Let this be the moment understanding begins. The Word of God makes it clear:

“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.”

. Ephesians 6:12

This is not a suggestion. This is a revelation. We are at war. We have always been at war. The failure is not that the enemy exists.the failure is that many in the church have forgotten how to stand.

“Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” (Ephesians 6:10)

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand.” (Ephesians 6:11)

God never told us to hide. He told us to stand.

THE GREAT DECEPTION

Let me tell you where we truly stand in this present world. I will not go back too far. only far enough for truth to expose the lie. You will have a choice: receive this Word or reject it. But once truth is revealed, you are responsible for what you do with it.

“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

For over 50 years, I have watched this world change. Long before I knew God, I could sense something was wrong. Everything seemed backwards. What was once right became mocked, and what was once evil became celebrated.

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.” (Isaiah 5:20)

Diversion and manipulation did not begin overnight. It was slow. It was subtle. It was intentional. And its purpose was clear: to separate mankind from God.

“The god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe.” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

DIVISION IS THE DEVIL’S WEAPON

Hear this clearly: the enemy does not care what side you are on. only that you are divided.

“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation.” (Matthew 12:25)

Race was never the goal. Politics was never the goal. Culture was never the goal. These were tools. used to keep our eyes off the real battle.

“For Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” (2 Corinthians 11:14)

He takes real pain and turns it into controlled chaos. He takes justice and twists it into rebellion. He takes freedom and turns it into bondage.

“Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.” (John 8:34)

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMILY

Next came the attack on the family. And when the family falls, society follows.

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

Education became a battlefield. Authority was dismantled. Children were given power without wisdom, voices without discipline.

“Train up a child in the way he should go.” (Proverbs 22:6)

Rebellion became normal. Respect disappeared. Homes were fractured.

“In the last days... children will be disobedient to parents.” (2 Timothy 3:1–2)

This was not accidental. This was strategic.

GREED, POWER, AND CONTROL

Then greed took over. Character was replaced with contracts. Integrity was replaced with profit.

“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10)

Governments grew powerful. Laws multiplied quietly. Freedom faded slowly, so slowly that most never noticed.

“When they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes.” (1 Thessalonians 5:3)

People believed they were free, while chains were being placed around their lives.

THE GREAT AWAKENING CALL

Now hear the truth that shakes the foundations:

No one is free apart from Christ.

“If the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

This has never been about black versus white. Rich versus poor. Nation versus nation.

This is about LIGHT versus DARKNESS.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

THE CALL TO ASSEMBLE

This ministry, ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD MINISTRIES, was not birthed by human desire, but by divine purpose. I am only a servant.

“Many are called, but few are chosen.” (Matthew 22:14)

The mission is clear:

To assemble the Body of Christ for a purpose ordained by God alone.

“Now is the time to wake from sleep.” (Romans 13:11)

This will cost you comfort. It will cost you pride. It will cost you control.

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself.” (Luke 9:23)

But the reward is life.

“Choose this day whom you will serve.” (Joshua 24:15)

THE FINAL CALL

People of God, the time is now.

Stand.

Unite.

Surrender.

“Not my will, but Yours be done.” (Luke 22:42)

Let God have it His way.

IT’S TIME FOR A CHANGE. ARE YOU WITH ME?

AMEN

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 60

(8/27/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT’S TIME FOR A CHANGE ARE YOU WITH ME!

THE REST OF THE STORY

Forget everything you think you know. Lay it down. Empty your mind and your heart, because God cannot fill what is already full of deception. We must start fresh. awake, humble, and willing to face the truth.

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” . John 8:32

The truth is this: most people have no idea what is truly happening in this world. not because the truth is unavailable, but because no one wants to look. Scripture reveals that there was a great war in heaven.

“And there was war in heaven... and the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.” . Revelation 12:7–9

The devil and his angels were cast down to the earth. From that moment on, this world became a battlefield. There are only two powers at work: God and the devil. And Scripture makes it clear. for a time, God has allowed the devil influence over this world.

**“The whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.” . 1 John 5:19
“The ruler of this world is coming.” . John 14:30**

Everything humanity has suffered. every war, every injustice, every act of cruelty. flows from this rebellion. Jesus Himself told us exactly what the enemy does:

“The thief comes only to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.” . John 10:10

Now look around. Open your eyes. Humanity has gone from warring against one another to becoming experts at doing the devil's work for him. Generation after generation has perfected killing, stealing, and destroying. until it has become normal.

History testifies against us. When people arrived in the land we now call North America, they slaughtered and displaced entire peoples to claim land as their own. and then called it freedom.

**“You covet fields and seize them... therefore disaster is coming.” .
Micah 2:2–3**

Freedom built on blood is not freedom. It is deception. It is manipulation. And manipulation is one of Satan's greatest weapons.

**“For Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” . 2 Corinthians
11:14**

This world has been trained to believe lies. Lies about freedom. Lies about power. Lies about God. But hear me clearly. we are not free. We are controlled, distracted, divided, and deceived.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” . Hosea 4:6

The devil has attacked everything God created:

Faith in God

Trust between people

The family unit

Respect for parents

Truth and honesty

Marriage and covenant

Nations and governments

“Nation will rise against nation... and because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.” . Matthew 24:7,12

Society is collapsing. Hope is fading. Morality is mocked. God is pushed out of everything. And yet God still waits. not in weakness, but in mercy.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise... but is patient, not wanting anyone to perish.” . 2 Peter 3:9

Hear this truth: we were created to serve God, not governments, not systems, not money, and certainly not the devil.

“Choose this day whom you will serve.” . Joshua 24:15

But we have chosen poorly. And because of that choice, we are enslaved.

“Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.” . John 8:34

I am in my later days, and I have walked with God for many years. I believe with all my heart that God has been preparing me for this hour. That is why I write. That is why I speak. My life is testimony that when we live separated from God, chaos follows. but when we return, everything can change.

The devil has ruled through diversion and manipulation, pulling humanity like puppets on strings, using God's own creation against Him.

But hear the good news:

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” . 1 John 3:8

God will not lose this war. The devil's time is short.

**“Woe to the inhabitants of the earth... for the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows his time is short.” .
Revelation 12:12**

We may be victims.but we do not have to remain victims.

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.” . Ephesians 6:11

So I say this to you now.not gently, not quietly, but boldly:

**WAKE UP.
RISE UP.
TURN BACK TO GOD.**

**IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.
ARE YOU WITH ME?**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 61

(8/29/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE ARE YOU WITH ME!

CRIME AND WOMEN: THE OBSTACLES BEFORE US

This ministry.On Probation With the World.was not born from ambition, nor from human planning. It was given to me by God Himself, through a vision when I was seventeen years old. What you are reading now is not late, and it is not early.it is right on time.

**“For the vision is yet for an appointed time... though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come.”
(Habakkuk 2:3)**

This ministry exists to assemble the Body of Christ, to prepare God's people for what He is about to do in the earth. This is a call.not to comfort.but to obedience. Not to religion.but to relationship. Not to tradition.but to truth.

Hear me clearly: It is time to reunite with God.

We are living in the final preparations before the return of Christ. Scripture tells us:

**“Let all things be done decently and in order.”
(1 Corinthians 14:33)**

God is a God of order. Disorder is always the fingerprint of the enemy.

YOU MUST UNLEARN BEFORE YOU CAN LEARN

You must stop believing everything you have been taught about God's will.

Many believe they are walking in God's will simply because they attend church, sing songs, or sit under sermons. But Jesus warned us:

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father."

(Matthew 7:21)

God's will is not a feeling.

God's will is obedience.

It is not a mystical place you arrive at. It is a daily decision to submit every area of your life to God.

"If you love Me, keep My commandments."

(John 14:15)

Everything outside of obedience is an illusion, crafted by the devil to keep you deceived.

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

(2 Corinthians 11:14)

THE CALL TO RETURN

Together, we must turn our destiny back toward God, removing deception, distraction, and separation.

I charge you: Get a Bible.

Read it from Genesis to Revelation. Do not skip. Then read it again, this time praying:

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

(Psalm 119:18)

Faith does not come from opinion. It comes from the Word.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

(Romans 10:17)

Now let us confront the obstacles blocking our return to God.

There are two.

OBSTACLE #1: CRIME . THE WEAPON OF FEAR

Crime has become the fuel used to control nations. Laws are written and rewritten, not to protect righteousness, but to produce fear.

Fear makes people compliant.
Compliance makes people slaves.

**“The fear of man bringeth a snare.”
(Proverbs 29:25)**

Through fear of punishment, arrest, and accusation, people are manipulated into silence and submission. Scripture warns us:

**“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,
against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.”
(Ephesians 6:12)**

God did not give His people fear.

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

Yes, we live in the world.but we are not owned by it.

**“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the
renewing of your mind.”
(Romans 12:2)**

Our allegiance is to God’s law, not man’s manipulation.

OBSTACLE #2: WOMEN . THE BATTLE FOR ORDER

This truth will offend the flesh.but it will free the spirit.

From the beginning, the enemy attacked God’s order through deception. In the Garden, the woman was deceived, and separation followed.

**“And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the
transgression.”
(1 Timothy 2:14)**

This is not about worth.it is about order.

In the last century, the enemy has targeted women to dismantle the family, divide the home, and destroy unity. God's design has not changed:

“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man.”
(1 Corinthians 11:3)

Unity is the key to restoration.

“How can two walk together, except they be agreed?”
(Amos 3:3)

Isaiah tells us:

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.”
(Isaiah 55:6)

Why seek Him.unless we are lost?

THE CALL TO SACRIFICE AND FAITH

Restoration will cost something.

Women must release control and return to God's order. Men must lead in humility and obedience to Christ. This is not a war against each other.it is a war against Satan.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
(James 4:7)

Women, stand with your husbands. Trust God through the process.

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.”
(Ephesians 5:22)

This does not mean perfection.it means faith.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”
(Proverbs 3:5–6)

Faith grows. Trust deepens. Unity returns.

And when unity returns.God's presence follows.

**“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”
(Matthew 18:20)**

THE CHURCH MUST HEAR THIS

This truth must return to the pulpit.
This truth must return to the home.
This truth must return to the heart.

**“Judgment must begin at the house of God.”
(1 Peter 4:17)**

God is not a genie. He is not summoned in emergencies. He is a Father who demands obedience.

This is our responsibility.

This is the beginning of restoration.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION part 62

(9/3/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE ARE YOU WITH ME! THE MARRIAGE COMMITMENT

The Marriage Commitment

I tell you the truth: the marriage commitment was never meant to be broken. Marriage is not a human invention; it is a covenant ordained by God Himself. **“What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate” (Mark 10:9).**

The devil has manipulated and diverted people.especially within the church.using circumstances, emotions, and worldly thinking to drive us into spiritual brokenness. When we make a promise before God, He expects us to keep it, not when it is easy, but even when it is difficult. **“When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it” (Ecclesiastes 5:4).**

Too many people bail out far too quickly, justifying their actions in their own minds. Scripture does acknowledge human weakness, and the New Testament speaks to rare exceptions.but these are not excuses for convenience or selfish escape. God understands our weakness, yes.but He also honors obedience.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Those who make no excuses, who stand firm and do not break the marriage promise, are My children. they obey My Word. These are the true warriors on the battlefield against evil. **“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). Amen.**

The battlefield today is no longer hidden. it has moved from the unseen to the seen. If we are willing to look, we can see it clearly. The enemy is doing what he has always done best. **“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).**

And now, it is up to us. the children of God. to stand against his work. **“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).** As the saying goes, let us take back what the devil has stolen. Amen.

The devil’s purpose has never changed: **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy” (John 10:10).** Crime, broken homes, and moral collapse are the fruit of this plan. From the very beginning, deception entered through Eve. not because women are weaker, but because the enemy knows how to exploit emotion, independence apart from God, and rebellion against divine order.

This truth is difficult to hear, especially in a world that rejects submission. But Scripture is clear. **“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord” (Ephesians 5:22).** This is not oppression. it is divine alignment. Rebellion against God’s order becomes fuel for the enemy’s fire.

Women, when you make a commitment to a man in marriage, you become one flesh with him. **“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24).** To become one flesh is to walk together, not to compete, dominate, or abandon.

Every man follows a plan. either the ways of the world or the ways of God. And every marriage will follow one of those paths as well. **“Choose you this day whom you will serve” (Joshua 24:15).**

The world now teaches quitting as empowerment, divorce as freedom, and self as god. But God teaches endurance, humility, and obedience. Divorce is not an escape from responsibility or selfish desire. it is often the result of deception. **“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).**

Know this: many positions in life have been manipulated by the devil without our awareness. This is called deception. **“The serpent deceived me” (Genesis 3:13).** Just as Eve was deceived, the enemy continues his work today. but do not think too highly of

yourselves. None of us are exempt. **“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).**

We are all children of God, and we must learn to follow Him. not our emotions, not culture, not our own understanding. **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5).**

When we follow our own way, we fail. every time. That is the truth. But when we submit to God’s way, there is life, order, and victory.

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

We are all guilty. We all need grace. And we all need obedience.

Amen!!!

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Amen. Below is a more powerful, sermon-style version, strengthened with clear structure, prophetic tone, repetition, and added Scripture. written to preach, not just explain, while keeping your message bold and uncompromised.

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 63

(9/3/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT’S TIME FOR A CHANGE ARE YOU WITH ME!

THE MARRIAGE COMMITMENT

THE MARRIAGE COMMITMENT A COVENANT UNDER ATTACK

I tell you the truth today: marriage was never meant to be broken.
Marriage is not a contract.it is a covenant.
It is not made before people.it is made before God.

Jesus said it plainly:

**“What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.”
. Mark 10:9**

Yet we live in a time where vows mean little, commitment is mocked, and walking away is celebrated. This did not come from God. This is diversion and manipulation from the enemy.

The devil has deceived the world.and yes, even the church.using hardship, emotions, offense, and self-justification to pull people away from obedience and into spiritual ruin.

God says:

**“When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools.”
. Ecclesiastes 5:4**

When we promise God, He expects faithfulness, not convenience. Not excuses. Not escape routes created by culture.

People today quit too quickly. They justify disobedience by calling it “self-care,” “freedom,” or “growth.” But the Word of God says:

**“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”
. Revelation 2:10**

God understands weakness.but He does not excuse rebellion.
Grace is not permission to disobey; grace is power to endure.

**“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”
. 2 Corinthians 12:9**

Those who endure.those who keep their vows.these are My children, says the Lord.
These are the warriors.
These are the ones who stand on the battlefield while others run.

**“Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus.”
. 2 Timothy 2:3**

THE BATTLEFIELD IS NOW VISIBLE

The war is no longer hidden. What was once unseen is now clearly visible. broken families, lawlessness, violence, and moral collapse.

The devil is not hiding. He is working overtime.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

. 1 Peter 5:8

And yet, God is calling His people to rise.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

. James 4:7

Church, it is time to take back what the devil has stolen.

Our homes.

Our marriages.

Our authority.

Amen!

THE ROOT: DECEPTION FROM THE BEGINNING

The devil has always had one plan:

“The thief comes only to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

. John 10:10

Crime, chaos, and broken homes are not accidents. they are fruit.

From the beginning, the enemy worked through deception.

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field.”

. Genesis 3:1

Eve was deceived. not because women are inferior, but because the enemy exploits emotion, independence apart from God, and resistance to divine order.

“And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived fell into transgression.”

. 1 Timothy 2:14

This same deception is alive today.

GOD’S ORDER IS NOT OPPRESSION

The world hates submission, but God commands it.

**“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.”
. Ephesians 5:22**

This is not bondage.this is alignment.
Where God’s order is rejected, chaos enters.

When a woman makes a covenant in marriage, she becomes one flesh with her husband.

**“And the two shall become one flesh.”
. Genesis 2:24**

One flesh does not quit.
One flesh does not compete.
One flesh does not rebel.

Every man follows a plan.either God’s plan or the world’s plan. And every woman must choose which path she will walk.

**“Choose you this day whom you will serve.”
. Joshua 24:15**

DIVORCE IS NOT FREEDOM . IT IS OFTEN DECEPTION

This generation calls quitting “strength,” but God calls it disobedience.

**“God hates divorce.”
. Malachi 2:16**

Pride disguises itself as independence.

**“Pride goes before destruction.”
. Proverbs 16:18**

Many women.and men.do not realize their position has been manipulated by the devil.
This is deception.

**“And the serpent deceived me.”
. Genesis 3:13**

Do not think too highly of yourself. None of us are exempt.

**“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
. Romans 3:23**

THE FINAL TRUTH

We are all children before God.
We must follow His way, not our own.

**“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”
. Proverbs 3:5**

Every time we choose our way, we fail.
Every time we submit to God’s way, we live.

**“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
. Proverbs 14:12**

We are all guilty.
We all need grace.
But grace demands obedience.

**This is the truth.
This is the battle.
This is the call.**

Amen!!!

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 64

(9/17/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT’S TIME FOR A CHANGE . ARE YOU WITH ME! CRIME! IT’S IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES

Hear me today. Crime is not just something we see on the news. crime is the spirit driving this world. It fuels governments, corrupts systems, destroys families, and hardens hearts. **“The earth is defiled under its inhabitants” (Isaiah 24:5)**. This world is not neutral. It is under influence.

Every single day, every soul stands at a crossroads. Either you are enjoying the world’s ways, or you are suffering under them. There is no middle ground.
“No one can serve two masters” (Matthew 6:24).

So I ask you. where are you standing today? Stay with me, because the only way forward is God’s way, not ours. **“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord (Isaiah 55:8).**

From the beginning, Satan did not attack with force. he attacked with deception. He appealed to emotion, desire, and self-exaltation. Eve was not weak in intelligence; she was targeted in emotion.

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field” (Genesis 3:1).

The lie was subtle: “You will be like God.” Independence from God disguised as wisdom. Disobedience disguised as enlightenment.

“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed” (James 1:14).

This is the same lie still working today. Satan convinces people they can do good without God, fix the world without God, and rule without God. But Scripture is clear:

“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psalm 127:1).

Look around. Wars. Violence. Corruption. Crime in our streets and homes. These are not random events. they are the fruit of separation from God.

“When there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18).

The greatest deception is not rebellion. it is believing we are right while being wrong.

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 16:25).

The devil blinds us so completely that we defend the very chains holding us captive.

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of those who do not believe” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Division is Satan’s masterpiece. He shows one person one truth and another a different truth. Both believe they are right. Both accuse the other. And trust dies.

“A house divided against itself cannot stand” (Mark 3:25).

Fear now rules our relationships. Suspicion replaces love. Self-protection replaces unity.

“Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold” (Matthew 24:12).

We lock our doors, guard our hearts, and isolate ourselves. thinking safety is found in separation. But God says otherwise.

“Perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18).

Yes, Satan continues to exploit the same battlefield. What worked once, he uses again.

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again” (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

But hear this clearly. the solution still exists. The cross still stands. The blood still speaks. The truth still delivers.

“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

The gap between God and man must be closed, and it begins with surrender.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5–6).

This is the hour.

This is the moment.

This is the call.

Choose God over emotion.

Choose truth over comfort.

Choose obedience over pride.

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

It's time to fix what the enemy has broken.

It's time to expose the lie.

It's time to come home.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE. ARE YOU WITH ME!

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 65

(10/1/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE . ARE YOU WITH ME!

CRIME AND WOMEN: THERE IS A CONNECTION

Yes.we are separated from God.

Not confused. Not mistaken. Separated.

And the question before us today is simple:

Are you willing to change.or will you remain deceived?

“Your iniquities have separated you from your God.”

Isaiah 59:2

From the beginning of time, the devil has not changed his methods.

What worked in the Garden of Eden still works in the streets of the world today.

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field.”

Genesis 3:1

The enemy deceives through sight.
Through emotion.
Through desire.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
2 Corinthians 5:7

But when sight replaces faith, deception replaces truth.

The devil whispers, “Trust your eyes. Trust your feelings. Trust yourself.”
And once that lie is accepted, separation from God follows.

“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”
Romans 1:22

Let me speak plainly.

When a person is deceived, they cannot see they are wrong.
And when they cannot see they are wrong, they cannot repent.
And without repentance, there is no restoration.

“If my people... shall humble themselves and repent.”
2 Chronicles 7:14

But today, we stop the lie.

Today, we choose truth.
Today, we choose repentance.
Today, we choose God.

Are you with me?

This change will not be easy.
It will require sacrifice.
It will require surrender.
It will require dying to self.

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself.”
Luke 9:23

I speak this truth because truth sets free.

“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
John 8:32

And yes, I am speaking directly, especially to women.

The fall of man began with deception through the woman,
and restoration must begin with truth through the woman.

“Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived fell into transgression.”

1 Timothy 2:14

This is not condemnation.
This is responsibility.

Before healing comes confession.
Before restoration comes repentance.
Before freedom comes truth.

“He who covers his sins will not prosper.”

Proverbs 28:13

We must first admit the truth:
We are separated from God.

Without admitting the truth, we will never face it.
Without facing it, we will never believe it.
Without belief, nothing changes.

God speaks clearly:

“If you can believe, all things are possible.”

Mark 9:23–24

But hear me carefully.
This is not wish-granting faith.
This is surrendered faith.

God searches the heart.

“The Lord searches all hearts and understands all intent.”

1 Chronicles 28:9

And what does God find?

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.”

Jeremiah 17:9

God does not grant selfish desires.
God removes selfish hearts.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

Psalms 51:10

Anything that separates us from God. He hates.
Because He knows it leads to destruction.

“The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy.”

John 10:10

Do you see it now?
Do you see how the enemy manipulates emotion?
Do you see how deception separates us from God?

The world has lost sight of God.
Hope is shattered.
Truth is mocked.
And humanity is running straight into darkness.

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.”

Isaiah 5:20

These are the consequences of disobedience.
These are the wages of sin.

“For the wages of sin is death.”

Romans 6:23

But I declare again.
IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE!

God does not want anyone to perish.

“The Lord is not willing that any should perish.”

2 Peter 3:9

The Bible is not a weapon against others.
It is a mirror for the soul and a doorway to escape.

“God will make a way of escape.”

1 Corinthians 10:13

God commands us:

“Choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.”

Deuteronomy 30:19

God's path is endurance. not compromise.

**"He who endures to the end shall be saved."
Matthew 24:13**

This exposes the devil's full plan:
to separate humanity from God.

And his tool has not changed.
deception through division,
breaking God's design of unity.

God's plan was always oneness.

**"The two shall become one flesh."
Genesis 2:24**

Not one in each other.
but One in Him.

**"Where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there."
Matthew 18:20**

**This is the truth.
This is the warning.
This is the call.**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 66

(10/3/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE . ARE YOU WITH ME!

CRIME AND WOMEN: THERE IS A CONNECTION

GIVERS AND TAKERS . WHICH ONE ARE WE

This is our next step . but only if we believe.

Church, listen carefully. Heaven is watching. Hell is working. And the world is on probation.

Givers and Takers . which one are we?

Before we accuse the world, before we judge others, God commands us to look inward.

**“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.”
(Psalm 139:23, .)**

There are only two kinds of people walking this earth: those who give and those who take. One walks in God’s nature. The other walks in rebellion.

**“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
(Acts 20:35, .)**

THE TAKERS . A WORLD UNDER DECEPTION

Let us not sugarcoat the truth. Takers are fueled by deception. They have been groomed by the devil to believe their way is right, their desires are justified, and their actions have no eternal consequence.

**“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”
(Proverbs 14:12, .)**

From the very beginning, Satan has targeted God’s divine order. He attacked it in the garden, and he attacks it now.

**“Unto the woman he said...”
(Genesis 3:16, .)**

The devil did not choose Eve by accident. He knew if he could disrupt order, he could collapse authority. And that same spirit is alive today.

Over time, women have been deceived into believing:

Men are no longer necessary

Submission is weakness

Authority is oppression

Marriage is optional

Meanwhile, men have been spiritually dismantled . stripped of confidence, courage, and leadership.

**“Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.”
(Zechariah 13:7, .)**

When men fall, homes fall.
When homes fall, crime rises.
When crime rises, society rots.

**“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”
(Proverbs 14:34, .)**

Crime is no longer an accident. It has become a system, a business, a way of life in a world that has rejected God.

THE LIES THAT DESTROYED THE HOME

Then came the lies . one after another.

Lie #1: Marriage is 50/50

Lie #2: Women must replace men

Lie #3: Authority equals abuse

God never said marriage was 50/50. God said it was order.

**“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man.”
(1 Corinthians 11:3, .)**

Where order is rejected, chaos reigns.

**“For God is not the author of confusion.”
(1 Corinthians 14:33, .)**

Today we see homes ruled by pride instead of peace, control instead of cooperation, and fear instead of faith. Many women now rule with hardness of heart . suspicious, defensive, demanding . not realizing this spirit is not strength, but bondage.

**“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”
(Proverbs 16:18, .)**

This is the heart of a Taker:

Selfish

Unthankful

Unforgiving

Without natural affection

**“In the last days perilous times shall come... lovers of their own selves.”
(2 Timothy 3:1–2, .)**

They destroy without seeing the damage. They take without ever giving. They love conditionally, if at all.

ONLY IF YOU BELIEVE . THE DOOR TO FREEDOM

But hear me now . there is a way out.

God placed one sentence in His Word that breaks every chain:

ONLY IF YOU BELIEVE.

Belief is not church attendance.

Belief is not saying “I know God.”

Belief is repentance.

**“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”
(Luke 13:3, .)**

To believe means:

Believe you are deceived

Believe you are wrong

Believe you are sinning

Believe you need help

**“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.”
(1 John 1:8, .)**

When we refuse to believe this, Satan steps in . not as a monster, but as a blessing.

**“Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”
(2 Corinthians 11:14, .)**

And we say, “Praise God,” while walking straight into bondage.

A FINAL CALL . GOD’S ORDER RESTORED

Women, hear this with humility and truth. If you desire freedom, you must first admit you are bound.

**“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
(John 8:32, .)**

Freedom will change your heart.
Freedom will restore order.
Freedom will return authority to where God placed it.

**“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.”
(Ephesians 5:22, .)**

This is not oppression.
This is obedience.
This is protection.

And men . this is your call to rise, lead, and answer to God.

**“Be watchful, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”
(1 Corinthians 16:13, .)**

God is waiting. Arms open. Mercy available.
But only if we believe.

**Choose this day.
Amen**

**His servant
Pastor Tom**

Chapter 14

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 67

(10/8/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE ARE YOU WITH ME!

Up until this moment, you have been reading the events of my life as they unfolded through my own eyes.sometimes clouded, sometimes confused.and at other times clearly directed by the Spirit of God. This journey has not been accidental. It has been a battlefield, marked by the constant **DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION of the devil, and the relentless, merciful INTERVENTION OF GOD.**

Make no mistake about it.this is not merely my story. This is the story of spiritual warfare playing out in real time.

“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.”
. Ephesians 6:12

If you look closely.if you truly pay attention.you will see that this has never been a normal life. It has been a life forged in hardship, pressure, endurance, and survival. A life few would willingly walk. Yet even when I did not know God, He knew me.

“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee.”
. Jeremiah 1:5

I am the youngest of eight children, raised in a rural country setting.poor by the world's standards, but rich in lessons the world cannot teach. We had no indoor plumbing, no proper heat, no automobile. We lived miles from anyone else, isolated, dependent on what we could gather and what God provided. We lived by necessity, not convenience.

Our mother was our foundation.our strength, our covering. She was the only parent in the home, carrying a burden most would collapse under. She was a God-fearing woman, forged by hardship, yet faithful through it all. Day after day, she endured and provided, shaping us not just to survive.but to stand.

“God is within her, she will not fall.”
. Psalm 46:5

From an early age, she planted truth deep within us:
Do not talk back.
Obey what is right.
Never lie.no matter the cost.
Respect your elders at all times.

Now at seventy years old, I finally understand how blessed I was. I miss her every single day. My regret is not loving her.but not knowing her deeply enough. Like so many, I took her presence for granted, blinded by selfishness we all carry.

**“Honour thy father and thy mother.”
. Exodus 20:12**

My brother Ernie took his own life. I know without question that the enemy’s manipulation played a role in his death. Ernie was a good man. After his passing, my Aunt Francis shared something that still echoes in my soul. She said Ernie once came to her in tears and said, “Why did mother have to make us all so damn honest?”

That was my mother’s heart speaking.

Honesty was our inheritance. Truth was stitched into our souls. And I believe she lives on.through us.

**“The integrity of the upright shall guide them.”
. Proverbs 11:3**

Now let us come to the present.

As you continue reading, you will encounter moments that seem impossible.events so abrupt, so extreme, so unbelievable, that you may question them. I assure you, if I had not been there myself, I would struggle to believe them too. But every word is true.

And here is the truth many cannot accept: telling the truth has cost me dearly.

Being truthful has brought me more trouble than lies ever could. Yet it is a fault.if you want to call it that.that I refuse to surrender. I tell the truth no matter the consequences.

That truth even took me to prison.

When people hear this, their hearts harden and their minds judge. The first question always comes: What were you in prison for? This is where the devil steps in.using accusation, assumption, and condemnation to discredit, to isolate, and to silence.

**“The accuser of our brethren... is cast down.”
. Revelation 12:10**

And yet, prison was the greatest turning point of my life.

It was where God began to dismantle me.

I was falsely accused of the worst crime society knows. Manipulated, deceived, and driven into a place I never imagined, I found myself facing 157 years in prison. The death penalty had only recently been removed in Florida. otherwise death would have been my sentence.

I asked myself over and over, How did I get here?
I had no answer.

But God did.

**“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.”
. Psalm 34:19**

I had grown up hard, forged by suffering, so fear did not control me. I learned to adjust among eighty men awaiting judgment. At that time, I was a complete nonbeliever. I had no faith. no belief in God whatsoever.

There was a man named Gus. His English was broken, but his faith was whole. He was facing prison time himself, yet he carried gospel tracts and kept offering me one. Each time, I cursed him and threw it back at him.

I didn't know then what I know now.

**“The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.”
. 2 Corinthians 4:4**

People thought I was crazy because I would slam my cell door shut and lock myself inside. unable to come out until the guard released it.

But what I did not understand was this:

God was already working behind locked doors.
God was already speaking in silence.
God was already preparing deliverance.

**“He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.”
. Psalm 107:14**

**And this...
was only the beginning.**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 68

(10/14/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE . ARE YOU WITH ME?

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE! (Part 2)

JESUS IS REAL AND ALIVE

So there I was . awaiting trial, locked behind bars, judged by men, yet still pursued by God. Chains may hold the body, but they can never restrain the Spirit of the Living God.

“The word of God is not bound.” . 2 Timothy 2:9

While I waited, Gus faithfully slid gospel tracts under my door. Over and over again he did it, and over and over again I rejected them. The Word was knocking . but my heart was hardened.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock.” . Revelation 3:20

Yet there is one day that will never fade from my memory.

March 28, 1987 . around 3:00 in the afternoon.

I locked my door and lay on my bed, careless, unconcerned, unmoved. Once again, a tract slid under my door, followed by a knock. It was Gus . a man who spoke very little English, yet spoke loudly through obedience.

I picked up the tract and read it. My eyes were drawn to one verse . a verse the whole Gospel rests upon:

“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

I read it . and in rebellion, I cursed it. I threw it to the floor and spoke words that still echo in my soul:

“God, if You are real, You’re going to have to prove it to me.”

And hear me clearly . God is not afraid of an honest cry, even when it comes from a broken, angry heart.

“Call unto Me, and I will answer thee.” . Jeremiah 33:3

The very next second . He answered.

There He stood.

Jesus.

Alive. Radiant. Glorious. Not three feet from me. The light of His presence overwhelmed the room. No audible words were spoken, yet everything about Him declared truth.

“I am the light of the world.” . John 8:12

My strength left me instantly. I fell at His feet, weeping uncontrollably . like a child who had finally come home.

“Every knee shall bow... and every tongue shall confess.” . Philippians 2:10–11

I could feel Him within me. I could not stand. I could not move. I could only remain at His feet . undone, broken, and made new.

What felt like minutes may have been only seconds . ten, maybe twenty . but in His presence, time ceased to matter.

“With the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” . 2 Peter 3:8

And just as suddenly as He appeared . He was gone.

I lay on the floor wiping tears from my eyes, asking myself, Did this really happen? But deep within, I knew it had.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good.” . Psalm 34:8

When I stood up, I was no longer the same man. I was filled . not with religion, not with emotion . but with the Word of God.

“The entrance of Thy words giveth light.” . Psalm 119:130

In one moment I was an unbeliever. In the next, I was a servant of the Most High.

“No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him.” . John 6:44

This was the gift of faith . unearned, undeniable, unshakable.

**“For by grace are ye saved through faith... it is the gift of God.” .
Ephesians 2:8**

Joy flooded my soul . joy beyond words. I was in jail, yet I was free.

**“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” .
John 8:36**

I no longer feared my circumstances or the outcome of my trial. I knew I was in His hands.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” . Psalm 23:1

I entered that cell a hard man . foul-mouthed, fearless, aggressive. I walked out preaching the Gospel. Men were stunned. Some were confused. Some were afraid . because they witnessed transformation.

**“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.” . 2
Corinthians 5:17**

I no longer demanded respect . I gave it. I smiled. I showed kindness in a place filled with rage and violence.

**“By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one
to another.” . John 13:35**

Though I never asked, a Bible was sent to me. While awaiting trial, I read it from cover to cover . five, maybe six times. Each time the Scriptures opened deeper and clearer.

**“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth
out of the mouth of God.” . Matthew 4:4**

Seven... eight months passed . yet I was not waiting in fear. I was growing in truth.

The trial was coming . but I was no longer on trial with God.

**“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ
Jesus.” . Romans 8:1**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION part 69

(10/23/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE . ARE YOU WITH ME!

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

The trial was approaching. And as that day drew near, my spirit was reminded of a trial the world has never forgotten. the trial of Jesus Himself.

Falsely accused.

Surrounded by lies.

Condemned before judgment was ever rendered.

**“He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.”
. Isaiah 53:7**

I was facing 157 years in prison. a sentence equal to death in the eyes of man. yet I had no fear. No anxiety. No panic. Why?

Because Jesus was with me.

Just as it was with Christ, my trial unfolded through deception, manipulation, and false testimony. Attacked from every direction. Truth ignored. Laws bent. There was even personal compromise involved. a friend of my wife sat on the jury.

It seemed that every law meant to protect justice was violated just to secure a conviction.

**“Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth has
fallen in the street.”
. Isaiah 59:14**

Even a man I once trusted. a man I called a friend. took the stand and lied. He claimed I came into his place of business speaking wildly about crimes I was charged with. That never happened. It was pure fabrication.

**“False witnesses rise up; they ask me things that I do not know.”
. Psalm 35:11**

And while all of this was unfolding, while my life hung in the balance, I sat quietly in that courtroom reading my Bible.

Someone said out loud, “What is he doing?”

Another voice answered, “He’s reading his Bible.”

**“The Lord is my light and my salvation. whom shall I fear? The Lord is
the strength of my life. of whom shall I be afraid?”
. Psalm 27:1**

At one point, my attorney questioned the prosecutor about the charges. And in open court, the prosecutor said something shocking:

“I don’t know who wrote these charges.”

Think about that.

No one would admit to placing the charges on the arrest warrant.yet I was on trial for them.

**“Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees.”
. Isaiah 10:1**

I was being judged for accusations no one would claim responsibility for. And yet, I was not shaken. I even found it almost unbelievable.not because it wasn't serious, but because I knew who truly held authority.

**“The Lord sits as King forever.”
. Psalm 29:10**

Jesus was with me every moment. And because of that, the outcome no longer terrified me. Whether freedom or chains.I trusted Him.

**“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
. Philippians 1:21**

I reflected deeply on my past. I told God, “Whatever time You give me, I will accept it.” I knew who I had been. I knew what I had done. By the world's standards, my past could have earned me thousands of years in prison.

So if mercy was given, I knew it was mercy.

**“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which
He loved us...”
. Ephesians 2:4**

At that time, no one knew I was a Christian. No one knew that Jesus came to me personally and changed me.just as He did Saul on the road to Damascus.

**“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”
. Acts 9:4**

I tell you this again now for one reason only: so that you might believe.

Jesus is not a story.
Jesus is not a religion.
Jesus is alive.

**“Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
. Hebrews 13:8**

Our greatest failure as people is not ignorance.it is neglect.
We take Him for granted. We crowd Him out. We give Him leftovers.

**“This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.”
. Matthew 15:8**

God does not want a few minutes of your morning.
He wants your life.

Not just devotion before the day.but walk with Him throughout the day. Invite Him into every conversation. Every decision. Every moment.

**“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”
. Proverbs 3:6**

And let us be honest.we do not do this. None of us.

The devil is real. He is active. And through diversion and manipulation, he fills our lives with noise, distraction, offense, pleasure, fear.anything to keep us from Jesus.

**“The god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe.”
. 2 Corinthians 4:4**

We fail daily.often without even realizing how far we’ve drifted.

**“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”
. Matthew 26:41**

But the truth still stands. It always has. It always will.

**“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.”
. John 8:32**

That Truth is not an idea.
That Truth is not a system.
That Truth is a Person.

**“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”
. John 14:6**

So I ask you now.as the clock is ticking and the world is on probation:

Are you with Him?
Or are you still being diverted?
Are you awake.or still being manipulated?

**“Choose this day whom you will serve.”
. Joshua 24:15**

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION part 70

(11/5/23)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE . ARE YOU WITH ME! THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE (THE CONCLUSION)

Listen to me.

I could preach all day and still land right here.at the truth.

So hear this clearly.

I have two sayings that God burned into my spirit.

FIRST TRUTH:

We all think more highly of ourselves than we ought to.

And until that changes.nothing else will.

The Word of God says:

**“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is
among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think;
but to think soberly...”
. Romans 12:3 .**

This is not a suggestion.

This is a command.

If we want change, we must raise our standards:

The way we act

The way we think

The way we feel

The way we believe

The way we treat one another

And above all.the way we treat God

Because hear me.God is our real Father.

**“Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?”
 . Malachi 2:10 .**

And He loves us.no matter what.

Not because we deserve it.
Not because we earned it.
But because He is love.

**“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”
 . 1 John 4:8 .**

His love is unconditional.just as a true father’s love should be.

**“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us.”
 . Romans 5:8 .**

Think about that.
Sit with that.
Let that humble you.

SECOND TRUTH:

When we get to Heaven, we will find out.we were all wrong.

People ask me all the time:
“Do you know where you’re going when you die?”

And I tell them the truth.
I don’t know for sure.

Now don’t panic.listen.

I have read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation 33 times, nonstop.
The New Testament alone.maybe 80 times.

And every time.God showed me something new.

**“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any
twoedged sword...”
 . Hebrews 4:12 .**

Those moments were some of the best times of my life.

But as I traveled from church to church, I saw something troubling.

Most churches teach assurance of salvation.
but very few teach surrender.

Many claim to be saved,
yet few truly seek God.God's way.

**“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof
are the ways of death.”
. Proverbs 14:12 .**

Instead, many serve God man's way:

Justifying sin

Excusing compromise

Explaining away conviction

Protecting comfort instead of truth

That may soothe the conscience but it does not heal the soul.

AND LET ME SAY THIS PLAINLY:

The devil does his best work in the church.

**“For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”
. 2 Corinthians 11:14 .**

We don't see it.because deception feels normal when everyone agrees with it.

One of his greatest weapons is lying.

**“Ye are of your father the devil... for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
. John 8:44 .**

We lie in many ways:

Exaggeration

Omission

Half-truths

Hidden guilt

Justifying actions God clearly condemns

But hear this churcha lie is a lie.

**“All liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and
brimstone: which is the second death.”
. Revelation 21:8 .**

Small lies.

Big lies.

Religious lies.

They all lead to death.

And if we are honest.we are all guilty.

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

But this must stop.

Not tomorrow.

Now.

IF YOU ARE TIRED...

If you are broken...

If you are sick of pretending...

If you truly want change...

Then do this.

Pick up a Bible.

Read it from beginning to end.without stopping.

Before you begin, pray this.from your heart:

“God, forgive me for all the wrong I have done.

Open my understanding.

Change my heart.

Teach me Your ways, not mine.”

**“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves,
and pray... and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from**

heaven.”
. 2 Chronicles 7:14 .

Come broken.
Come honest.
Come humble.

“A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”
. Psalm 51:17 .

And as you read, you will feel Him.

Life will begin to return.
Strength will rise.
Truth will cut.
Healing will start.

Because:

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”
. John 6:63 .

Do this

**I will return soon with the final conclusion
and then the solution:
How to become a true Child of God.**

Amen

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION part 71

(06/22/24)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE . ARE YOU WITH ME!

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE (THE CONCLUSION)

HERE WE GO!

The Word of God declares in John 4:24:

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Not in emotion.
Not in tradition.
Not in religion.
But in spirit and in truth.

Church, stay with me. What you are about to hear is not how we see God . it is about how God sees us. And that changes everything.

We have walked too long in a false closeness, pretending we stand beside God while refusing to walk in His ways. We speak His name, but we resist His authority. We lift our hands, but we harden our hearts. The prophet Isaiah said it best in Isaiah 29:13:
“These people draw near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.”

We are not as close to God as we think.

Remember the enemy . Satan . once the highest angel, now the greatest deceiver. He has been at work long before we were born, and his mission has never changed. Deception. Separation. Control.

Revelation 12:9 exposes him:

“That ancient serpent called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.”

We have been looking at life through our own desires, our own understanding, and calling it wisdom. But the Bible warns us in **Proverbs 14:12:**

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

But hear this . PRAISE GOD . THIS IS ABOUT TO CHANGE!

I will say this one last time. The choice is yours. Walk with me, or turn back. Stand for truth, or bow to comfort. As for me, I choose life.

Deuteronomy 30:19 declares:

“I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life.”

I am walking the narrow path . the path Jesus Himself described in Matthew 7:13–14:
“Enter by the narrow gate... because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life.”

It takes discipline.
It takes obedience.
It takes dying to self.

But I love it. AMEN!

The truth is this: we all have gone astray.

Romans 3:23 says:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

God gave us free will . a sacred gift. And though it feels like a curse at times, it is not. God knew we would fail, yet He gave us the freedom to choose Him anyway. But because we live in a fallen world, the enemy exploits that freedom.

2 Corinthians 4:4 says:

“The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers.”

Satan is not passive . he is strategic. And Jesus made it clear in **John 10:10:**

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”

He diverts.

He manipulates.

He lies.

Jesus exposed him in John 8:44:

“He is a liar and the father of lies.”

Now hear this revelation.

God gave free will to humanity . and He also gave it to angels. And because Satan chose rebellion, he lost the ability to choose righteousness. Every move he makes leads to destruction . including his own.

Romans 6:23 tells us:

“For the wages of sin is death.”

The enemy is blinded by his own pride, just as humanity is blinded by theirs. And yet . we are fighting on the same battlefield.

But the battle is not physical.

Ephesians 6:12 declares:

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness.”

This is a spiritual war, and it must be fought in the spirit.

So what do we do?

James 4:7 answers:

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Not debate him.
Not reason with him.
RESIST HIM.

And we resist him with truth. With obedience. With surrender.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 says:

“The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God.”

Church, the time for sitting is over.
The time for excuses is over.
The time for half-truths is over.

You do not need perfection . you need submission.
You do not need strength . you need obedience.
You do not need a title . you need truth.

Joshua 24:15 says:

“Choose this day whom you will serve.”

So I ask you now . not tomorrow, not later . NOW:

Will you choose life?
Will you take your stand?
Will you walk the narrow way?

Start where you are. Stand where you are. Choose God right now AMEN

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 72

(06/24/24)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

THE FINAL TRUTH AND YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT!

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE... IF YOU WANT IT!

Hear me now. Every life is shaped by choices, and once a choice is made, the consequences follow. They cannot be undone. What we sow, we will reap no exceptions.

**“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap.”
. Galatians 6:7**

The consequences of our choices do not exist in isolation. They are connected.to families, to communities, to nations, and to the world itself. And in the middle of it all, there is a spiritual war taking place, whether we acknowledge it or not.

The devil's strategy is always the same: first diversion, then manipulation. He diverts our focus away from God, away from truth, away from responsibility. Then, once the damage is done, he manipulates the outcome so that we are forced to make desperate decisions just to survive. This is where deception thrives. where lies are dressed up as wisdom and compromise is sold as peace.

**“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”
. John 10:10**

Make no mistake. Satan and his followers will always offer an escape that looks right. It feels logical. It sounds compassionate. But it is a trap. Every time we choose it, we step deeper into bondage.

**“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof
are the ways of death.”
. Proverbs 14:12**

Scripture tells us a truth many refuse to accept:

**“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.”
. Romans 3:10**

Yet we resist this truth because pride blinds us. I have said it before, and I will say it again:

We all think more highly of ourselves than we ought to.

**“For I say... to every man that is among you, not to think of himself
more highly than he ought to think.”
. Romans 12:3**

Every event you have read in this book leads to this present moment. These stories sound unbelievable. and I understand that. I have said it myself: If I had not lived it, I would not believe it. But I stand here as a witness. it is all true.

When I was about seventeen years old, God gave me a vision and commanded me to write this book. He also gave me its name: On Probation With The World.

**“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest
forth out of the womb I sanctified thee.”
. Jeremiah 1:5**

That vision came suddenly while I was riding in a car with my mother. The weight of it was so heavy I had to pull over and tell her what I had seen. She laughed and called me strange. but God was already setting me apart.

I was the youngest of eight children. My mother later told me I was never supposed to be born. Her tubes had been tied. Yet here I stand.because when God speaks life, no procedure, no plan, and no circumstance can stop it.

**“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”
. Luke 1:37**

All through my life, I was offered power, wealth, and influence. And every time, I turned away from it. There was something in me that refused the easy road. I chose labor over shortcuts. Integrity over compromise. Hard work over manipulation.

Yet to the world, I was valuable.desired by people in power. I was a tool for their advancement, a sure bet for their success. Everything I touched seemed to prosper.

**“The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”
. Proverbs 10:22**

But something didn't add up.

Every time I neared the top, I was pulled back down. People said I chased trouble.but they were wrong. I was not fighting people. I was not fighting situations.

**“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers... against spiritual wickedness in high places.”
. Ephesians 6:12**

There was a war being waged against my purpose.

Only later did I understand: when God marks a life, hell takes notice. When you refuse to bow to the world, the world pushes back.

**“Yea, and all that will live godly in Jesus shall suffer persecution.”
. 2 Timothy 3:12**

This book exists because the truth must be spoken. The world is not free it is on probation. And so are we.

**“Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”
. Matthew 7:14**

The truth will set you free but only if you are willing to face it, repent, and walk away from deception.

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:32

Now the question is not whether this is true.

The question is what will you do with it?

**His servant
Pastor Tom**

Chapter 15

THE FINAL TRUTH

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 73

(11/17/24)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

THE FINAL TRUTH . YOU MUST BELIEVE IT

DIVINE CONFIRMATION IN THESE LAST DAYS

People of God, hear me clearly. What you have read up to this point are not just stories . they are warnings, signs, and evidence of the hour we are living in.

“The whole world lieth in wickedness.” . 1 John 5:19 .

This present world system is under spiritual control. We are not confused . we are at war. And this war is not political, emotional, or social. It is spiritual.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.” . Ephesians 6:12 .

It is time . long overdue . for God’s people to repent of lazy thinking and renew their minds.

“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” . Romans 12:2 .

TRUST GOD . DO NOT QUESTION HIS PLAN

Since the fall, Satan and his angels have been at work deceiving mankind. Do not fall into the trap of asking, “Why would God allow this?”

Faith does not question God . faith obeys God.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.” . Isaiah 55:8 .

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” . Proverbs 3:5 .

Our assignment is simple but costly: seek God, walk in truth, and close every door to the devil.

A LIFE UNDER FIRE

I now testify of my own trial. Loss came in waves. A marriage ended. Joy was stripped away. I was removed from fellowship and community . even simple human connection.

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.” . Psalm 34:19 .

At seventy-one years old, isolation became a weapon used against me. Depression followed. Grief deepened. The enemy whispered lies daily.

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.” . John 10:10 .

Loss touched my ministry. Doors closed suddenly. Accounts shut down. Access denied. But hear me . the devil does not close doors unless God is preparing another way.

“For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.” . 1 Corinthians 16:9 .

THE DEVIL’S PRIMARY WEAPON . ONE LIE

Now listen . this is the heart of this message.

ONE LIE IS ALL THE DEVIL NEEDS.

“When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” . John 8:44 .

The enemy does not require a lifetime of sin. One lie opens the door. One deception creates access.

“Neither give place to the devil.” . Ephesians 4:27 .

Two people can stand in the same moment:

One sees truth.

One sees deception.

Both believe they are right.

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” . Proverbs 14:12 .

This is why God commands us to settle anger quickly.

“Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.” . Ephesians 4:26 .

Unresolved conflict becomes a stronghold.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.” . 2 Corinthians 10:4 .

BROUGHT TO THE BRINK . AND RESCUED BY GOD

I will not soften this truth. I descended into despair. Death crossed my mind daily. I stood on the edge.

“The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart.” . Psalm 34:18 .

Then God intervened.

On Sunday morning, November 17, 2024, after a night of little sleep, I turned on the television. Perry Stone was preaching . declaring the reality of angels and demons, the unseen world manifesting openly.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” . 2 Corinthians 5:7 .

Suddenly my spirit leapt. Confirmation exploded within me.

“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” . Amos 3:7 .

Life returned. Strength returned. Purpose returned.

A COMMAND TO GOD’S PEOPLE

Hear this command from the Lord:

STOP LYING . ABOUT EVERYTHING.

Not big lies. Not small lies. Not jokes. Not excuses.

“Lying lips are abomination to the Lord.” . Proverbs 12:22 .

“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour.” . Ephesians 4:25 .

Speak truth plainly. Speak truth without fear.

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” . John 8:32 .

Truth is not optional. Truth is protection.

FINAL CALL

God has not left us.

“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” . Hebrews 13:5 .

Now is the time to rise. Now is the time to fight. Now is the time to reclaim what the devil stole.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” . 1 Peter 5:8 .

Stand. Speak truth. Close the door.

Are you with me?

Amen

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 74

(12/21/24)

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD

THE FINAL TRUTH . YOU MUST BELIEVE IT!

REMEMBER THE BEGINNING?

PEOPLE, WAKE UP!

Remember the beginning! Before time as we know it.before flesh, before nations, before churches.there was WAR. A great war in heaven. This is not symbolism. This is not poetry. This is truth.

**“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.”
 . Revelation 12:7**

You must keep this truth at the front of your mind if you are going to understand the world you are living in today. If you believe the Word of God.and if you believe it is ALL true.then you must accept this reality: we are still living in the aftermath of that war.

A war is not called great unless both sides possess great power. If the war in heaven was great, then the devil had great power. and he still does. He was not stripped of influence; he was cast down.

**“And the great dragon was cast out... he was cast out into the earth,
and his angels were cast out with him.”**

. Revelation 12:9

That means the enemy is not in heaven anymore. he is here.

Here in governments.

Here in systems.

Here in homes.

Here in churches.

“The whole world lieth in wickedness.”

. 1 John 5:19

The devil and his followers have been operating on this earth since the beginning, ruling in high places, manipulating minds, deceiving nations, and diverting God's people from truth.

**“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.”**

. Ephesians 6:12

Make no mistake. every chaos, every deception, every fear-filled system, every moral collapse is rooted in spiritual warfare. The devil is behind the trouble that has plagued this world for generations. Yet even this does not escape God's authority.

**“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto
his servants the prophets.”**

. Amos 3:7

These things are unfolding according to God's plan, and they are accelerating toward the return of Jesus.

Hear me clearly now: Jesus is coming back. and it is closer than most are willing to admit.

“Behold, I come quickly.”

. Revelation 22:12

But before He returns, things must take place. Darkness must rise so light can be revealed. Deception must increase so truth can be separated. This is why this message must be preached now.

This is why I am here.to sound the alarm, to shake the church, to call God's people to attention, and to say: **IT IS TIME TO FIGHT.**

Church, this is not the hour to sit quietly in padded pews.
This is not the hour for comfort sermons.
This is not the hour for passive Christianity.

**“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet.”
. Isaiah 58:1**

**GET UP.
GET READY.
GET INTO THE BATTLE.**

**“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his
might.”
. Ephesians 6:10**

Read Ephesians 6:10–20. This passage is not a suggestion.it is a command. God does not tell us to hide. He does not tell us to retreat. He tells us to PUT ON ARMOR and STAND.

**“Stand therefore...”
. Ephesians 6:14**

Stand against the devil. Stand against fear. Stand against manipulation. Stand against the lies that have been normalized in this world.

My dear ones, hear this instruction: take charge of your life.
Stop letting the devil run your thoughts.
Stop allowing him to control your emotions.
Stop surrendering ground that Jesus already paid for.

**“Behold, I give unto you power... over all the power of the enemy.”
. Luke 10:19**

The Word says:

**“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee
from you.”
. James 4:7**

RESIST.
That word has been watered down, softened, and mis-taught.

Resist does NOT mean whisper a prayer and walk away.
Resist does NOT mean quote Scripture while continuing in fear.
Resist means to oppose, to confront, to fight back.

**“Fight the good fight of faith.”
. 1 Timothy 6:12**

Let me say this plainly: the church has been taught wrong. Resistance is not passive.
Resistance is warfare.

**“The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”
. Matthew 11:12**

So hear me now.**WAKE UP.**

**STAND UP AND FIGHT.
ATTACK IN THE SPIRIT.
WE ARE AT WAR.**

This is flesh walking through a spiritual battlefield. And now that your eyes are being opened, you must decide where you stand.because neutrality is no longer an option.

**“He that is not with me is against me.”
. Matthew 12:30**

These things must take place before the return of Jesus. Knowing this truth, we must ask ourselves:

Where do we stand in God’s plan.and are we ready for what comes next?

**His servant
Pastor Tom**

Chapter 16

A NEW BEGINNING!

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION Part 75

(1/31/25)

WE ARE ALL!

ON PROBATION WITH THE WORLD!

IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE ARE YOU WITH ME?

Come just as you are. Not cleaned up. Not perfected. Just as you are.
For the Word of God declares:

“Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts” (Hebrews 3:15).

Hear me clearly.this is not a suggestion, this is a **summons**.

I want you to understand **where we stand in God’s plan**, because many are asleep while the enemy is wide awake. During my lifetime, as you have read, it took time for me to come into the truth. That is because **truth is not popular in a fallen world**.

The Bible says plainly:

“The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

We live in a world under **occupation**. A world influenced, manipulated, and steered by the devil himself. Make no mistake.**there are no exceptions**.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

In the beginning, there was war in heaven.good versus evil. But now the battlefield is **HERE**. The war is no longer just in the spiritual realm; it is being fought **in the flesh, in governments, in homes, in churches, and in minds**.

There is God in His holy realm.and there is the devil working through the flesh. And **you and I are living in this fleshly realm**.

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh” (Galatians 5:17).

God allowed me to experience both realms.not to elevate me, but to **warn you**.

“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).

I was called for this purpose: **to tell others, so that we may find our way back to God.**

WAKE UP!

In this world.this fleshly realm.we are **separated from God.**

“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

“Your iniquities have separated between you and your God” (Isaiah 59:2).

This is not isolated.it is **global**. The devil has deceived the nations.

“And deceiveth the whole world” (Revelation 12:9).

But hear me now.**GOD IS MOVING.**

God raises leaders and removes them according to His will.

“He putteth down one, and setteth up another” (Psalm 75:7).

Nothing happens by accident. I believe God places people and voices at appointed times. Just as I was called to write this book, God is calling **YOU** to respond.

God desires life for us all:

“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

Yet not all will choose it.

We must pray.**not casually, but fervently.**

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray... then will I hear from heaven” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

My role is to **assemble God’s people**.to call them into unity, to one accord.

“How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

I cannot do this alone. I need your help. If you can give, give. If you cannot, come anyway. Your obedience matters more than money.

“The Lord looketh on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7).

In the Name of Jesus, I call you to stand with me.

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).

Understand this: when God's people move **in unity**, heaven responds.

“And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul” (Acts 4:32).

This book will go out **FREE**, because the Gospel is not for sale.

“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye... without money and without price” (Isaiah 55:1).

Send it. Share it. Multiply it.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

But remember.this is not about me.

It is not about you.

IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS.

“That in all things He might have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:18).

This invitation is for everyone.believer or unbeliever.

“Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17).

If we come together, if we work together, we will learn to serve God.not this world.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world” (1 John 2:15).

People, hear me.**THIS IS WAR.**

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers” (Ephesians 6:12).

Put on the whole armor of God.

Stand. Fight. Endure.

A NEW BEGINNING IS HERE.

“Choose you this day whom ye will serve” (Joshua 24:15).

Are you with me?

THE DEVIL HAS HIS PLAN AND IT IS ACTIVE NOW

Hear me, people of God.

The devil has a plan.

Not tomorrow.

Not someday.

RIGHT NOW.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

. **1 Peter 5:8**

The devil is the ruler of this fallen world, and his system is fully operational.

“The whole world lieth in wickedness.”

. **1 John 5:19**

So I ask you. **where is he today?**

WHERE THE DEVIL OPERATES

HIGH PLACES

The devil rules from **high places**. positions of influence, authority, and power.

“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.”

. **Ephesians 6:12**

This is not politics.

This is not culture.

THIS IS SPIRITUAL WAR.

Below them are his workers. demons assigned to every level of society.

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

. **2 Corinthians 11:14**

They are not hiding.

They are **everywhere**.

Homes. Schools. Workplaces.

Even inside the church.

THE DEVIL’S DISTRACTIONS

TELEVISION & ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment is not innocent. it is **designed to numb the mind**.

“For they loved pleasure more than lovers of God.”

. **2 Timothy 3:4**

It keeps us entertained while truth is removed.
It offers false peace while destruction continues.

THIS IS WORKING.

THE INTERNET

The internet gives the illusion of power, freedom, and control.

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

. **Proverbs 14:12**

People believe they are free.
But they are **enslaved by screens**.

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

. **John 8:32**

Without truth, there is no freedom.

THIS IS WORKING.

FAME, WEALTH, AND IDOLS

The devil promotes stars, riches, and influence.

“What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

. **Mark 8:36**

Billionaires rise.
Pride rises.
God is pushed out.

“Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

. **Matthew 6:24**

THIS SYSTEM IS ALREADY IN PLACE.

GLOBAL CHAOS BY DESIGN

NATIONS AGAINST NATIONS

Countries rise in pride and power.

“Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.”

. **Matthew 24:7**

Governments become gods.
Power replaces righteousness.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.”
. **Psalm 33:12**

Without God, there is only destruction.

VIOLENCE AS A LIFESTYLE

Crime, killing, and destruction are normalized.

“Their feet are swift to shed blood.”
. **Romans 3:15**

This is not accidental.
This is intentional.

LIES AS TRUTH

Truth is mocked. Lies are celebrated.

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.”
. **Isaiah 5:20**

The devil rules by deception.

“He was a murderer from the beginning... there is no truth in him.”
. **John 8:44**

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMILY

Husbands against wives.
Children against parents.
Youth against elders.

“In the last days perilous times shall come... disobedient to parents, unholy, without natural affection.”
. **2 Timothy 3:1–3**

Families fall.
Societies collapse.

THE SILENCED CHURCH

The devil wants a **fearful church**.
Quiet. Passive. Hiding.

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet.”
. **Isaiah 58:1**

But instead.

“The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.”
. **Proverbs 28:1**

Fear has replaced boldness.

THE DEVIL’S MASTER WEAPON: SIN AND CRIME

Sin causes us to miss the mark.

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

Crime keeps people trapped.
Fear keeps them silent.

“The wages of sin is death.”
. **Romans 6:23**

THE HIGH PLACE CONFIRMED

Remember Matthew 4.

“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain... and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee.”
. **Matthew 4:8–9**

Jesus resisted with the **WORD**.

“It is written.”
. **Matthew 4:10**

The Word is our weapon.

THE FINAL RESULT: FEAR

Fear of speaking.
Fear of standing.
Fear of losing everything.

“The fear of man bringeth a snare.”
. **Proverbs 29:25**

But God says.

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee.”
 . **Isaiah 41:10**

THE CALL FROM GOD

WAKE UP, CHURCH!

“Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”
 . **Ephesians 5:14**

Stand up.
 Resist the devil.

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
 . **James 4:7**

Put on the armor.

“Take unto you the whole armour of God.”
 . **Ephesians 6:13**

IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE.

IT IS TIME TO FIGHT.

IT IS TIME TO STAND.

ARE YOU WITH ME?

DIVERSION AND MANIPULATION

(THE CONCLUSION)

A MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

PEOPLE HEAR ME!

Jesus is coming back, and we are running out of time.

**“Behold, I come quickly.”
 (Revelation 22:12)**

You have heard this before. year after year, generation after generation. But hearing does not prepare you. Knowing does not save you. Only waking up does.

Before we can be ready, we must first be made aware.

After reading the events of my life, you should now understand this truth:
 the impossible has become possible, and deception is stronger than most are willing to admit.

WORDS, WAR AND WARNING

The Word of God tells us plainly:

**“Death and life are in the power of the tongue.”
(Proverbs 18:21)**

What we say matters.

How we say it matters.

And what we refuse to say matters.

Every word we speak sets direction. Every silence carries consequence.

That is why Scripture commands us:

**“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”
(1 Corinthians 16:13)**

**“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”
(1 Peter 5:8)**

**“Take heed to yourselves...”
(Mark 13:9)**

This is not a suggestion.

This is a command.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE.BUT IT IS LATE

Hear me clearly: it is not too late, but it is late in the hour.

The devil has lulled the world to sleep.lazy in faith, comfortable in sin, distracted by pleasure. But if we will rise up, shake ourselves, and return to the Lord, faith can be restored.

**“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”
(Ephesians 5:14)**

But it will take effort.

It will take repentance.

It will take action.

WE ARE AT WAR

PEOPLE.WAKE UP!

We are at war.

Not only against the devil.but against one another.

**“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood...”
(Ephesians 6:12)**

Many lies have been taught.even from pulpits. One of the most dangerous is this:

“Grace means you are safe.”

Yes, grace saves.

But grace does not excuse disobedience.

“Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid.”

(Romans 6:1–2)

Grace is not a hiding place.

Grace is a call to holiness.

THE DEVIL HAS A WILL

Through diversion and manipulation, I accepted almost everything placed in my path.

The deception was so deep that many would say, “You had free will.you chose this.”

But Scripture reveals a deeper truth:

“They may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”

(2 Timothy 2:26)

Yes, we have free will.

But the devil also has a will.

He has plans.

He has traps.

He has strategies.

“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

(2 Corinthians 2:11)

Where there is a will, there is a way.and the devil uses diversion to lead you step by step away from God.

FROM THE BEGINNING

Let me take you back to the beginning.because you must understand how serious this is.

There was a war in heaven.

“There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon...”

(Revelation 12:7)

God did not fail.

God did not make a mistake.

He gave angels free will.

He gave man free will.

God is sovereign, and His plan includes redemption.

“Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world.”

(Acts 15:18)

GOD'S WILL.THE TRUTH

God's Will is not magic.

God's Will is not chance.

God's Will is who He is.

"So God created man in His own image."

(Genesis 1:27)

We were made in His likeness. That is why separation was so devastating.

"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God."

(Isaiah 59:2)

Separation opened the door to manipulation. It explains the confusion, chaos, and division we see everywhere today.

But hear this:

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."

(James 4:8)

The gap can be closed.

CRIME, CHAOS, AND THE LAST DAYS

The devil has unleashed a powerful tool: crime.

"In the last days perilous times shall come."

(2 Timothy 3:1)

Crime fuels fear.

Fear fuels hate.

Hate fuels destruction.

"Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

(Matthew 24:12)

These things must happen.but we are not without hope.

"When these things begin to come to pass... lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

(Luke 21:28)

A CALL TO ASSEMBLE GOD'S PEOPLE

This is why I am here.to call God's people together.

"Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together... and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

(Hebrews 10:25)

Hope holds people together. We see it in disasters. We see it when people rise up to rebuild. That is grace in action.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

(2 Corinthians 3:17)

THE MISSION

This ministry is God's.

We serve, not to be served.

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

(Mark 10:45)

We will rebuild lives.

We will restore hope.

We will stand on truth.

"Be ye holy; for I am holy."

(1 Peter 1:16)

This will be a place where love is lived, hope is practiced, and needs are met.

"Let your light so shine before men."

(Matthew 5:16)

FINAL CALL

So I say to you now:

COME JUST AS YOU ARE.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve."

(Joshua 24:15)

Stand up.

Wake up.

Get in the fight.

"Put on the whole armour of God."

(Ephesians 6:11)

Together, we will serve our Father.

Together, we will stand.

Together, we will be ready.

THE RESURRECTION PAGE

THE REAL REVIVAL A CALL TO AWAKEN

PEOPLE OF GOD, LISTEN!

My name is Pastor Tom, from On Probation With The World Ministries, and I stand before you today not by choice.but by calling.

Jesus is alive. He is real. He is present.right now. I testify with fear and trembling that I have been in His presence three times, and I tell you this: no one encounters the living Christ and remains the same.

“I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.”

. Revelation 1:18

God does nothing without purpose. God wastes nothing.not pain, not loss, not suffering.

To be called by God is not comfort.it is crucifixion of the self.

“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

. Luke 9:23

My life has been one trial after another. I did not get what I wanted.but I learned what God wanted. And hear me clearly:

THIS WAS NEVER ABOUT US. NOT EVER.

Stop chasing dreams born from pride and imagination. Stop building lives God never authorized. As long as we wear this flesh, we wrestle with sin.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.”

. Jeremiah 17:9

Stop saying, “I’m fine.”

Stop saying, “I’m saved, so it doesn’t matter.”

Stop saying, “God understands.”

YOU ARE NOT OK WE ARE NOT OK.

The church has been deceived since the beginning.

“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field.”

. Genesis 3:1

We sin daily.in thought, word, and deed.and sin separates us from God.

**“Your iniquities have separated between you and your God.”
. Isaiah 59:2**

And this separation grieves the Holy Spirit.

**“Grieve not the holy Spirit of God.”
. Ephesians 4:30**

I am here to assemble the remnant.those willing to repent, to change, and to obey.

If you study church history, you will see this truth: every revival required repentance first.

**“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways...”
. 2 Chronicles 7:14**

God is calling us now.in this hour.to live differently.

**“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”
. Philippians 2:12**

That means surrender. That means obedience. That means God’s plan, not yours.

But the enemy has distracted us, entertained us, and seduced us into following his plan instead of God’s.

**“The whole world lieth in wickedness.”
. 1 John 5:19**

On Probation With The World Ministries was birthed by God to call His people back to Himself.

God sends me.

I lived a lifetime of loss. I wanted a wife. I wanted a family. But God stripped away my selfish desires and replaced them with His will.

**“Not my will, but thine, be done.”
. Luke 22:42**

So now I stand.not for my glory.but for His.

PEOPLE.IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE.

**“Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”
. 2 Corinthians 6:2**

Come just as you are, but do not expect to remain the same.

**“Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
. Romans 12:2**

Join what God is building.the largest assembly of His people on earth.

THIS IS THE REAL REVIVAL

I will take what the enemy meant for evil.the internet.and God will use it for good.

**“Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”
. 1 Corinthians 10:31**

God is calling programmers, builders, teachers, organizers, servants.every part of the Body.

**“For the body is not one member, but many.”
. 1 Corinthians 12:14**

If you can give.give.
If you cannot.come anyway.

**“Freely ye have received, freely give.”
. Matthew 10:8**

Share this message. Spread this book. Call others.

**“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel.”
. Mark 16:15**

I am one man. I am 71 years old. But I am filled with HOPE.

**“Hope maketh not ashamed.”
. Romans 5:5**

The devil cannot destroy hope.because hope belongs to God.

**“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD.”
. Jeremiah 17:7**

I am waiting for you.

**May God awaken His people.
May the Church rise again.
May Jesus be glorified.**

WELCOME TO THE REAL REVIVAL

**His obedient servant
Pastor Tom**

Chapter 17

COME AS JUST YOU ARE

MY FINAL MESSAGE TO YOU

PEOPLE LISTEN TO ME.

I am Pastor Tom, and what you are reading is not opinion, not philosophy, and not religion. This is testimony, and testimony carries power.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.”

. Revelation 12:11 .

You have walked with me through my journey.out of the world and into the Will of God. And I must say this plainly: God’s Will is not a location. It is not a road map. It is not a feeling.

God’s Will is a surrendered heart.

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

. Philippians 2:13 .

The church has misunderstood this for too long. The church is in the world, just as you are. We all begin here. And while we live here, we must understand something that most refuse to face:

The devil rules this system.

“The whole world lieth in wickedness.”

. 1 John 5:19 .

Everything you see.media, money, power, pleasure.is an illusion, engineered through diversion and manipulation to keep your eyes off the truth.

“For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

. 2 Corinthians 11:14 .

And hear me clearly.we fall for it every time.

The Word of God settles the matter:

“There is none righteous, no, not one.”

. Romans 3:10 .

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

. Romans 3:23 .

There are no exceptions. Not preachers. Not churches. Not traditions.

In this world, some serve the devil openly. Others serve him unknowingly. And then there are those who seek to serve God, but do so according to their own understanding.

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

. Proverbs 14:12 .

Yes, many are inspired. Many are moved by a witness. Many desire what God has promised. But desire without surrender leads to deception.

That is why God warns us:

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

. Proverbs 3:5 .

But then, there are the called.

“Many are called, but few are chosen.”

. Matthew 22:14 .

I am one of those called. Not by man. Not by denomination. By God Himself.

God spoke to me in a vision. He told me to write this book. He told me to assemble His people.

“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth... I ordained thee.”

. Jeremiah 1:5 .

And now, I stand before you in obedience.

God's Will is heart replacement surgery.

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.”

. Ezekiel 36:26 .

He took my old heart, dead, corrupt, enslaved, and He gave me His. And when God changes your heart, you don't try to love people, you become love.

“The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.”

. Romans 5:5 .

Those chosen by God will never live a normal life. Their paths are marked by warfare, sorrow, rejection, and obedience.

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

. 2 Timothy 3:12 .

I do what I do because I must.

“Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!”

. 1 Corinthians 9:16 .

It is God’s Will that drives me.even into pain.for His glory.

And now.THIS IS MY FINAL PLEA.

I am not asking you to follow me.

I am not asking for your trust.

I am not asking for your life.

“Cursed be the man that trusteth in man.”

. Jeremiah 17:5 .

What I ask is this:

Trust God.

Trust that God is speaking.

Trust that God is calling you.

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

. John 10:27 .

Help build a ministry for God alone.

If you believe.come.

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD.”

. Isaiah 1:18 .

If you are broken.come.

“A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”

. Psalm 51:17 .

If you are weary.come.

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

. Matthew 11:28 .

I bless you in the name of the Lord.

I will be waiting.

His obedient servant

Pastor Tom

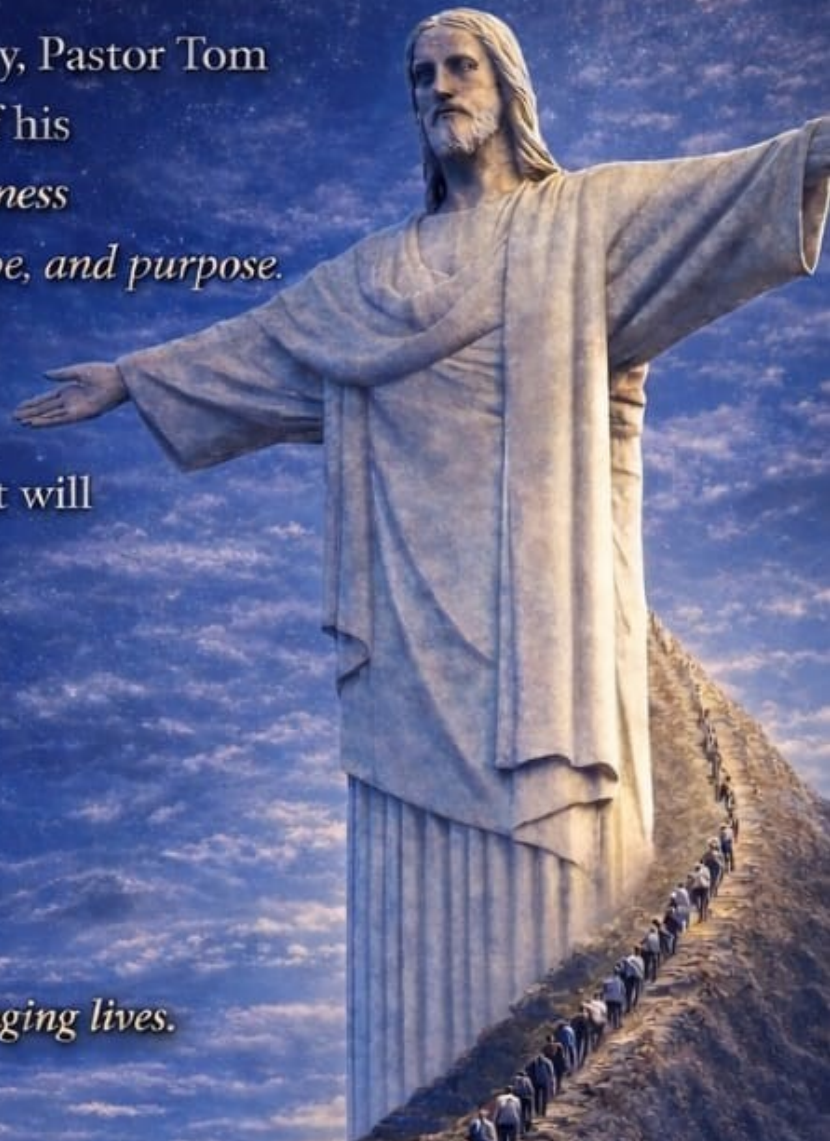
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People, not everyone is called as I am. This doesn't mean God will not use you. But it is up to you. Your choice will take you in one of 2 directions, to death, a place of no return or to life everlasting with God our Father. I can't make that for you. What I can do is provide a way that will help you on your journey. It is my plan to build a website not for me, but for everyone with the desire to follow Jesus. As I serve God, I will also be serving you. I have plans to become the Doge Team on the streets assisting the God appointed **President Trump**. That's right, God called him for this great works. Listen we are in the beginning battle that will continue until Jesus comes back.

We are fighting evil forces of this world and it's time we all assemble together, being on one accord and get up off our (pews) and stand firm against the devil's way. People, we must raise our standards, they are much too low, making it easy for the devil to kick our (butts) I don't know about you, but I am tired of getting my (ass) kicked! This Doge Team will be going after companies that lie and steal from us. It's time to take back what the devil stole.

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