

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF *Hope*

A DECLARATION OF MY CALLING, PURPOSE,
AND COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these
new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."*

— Matthew 28:19–20 (NLT)

*"Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build
up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come
to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be
mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ."*

— Ephesians 4:12–13 (NLT)

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WHY I AM DOING THIS:

To declare God's faithfulness in my life, the calling He has placed on my heart, and my commitment to serve Him by helping others encounter Jesus Christ and grow in a community of hope.

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Thank you for taking the time to study God's Word through this resource.

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Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, I pray this study strengthens your faith, deepens your understanding of God's truth, and encourages you to live as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

“Pointing people to the hope, healing, and transformation found in Jesus Christ.”

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Mission Statement

This ministry exists to minister to broken, hurting, and spiritually weary people by pointing them to the truth, healing, hope, and restoration found in Jesus Christ. Through biblical teaching, compassionate discipleship, personal testimony, and spiritual formation, my prayer is that every resource encourages people to trust God through life's storms, discover their identity in Christ, grow within a community of believers, and experience lasting transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit. Above all, may everything on these pages glorify God and lead people into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.



Introduction

God Was Writing a Bigger Story

There are moments in life when we can clearly see God's hand at work, and there are seasons when His purpose remains hidden. As I look back over my life, I can now see that God was preparing me long before I understood what He was doing. Through seasons of joy and sorrow, faith and struggle, growth, and brokenness, He was patiently shaping my heart, strengthening my faith, and teaching me what it truly means to follow Jesus Christ.

What began as a personal journey of salvation became a lifelong journey of spiritual formation. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God has continually transformed my life, using both blessings and hardships to draw me closer to Himself and make me more like His Son. Every season of my story—my victories, failures, wounds, losses, education, ministry experiences, and personal growth—has become part of His loving work of preparing me to serve Him.

As I continued following Christ, God also began revealing a calling that was much greater than I had imagined. He gave me a growing burden for people who are broken, hurting, discouraged, and spiritually weary. Through my own experiences, the faithful study of His Word, and the education He graciously provided, He has taught me that lasting hope is not found in ourselves or in the world around us—it is found only in

Jesus Christ. That conviction has become the foundation of this ministry and the purpose of this website.

This paper is more than a ministry statement or a personal testimony. It is a declaration of God's faithfulness throughout my life, a testimony of His transforming grace, and a reflection of the calling He continues to unfold before me. It tells the story of how salvation led to transformation, transformation led to calling, and calling continues to shape a vision for helping others know Jesus Christ, grow as His disciples, and experience authentic Christian community.

Everything you read throughout these pages flows from one desire: to faithfully follow Jesus Christ and help others follow Him as well. Whether through personal testimony, biblical teaching, discipleship, spiritual formation, prayer, or the resources found throughout this ministry, my prayer is that God will use each one to encourage people to trust Him more deeply, discover their identity in Christ, grow in spiritual maturity, and become faithful disciples who help others do the same.

The pages that follow tell the story of God's work in my life, but my greatest hope is that as you read them, you will begin to recognize His work in your own. If my story accomplishes anything, I pray it points beyond me to the Savior who continues to save, heal, restore, transform, and call people to Himself.

This is not ultimately my story.

It is the story of Jesus Christ at work in an ordinary life.

It is the story of a God who saves, redeems, transforms, equips, and sends His people to participate in His Kingdom. My prayer is that as you read, you will not simply learn about my journey, but that you will be encouraged to trust Him more fully, follow Him more faithfully, and discover the hope, healing, purpose, and community that can only be found in Jesus Christ.



My Salvation: Where Everything Began

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Ephesians 2:8

There was a time in my life when I knew about God, but I did not truly know Him personally. Like many people, I carried wounds, questions, fears, and burdens that I

tried to manage on my own. I searched for acceptance, security, and purpose in places that could never fully satisfy the deepest needs of my heart.

Although God had been pursuing me throughout my life, I did not fully understand His love, His grace, or His desire for a personal relationship with me.

Looking back now, I can see His hand at work even during seasons when I was unaware of His presence. He was patiently drawing me to Himself, preparing my heart for the moment when I would finally surrender my life to Jesus Christ.

That moment came on April 9, 2006.

Through the faithful witness and quiet example of my husband, Joseph, God opened my eyes to the truth of the Gospel. For the first time, I understood that salvation was not something I could earn through good work, religious activity, or personal effort. Salvation is God's gift of grace, made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Bible teaches that every person has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Sin separates us from God and leaves us unable to restore that relationship on our own. Yet because of His great love, God made a way.

"But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

Romans 5:8

When Jesus died on the cross, He took upon Himself the punishment for my sins. Through His resurrection, He conquered sin and death and made it possible for me to be forgiven, redeemed, and reconciled to God. On that day in April 2006, I placed my faith in Jesus Christ and surrendered my life to Him.

Everything changed.

My circumstances did not suddenly become perfect. My struggles did not disappear overnight. But for the first time, I knew I belonged to God. I knew I was forgiven. I knew my identity was no longer defined by my past, but by what Jesus Christ had accomplished for me on the cross.

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

At the time, I did not realize that salvation was only the beginning.

God was not simply rescuing me from my past.

He was calling me into a new life.

He was beginning a lifelong work of transforming my heart, renewing my mind, healing my wounds, and teaching me to follow Him each day. Through the Holy Spirit, He would gradually shape every part of my life—my thoughts, my relationships, my character, my purpose, and my understanding of His Word. Looking back now, I can see that my salvation became the foundation upon which everything else God has done in my life has been built. It marked the beginning of my relationship with Jesus Christ, the beginning of my spiritual formation, and the beginning of discovering the purpose He had prepared for me long before I recognized it.

Most importantly, it was the beginning of understanding that my life was no longer about me.

It was about Jesus Christ.

Everything God has done since that day—every lesson, every blessing, every hardship, every opportunity to serve, every season of growth, and every step of faith—has flowed from that moment when I surrendered my life to Him. **When I look back on my salvation, I do not see a story about what I accomplished.**

I see the story of what God accomplished through His grace.

- He pursued me when I was lost.
- He loved me when I was broken.
- He redeemed me through the cross.
- He forgave my sins.
- He adopted me into His family.
- He began transforming me into the likeness of His Son.
- And He continues that work in my life today.

That is where my journey began.

Yet my salvation was never meant to end with me.

God saved me so that I might know Him, follow Him, and faithfully point others to Jesus Christ. Every testimony, Bible study, devotional, discipleship resource, and word shared through this ministry flows from that life-changing decision to trust Him. My prayer is that if you have never experienced the saving grace of Jesus Christ, you will discover that the same Savior who transformed my life is able to transform yours.

Because every journey of healing, spiritual growth, and lasting hope begins at the foot of the cross.



My Suffering: How God Prepared My Heart

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation."

Romans 5:3–4

If salvation was where my journey with Christ began, suffering became one of the primary tools God used to shape my life. This is not something I understood for many years.

Like most people, I prayed for God to remove my pain, fix my problems, answer my questions, and make life easier. I wanted relief from the struggles I faced. What I did not realize was that God often uses life's most difficult seasons to accomplish some of His deepest work within us.

Throughout my life, I experienced many painful circumstances. Childhood wounds, abuse, rejection, broken relationships, loneliness, disappointment, grief, financial struggles, health challenges, and seasons of feeling forgotten all became part of my story. There were times when I questioned why certain things had happened. There were seasons when I wondered if God truly saw my pain or understood the burdens I carried.

Yet as I look back now, I can see that God never wasted a single moment. What the enemy intended for harm, God used for my growth. What seemed like setbacks became opportunities for spiritual formation. What felt like brokenness became part of His preparation for the ministry He would one day entrust me.

One of the greatest dangers of suffering is allowing it to define our identity. For many years, I viewed myself through the lens of what had happened to me. My wounds influenced how I viewed myself, other people, and even God. But through His Word and the work of the Holy Spirit, God patiently taught me that my identity was never meant to be found in my pain. My identity was always meant to be found in Jesus Christ.

The process was not quick. Healing rarely is. God patiently taught me to trust Him even when I could not understand what He was doing. He taught me to forgive when bitterness seemed easier. He taught me to surrender situations I could not control. He taught me that faith is often strengthened during the seasons when answers are difficult to find.

One of the most significant seasons of suffering came through the illness and loss of my husband, Joseph. After years of marriage, I found myself walking through one of the most painful experiences of my life as I watched his health slowly decline. Month after

month, I cared for him through hospital stays, medical emergencies, uncertainty, exhaustion, and fear. I prayed for healing. I prayed for answers. I prayed for strength.

When he went home to be with the Lord in June 2024, it felt as though part of my world had collapsed. The grief was overwhelming, the loneliness was real, and the questions seemed endless.

In the months that followed, I also experienced additional losses, financial uncertainty, declining health, broken relationships, and questions about what my future would look like. At times, I wrestled with God and struggled to understand His plan. Yet even in those dark moments, God remained faithful. Though I could not always feel His presence, He never left me. Though I did not always understand His purpose, He never stopped working. Though my faith sometimes felt weak, His faithfulness never wavered.

Looking back now, I realize God was doing far more than helping me survive those seasons. He was transforming me through them. He was teaching me complete dependence upon Him. He was revealing areas of my heart that still needed healing. He was increasing my compassion for people who suffer. He was teaching me that His grace truly is sufficient.

Most importantly, He was teaching me that spiritual maturity is not developed during life's easiest seasons. It is often forged through hardship, perseverance, surrender, and unwavering trust in Him.

Today I understand something I could not see during those difficult years. The suffering I experienced did not create my calling, but God used it to prepare me for it. Because I have experienced grief, I can sit with those who grieve. Because I have experienced rejection, I can encourage those who feel unwanted. Because I have experienced brokenness, I can point others toward the healing found in Jesus Christ. Because I have experienced God's faithfulness in the darkest seasons of life, I can testify that He truly does sustain His children.

Today, I would never describe suffering as something I enjoyed, but I can honestly say that God used it powerfully. Many of the lessons that now shape this ministry were learned during seasons I would never have chosen for myself. Through those experiences, God taught me that suffering is not always an obstacle to His plan. Sometimes it is part of His preparation. Not because He delights in our pain, but because He loves us enough to use even our deepest wounds to draw us closer to Himself and prepare us to minister to others.

One of the greatest gifts God gave me through suffering was a heart that understands broken people. When someone tells me they are grieving, I understand. When someone feels abandoned, I understand. When someone questions whether God still a purpose

for their life has, I understand. Not because I have all the answers, but because I have walked through difficult valleys and discovered that Jesus never abandoned me there.

That is why this ministry exists. It exists to remind broken, hurting, discouraged, and spiritually weary people that they are not forgotten. God still sees them. God still loves them. God still has a purpose for their lives. Healing is possible. Hope is real. No life is beyond God's ability to redeem.

If God could take the most painful chapters of my life and use them for His glory, then I believe He can do the same for anyone who places their trust in Him. Our suffering is never the end of the story. In Christ, redemption always has the final word.



My Spiritual Formation: Becoming More Like Christ

"And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image."

2 Corinthians 3:18

If suffering was one of the tools God used to shape my life, spiritual formation has been the lifelong process He has used to transform my heart. For many years, I believed spiritual growth was primarily about learning more about God. I thought that if I attended church faithfully, read my Bible, prayed regularly, and tried to live a good Christian life, I was growing spiritually. While those practices are essential to the Christian life, God gradually showed me that He desired something much deeper.

He wanted my heart.

Spiritual formation is the lifelong work of the Holy Spirit through which believers are continually transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. It is far more than gaining biblical knowledge or improving outward behavior. It is God's ongoing work of renewing our minds, healing our hearts, shaping our character, deepening our faith, and teaching us to live in complete dependence upon Him. It is a daily journey of surrender as He conforms every part of our lives to the image of His Son.

Looking back now, I can see that God began this work the very moment I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ. What I did not realize then was how much transformation still needed to take place.

Although I had been saved, I still carried wounds from my past. Years of abuse, rejection, fear, insecurity, grief, and painful experiences shaped how I viewed myself, other people, and even God. Many of the lies I believed about myself had become

deeply rooted in my heart. Too often, I viewed myself through my failures, my pain, and my circumstances rather than through the truth of God's Word.

Patiently, God began changing that.

Through Scripture and the work of the Holy Spirit, He taught me that my identity is not found in what has happened to me but in who I am in Jesus Christ. He showed me that I am loved, forgiven, redeemed, chosen, accepted, and made new because of what Christ accomplished on the cross. Little by little, He replaced lies with truth, fear with faith, shame with grace, and hopelessness with the confidence that He was still working in my life.

At times, the process was uncomfortable. There were areas of my life I wanted God to leave untouched. There were wounds I did not want to revisit and attitudes I struggled to surrender. Yet God loved me too much to leave me where I was. His desire was not simply to improve my circumstances but to transform my heart.

As He continued His work within me, He taught me lessons that could never have been learned from books alone. He taught me humility when pride wanted control. He taught me forgiveness when bitterness felt justified. He taught me patience during seasons of waiting. He taught me trust when circumstances made no sense. He taught me obedience when the path ahead was unclear. Time after time, I found myself asking God to change my circumstances, yet in His wisdom He chose to change me.

One of the greatest truths God has taught me is that His primary goal is not my comfort but my Christlikeness. He is simply not trying to make my life easier. He is making me more like Jesus.

This truth became even clearer through my studies in Christian Ministry and later through my doctoral studies in Christian Leadership with an emphasis in Spiritual Formation at Liberty University. As I studied Scripture, theology, discipleship, leadership, and spiritual formation, I discovered language for what God had already been doing in my life for years. My education did not begin God's transforming work; it helped me better understand it. It confirmed that spiritual formation is not a program, a curriculum, or a quick fix. It is a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ in which the Holy Spirit continually transforms believers into His image.

The more I studied spiritual formation, the more clearly I understood my own story. I began recognizing how God had used suffering, relationships, Christian community, prayer, Scripture, worship, service, and even failure as instruments of His grace. Nothing had been wasted. Every season had a purpose. Every lesson had meaning. Every hardship became part of His preparation.

Perhaps nowhere was this more evident than during the loss of my husband and the difficult seasons that followed. During those painful months, God exposed areas of my heart that still needed healing and complete dependence upon Him. What initially felt like devastation eventually became one of the greatest seasons of spiritual growth in my life. He taught me that faith is not based on circumstances but on His unchanging character. He taught me that peace is not found in having all the answers but in trusting the One who does. He taught me that spiritual maturity is not measured by how much I know but by how closely I walk with Jesus each day.

Today, spiritual formation remains at the center of both my life and this ministry because it has transformed the way I understand God, myself, and others. It has taught me that God is far more concerned with who we are becoming than with what we are accomplishing. My prayer is that every testimony, Bible study, devotional, journal, discipleship resource, and message shared through this ministry will do more than simply provide biblical information. I pray each one will encourage people to encounter Jesus Christ, surrender more fully to the work of the Holy Spirit, and experience the same transforming grace that God continues to accomplish in my own life.

- I am still growing.
- I am still learning.
- I am still being transformed.

The work God began in me is not finished, and that gives me great hope. If God can patiently transform my life, He can transform any life that is fully surrendered to Him.

Spiritual formation is not about becoming a better version of ourselves.

It is about becoming more like Jesus Christ.

That is the journey I will continue walking for the rest of my life, and it is the journey I pray this ministry will encourage others to embrace as they grow in faith, discover their identity in Christ, and become faithful disciples who help others follow Him.



My Preparation: How God Equipped Me to Serve

"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it."

Joshua 1:8

As God continued transforming my heart through spiritual formation, He also began opening doors that would equip me for the ministry He was preparing me to fulfill.

When I first began pursuing formal ministry education, I thought I was simply gaining biblical knowledge and learning how to serve God more effectively. What I did not realize was that God intended to use education as another tool in my spiritual formation. He was not only teaching me information; He was deepening my understanding of His character, His Word, His Church, and His purpose for my life.

My educational journey began with a desire to know God more deeply and to understand His Word more accurately. The more I studied Scripture, theology, ministry, leadership, discipleship, and spiritual growth, the more I realized how much there was to learn. Each course challenged me to think more deeply about my faith and helped me see how God's truth applies to every area of life.

Earning my Master of Arts in Christian Ministry was a significant milestone in that journey. Through those studies, God strengthened my biblical foundation and expanded my understanding of ministry. I learned that ministry is not simply about teaching information but about helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. I came to understand more clearly the importance of discipleship, spiritual growth, biblical leadership, and caring for people with both truth and compassion.

As I continued growing, God placed a deeper burden on my heart for spiritual formation. I became increasingly convinced that many believers know about God but struggle to experience lasting transformation. They may attend church, read Scripture, and desire spiritual growth, yet still feel stuck in cycles of discouragement, shame, fear, pain, or spiritual immaturity.

This growing burden eventually led me to pursue doctoral studies in Christian Leadership with an emphasis in Spiritual Formation at Liberty University. What began as an academic pursuit quickly became something much more personal. Through my doctoral studies, God has given me a deeper understanding of how spiritual growth occurs. I have studied how Scripture, prayer, community, discipleship, suffering, worship, relationships, and the work of the Holy Spirit all contribute to the process of spiritual formation. I have learned that God is continually working to shape believers into the likeness of Christ and that spiritual maturity is a lifelong journey rather than a destination.

One of the most valuable lessons I have learned through my education is that information alone does not transform lives. Knowledge is important. Sound doctrine is important. Biblical teaching is important. But true transformation happens when the Holy Spirit takes God's truth and applies it to the human heart. Jesus did not simply call people to learn information. He called them to follow Him.

That distinction has shaped the way I view ministry today. My goal is not merely to teach people what the Bible says. My goal is to help people encounter the God of the Bible and allow His truth to transform their lives.

Education has also helped me understand the importance of reaching people from different backgrounds, generations, cultures, and life experiences. Through my studies, I have learned that while God's truth never changes, the way we communicate that truth must often be adapted so people can understand and apply it within their own context. This understanding has become a vital part of my ministry vision. I desire to help people from all walks of life discover that God's Word speaks directly into their circumstances and that spiritual formation is available to every believer regardless of age, background, education, or life experience.

Looking back now, I can see that God never intended education to be the foundation of my ministry. Jesus Christ is the foundation. Education is simply one of the tools He has used to prepare me. My degrees do not qualify me to serve God. His grace does.

My education has equipped me with knowledge, resources, research, and practical tools. But the most important preparation for ministry has always been the work God has done within my own heart. The classroom helped me understand spiritual formation. Life helped me experience it. Scripture gave me truth. Suffering deepened my dependence. The Holy Spirit continues to shape me. And through all of it, God has been preparing me to serve broken, hurting, and spiritually weary people with biblical truth, compassion, humility, and hope.

As I continue this journey, I remain grateful for every opportunity God has provided to learn, grow, and serve. My prayer is that He uses everything He has taught me—not for my own recognition—but to help others grow in their faith, discover their identity in Christ, and experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Education has been one part of God's preparation, but it has always pointed me back to the same truth: the more I learn about God, the more I realize how much I need Him. And the more I need Him, the more I desire to help others know Him as well.



My Calling: Pointing People to Jesus Christ

"Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me.'"

Isaiah 6:8

There was a time when I believed God's calling was reserved for pastors, missionaries, and church leaders. I never imagined that God would one day use my own story, my struggles, my education, and my life experiences as part of His greater purpose.

Looking back now, I can see that God was revealing my calling long before I understood it. As He transformed my life through salvation, suffering, spiritual formation, and biblical education, He was also developing within me a growing burden for people who are hurting, broken, rejected, discouraged, and spiritually weary. Time and again, He brought people into my life who were struggling with many of the same questions, wounds, and challenges I had faced.

I began noticing the pattern. People were searching for hope. They were looking for healing. They were longing for purpose. Many had been wounded by life. Some had been hurt by the choices of others. Some had even been hurt within the church. They carried wounds that affected their relationship with God, their identity, their faith, and their ability to move forward.

The more I listened to their stories, the more I realized that God had been preparing me to walk beside them—not because I had all the answers or had lived a perfect life, but because I had experienced His grace. The same God who met me in my brokenness was inviting me to help others discover His presence in theirs.

Over time, I became convinced that my calling was not simply to teach information about God. My calling is to help people encounter Jesus Christ, experience the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, and grow as faithful disciples who make disciples.

God has called me to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with truth, compassion, humility, and love. He has called me to point people to the hope found in the cross, the forgiveness available through Christ, and the new life that comes through surrendering to Him.

He has called me to help people discover their identity in Christ instead of allowing their past, failures, wounds, or circumstances to define them. He has called me to encourage believers who feel stuck in their spiritual growth and help them understand that spiritual formation is a lifelong journey of becoming more like Jesus. He has called me to walk alongside those who are grieving, struggling, questioning, and searching,

reminding them that God has not abandoned them and that He is still at work in their lives.

Most importantly, He has called me to make disciples. Jesus' final command was not simply to gather crowds or build ministries. He commanded His followers to make disciples who would know Him, obey Him, love Him, and help others follow Him. That command continues to shape both my life and this ministry today.

Everything God has allowed me to experience has prepared me for this calling. My testimony taught me about God's grace. My suffering taught me about His faithfulness. My spiritual formation taught me about His transforming power. My education equipped me to communicate His truth with greater wisdom and biblical understanding. Together, these experiences revealed the purpose God had been developing all along.

I believe God has called me to serve as a writer, Bible teacher, encourager, mentor, disciple-maker, and servant. Through personal testimony, biblical teaching, devotionals, Bible studies, discipleship resources, prayer, and spiritual formation, my desire is to help people know Jesus Christ more deeply, trust Him more completely, and faithfully follow Him throughout every season of life.

This website is one expression of that calling. Every page has been created with one purpose: to point people to Jesus Christ. Every testimony points to His faithfulness. Every Bible study points to His truth. Every devotional points to His presence. Every discipleship resource points to spiritual growth. Every message points to the hope found in Him alone.

This ministry has never been about building a platform for myself. It is not about recognition. It is not about accomplishments. It is not about titles. It is about faithfulness. It is about using every experience, every lesson, every opportunity, and every gift God has entrusted to me for His glory.

The older I become, the more I realize that ministry is not simply something I do. It is who God has called me to be. Whether I am writing, teaching, praying with someone, encouraging a struggling believer, listening to another person's story, or simply reminding someone that God has not given up on them, I am fulfilling the purpose He has placed on my life.

I do not know every detail of what the future holds, but I know the One who is leading me. If God gives me breath, I want my life to reflect the words of *Isaiah: "Here I am, Lord. Send me."*

My calling is simple: to faithfully follow Jesus Christ, proclaim the Gospel, help people discover their identity in Christ, encourage spiritual formation, make disciples, build

Christ-centered communities of hope, and give God all the glory for every life He chooses to touch through this ministry.

This is the calling God has placed upon my life. It is a calling I will continue to follow, by His grace, for the rest of my days.



My Vision: Building Communities of Hope

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good work. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another."

Hebrews 10:24–25

As God revealed my calling, He also began revealing a vision that was much bigger than myself. For many years, ministry was primarily about helping individual people. While that remains an important part of what God has called me to do, He gradually showed me something greater. Throughout Scripture, God rarely works through isolated individuals alone. He builds families, communities, churches, and groups of believers who encourage one another, grow together, and carry out His mission together.

The more I studied Scripture, spiritual formation, discipleship, leadership, and Christian community, the more convinced I became that transformation was never meant to happen alone. God designed us for relationship. He created us for community. He calls us to grow together. Lasting spiritual growth takes place as believers remain connected to Jesus Christ and walk alongside one another in truth, love, prayer, encouragement, accountability, and obedience.

One of the greatest challenges facing many believers today is isolation. People may attend church but still feel disconnected. They may know about God but struggle to experience authentic relationships with other believers. Many carry burdens, wounds, doubts, questions, and discouragement with no one walking beside them. As a result, spiritual growth can become difficult, painful, and sometimes stagnant.

I know this struggle personally. There have been seasons in my own life when I felt alone, seasons when I questioned whether anyone understood what I was experiencing, and seasons when I needed encouragement, support, guidance, and prayer. Through those experiences, God showed me how important healthy Christian community truly is. He never intended for His children to walk alone.

Throughout my own journey, God used people to encourage me, challenge me, pray for me, teach me, and help me grow. He used relationships to strengthen my faith. He used mentors, teachers, pastors, friends, family, and fellow believers to help shape me into the person I am becoming today. At the same time, He also showed me that many people do not have those same opportunities. Some feel disconnected from church. Some have been hurt by church experiences. Some are searching for biblical truth. Some are longing for deeper discipleship. Some simply need a safe place where they can ask questions, share their struggles, and grow alongside others.

As I prayed about these realities, God began placing a vision on my heart—a vision for communities of hope. Not communities built around personalities, programs, entertainment, or popularity, but communities centered on Jesus Christ. Communities where people are welcomed, valued, encouraged, challenged, disciplined, and equipped to grow spiritually. Communities where biblical truth is taught with conviction, compassion, humility, and practical application. Communities where people are not simply informed but formed into the likeness of Christ.

My vision is to help create spaces where people can encounter Jesus Christ, discover their identity in Him, experience healing, develop spiritual maturity, and learn to disciple others. This vision extends through every part of this ministry. The website exists to provide biblical resources that encourage spiritual growth. Every Bible study, devotional, testimony, journal, prayer, and discipleship resource is intentionally designed to help readers move beyond simply gaining biblical knowledge toward experiencing ongoing transformation through Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and Christian community.

My hope is not simply to gather readers. My hope is to help develop disciples.

This vision also reaches beyond generations, backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences. One of the things God has taught me through education, ministry, and personal experience is that His truth is timeless, but every generation needs to hear it in ways they can understand. My desire is to help bridge those gaps by creating Christ-centered spaces where younger and older believers can learn from one another, where cultural differences are respected, where hurting people are welcomed with compassion, and where unity is found through our shared identity in Jesus Christ.

At the heart of this vision is a simple belief: when people encounter Jesus Christ, submit to His transforming work, and walk alongside other believers, lives change.

- Families change.
- Churches change.
- Communities change.
- Future generations change.

That is why I continue investing my life in this ministry — not because I believe I can transform people, but because I know God can. Only He can heal the brokenhearted, restore what has been damaged, renew the mind, and make people new. Yet in His grace, He invites His people to participate in His work.

- He calls us to encourage one another.
- He calls us to bear one another's burdens.
- He calls us to make disciples.
- He calls us to build communities that reflect His love, truth, grace, and hope.

That is the vision He has placed upon my heart — a vision of people encountering Christ, believers growing into spiritual maturity, lives being transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit, and communities being built upon biblical truth, authentic relationships, faithful discipleship, and lasting hope.

By God's grace, I will continue pursuing that vision for as long as He allows me to serve Him.



My Commitment: Following Jesus Faithfully

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow Me.'"

Luke 9:23

As I reflect on the journey God has taken me through—from salvation, suffering, spiritual formation, and preparation to calling and vision—I am reminded that none of these things were ends in themselves. Every step has been part of God's ongoing work of drawing me closer to Himself and preparing me to participate in His Kingdom.

At the center of everything is one simple truth: I am first and foremost a disciple of Jesus Christ. Before I am a writer, teacher, student, mentor, or ministry leader, I am a follower of Jesus. My greatest calling is not what I do for God but how faithfully I walk with Him. Everything else flows from that relationship.

Over the years, God has taught me that discipleship is not a destination but a lifelong journey of surrender. Every season has required me to trust Him more deeply, depend upon Him more fully, and follow Him more faithfully. There have been seasons of confidence and seasons of uncertainty, times when obedience came easily and times

when it required complete faith. Yet through every circumstance, God has remained faithful.

As I look toward the future, I do not know every detail of where God will lead me or every opportunity He will provide. I do not know every challenge that may come, but I know the One who is leading me, and that is enough.

Because of His faithfulness, I make this commitment before God and before every person who reads these pages.

I commit to faithfully follow Jesus Christ for the rest of my life. I commit to seeking Him daily through prayer, the study of His Word, worship, and obedience. I commit to continually surrendering my plans, desires, and ambitions to His will. I commit to allowing the Holy Spirit to continue His work of spiritual formation within me, even when the process is difficult. I commit to remaining teachable, recognizing that I am still growing and learning. I commit to handling God's Word with humility, integrity, and faithfulness. I commit to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ with truth, grace, compassion, and love. I commit to helping people discover their identity in Christ, encouraging them toward spiritual maturity, and pointing them to the hope, healing, and restoration that are found only in Him.

I also commit to serving those who are hurting, broken, rejected, discouraged, and spiritually weary. I commit to building Christ-centered communities where people can grow together in faith, encourage one another, and become faithful disciples who help others follow Jesus Christ. I commit to using every gift, experience, opportunity, and lesson God has entrusted to me—not for my own recognition, but for His glory alone.

Most importantly, I commit to keeping Jesus Christ at the center of everything.

This ministry does not belong to me.

It belongs to Him.

- Every testimony shared throughout this website is ultimately His story of grace.
- Every lesson learned is the result of His patient work in my life.
- Every resource has been created to point people toward Him.
- Every life touched through this ministry belongs to Him.

My responsibility is simply to remain faithful to the calling He has placed upon my life.

As I continue this journey, my prayer is not that people will remember my name. My prayer is that they will remember Jesus Christ. I pray that everyone who visits this ministry will see His grace in my testimony, His truth in my teaching, His compassion in my heart, and His faithfulness woven throughout every page.

If my life accomplishes anything of eternal value, it will be because God chose to work through an ordinary person who simply said, *"Yes, Lord."*

The older I become, the more I realize that success in God's Kingdom is not measured by recognition, accomplishments, influence, or numbers. It is measured by faithfulness.

One day I will stand before the Lord who saved me, sustained me, transformed me, equipped me, called me, and faithfully led me throughout my life. Until that day comes, my desire remains simple: to follow Jesus faithfully, love God wholeheartedly, love people compassionately, make disciples intentionally, encourage spiritual formation, build communities of hope, and give God all the glory for every good thing He chooses to accomplish through this ministry.

This is my commitment.

This is my calling.

This is my prayer.

And by God's grace, this is how I desire to live the rest of my life.



Closing Scripture

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Philippians 1:6

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,

As I come to the end of sharing this journey, my heart is filled with gratitude.

Thank You for loving me before I ever understood Your love. Thank You for pursuing me when I was lost, saving me through Jesus Christ, and making me Your child by Your grace. Thank You for never giving up on me, even during the seasons when I questioned, struggled, or could not see Your hand at work.

Thank You for every chapter of my life. Thank You for the joyful seasons that reminded me of Your goodness and the difficult seasons that taught me to trust You more deeply. Thank You for using my suffering to strengthen my faith, my spiritual formation to transform my heart, and my education to prepare me for the ministry You have called me to.

Thank You for my husband, Joseph, whose faithful witness helped lead me to Jesus Christ. Thank You for every person You have used to encourage, teach, and strengthen me along this journey.

Lord, thank You for allowing me to serve You. Everything I have belongs to You — my life, my testimony, my gifts, this ministry, and every opportunity You place before me.

May every page of this website, every testimony, every Bible study, and every resource point people to Jesus Christ. Keep me humble, faithful, teachable, and completely dependent upon Your Holy Spirit so that everything I do brings glory to You alone.

Continue shaping me into the likeness of Jesus Christ until the day I stand in Your presence. In the precious name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Amen.



A Prayer for the Reader

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for every person You have brought to this ministry. Before they ever arrived here, You knew their story, their questions, their struggles, and every burden they carry. You know the wounds they may have hidden, the fears they have never spoken aloud, and the places where they long to experience Your healing.

Lord, remind them that they are deeply loved by You. Let them know that they are never alone, never forgotten, and never beyond the reach of Your grace. Speak peace into anxious hearts, hope into discouraged hearts, truth where lies have taken root, and courage where fear has held them captive.

Help them understand that their identity is not found in their past, their failures, their pain, or the opinions of others, but in Jesus Christ alone. Draw them closer to Yourself through Your Word. Teach them to trust You through every season of life. Continue transforming them by the power of Your Holy Spirit until they reflect more of the character of Christ each day.

Surround them with faithful believers who will encourage them, pray for them, and walk beside them as they grow in their faith. Lead them into authentic Christian community where they can experience love, accountability, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Help them discover the purpose You have prepared for their lives and give them the courage to follow wherever You lead.

Father, if there is one person reading these words who has never surrendered their life to Jesus Christ, gently draw them to Yourself today. Let them discover the forgiveness, hope, healing, and eternal life that are found only in Him.

May every person who leaves this website love You more deeply than when they first arrived, trust You more completely, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ all the days of their life.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.



A Final Blessing

My prayer is that you remember Jesus Christ.

- He is still saving.
- He is still healing.
- He is still restoring.
- He is still transforming.
- He is still calling people to Himself.

No matter where you have been, what you have experienced, or what burdens you carry today, God has not finished drafting your story. Trust Him. Follow Him. Walk closely with Him each day and allow His Word and His Spirit to transform your life.

May you experience the peace of Christ, the wisdom of His Word, the comfort of His presence, the strength of His Spirit, and the hope that never disappoints because it is found in Him alone. May God's grace sustains you; His truth guides you; His love surrounds you, and His Spirit continue transforming you until the day you stand before Jesus Christ.

To God alone be all glory, honor, and praise.

Final Words

If this ministry helps you remember only one thing, let it be this: Jesus Christ is enough. Trust Him, follow Him, and allow Him to author a story that brings glory to God and leads others to the hope that is found only in Him.

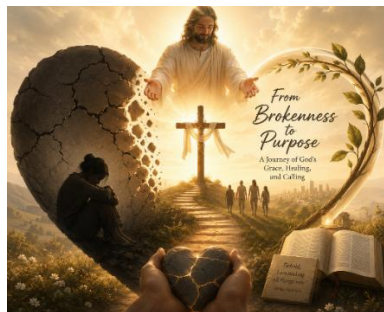
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