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OUR ONLY BRIDGE AND
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Preface:

*“... The **Deliverer** will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”*

Romans 11:26-27

I like to state at the very beginning that bondage comes in many forms. There are many things in life that bring us into bondage to keep us from enjoying the true freedom that our Creator God desires to give us. So often we have allowed ourselves to be deceived into thinking and doing things that result in some type of bondage either with our body, or our soul or with our spirit. This is why we need a deliverer who can reach down into our lives and break the chords and ropes that bind us and set us free into a personal, eternal life with Jesus Christ.

God has made a covenant with mankind that through the line of David He would send forth a Deliverer who would come and break the chains of sin and death. I have seen in my own life how easy it is to become bound by a variety of things that this world offers. At first these things seemed subtle and not even painful. But as time went by, they took a hold of me to the place where one can become oppressed and even possessed. Satan who is the ruler of this world leads his armies against the people of this world to try to bind them, ensnare them, divide them and if at all possible to kill the people of God's creation.

Before I became a Christian I was bound and oppressed by so many things that the world offer to me. I was going down the same pathway as my mother who was enslaved by alcohol, drugs and many other things. I was following the pathway of bondage and destruction thinking that one day I could just simply turn away and go on a different direction if I wanted to. But it became clear that each day I was slipping further down the hill of destruction.

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Alcohol and drugs were my closest friends; my mother was an alcoholic and my father was a bitter and angry man. My heart was filled with bitterness towards people. After watching my mother try to commit suicide several times by cutting her throat and arms, I knew that there wasn't much hope for me. Seeds were planted by my parents into my heart. I stole money to feed my lust and desires and by the age of 17 I quit school and worked at a lot of part-time jobs scraping money together hoping to buy a cure.

One night I found myself behind a hotel having drunk too much and having taken some drugs, hoping that I could run away from all my problems and anxieties. The reason was, because I had been rejected by family and was searching to find someone who would love and accept me. That night I found myself in a snow bank and it was then that I heard a voice, I believe it came from heaven saying to me, "Are you through throwing your life away"? I knew exactly what was being said to me because for a long time I had many thoughts of committing suicide. But that night I realized that the voice from heaven that was speaking to me was God Himself and if I would just trust in His Son Jesus Christ, He would - "praise the Lord" - deliver me.

It was shortly after this event that I came into contact with the Jesus people who took me across the border into United States where I experienced for the first-time genuine love. A love that was poured into my heart and that totally changed the direction of my life. God was not just somebody living out there in the heavens, but now I was beginning to experience Him in my heart day by day. He was changing me from the inside out and began making me into something that I never dreamt could have ever been possible.

We all need to come to the place of realizing that we live in some form of bondage that ensnares us and keeps us from living a life of freedom that Christ came to give to us. We sometimes think that through our own righteousness we can avoid the pitfalls and

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snare of this world. But in reality, Satan is able to deceive all by his cunning words, tricking us into believing that we are like gods and that we have the power to deliver ourselves if need be. This was the same trick and words that he used on Eve thousands of years earlier in the Garden of Eden. It worked then and it still working well on many, many people today.

One of the main purposes of Jesus coming to this earth was to set the captive free. Since the disobedience of Adam and Eve this world has been held in captivity to Satan and his demons. If one would take a few moments and read the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, you would see how often Jesus performed deliverance ministry on various kinds of people. We are called as an ambassador of Christ to receive personal deliverance, then to go out in Christ strength and power to deliver other people from the bondage of the world and to set them free into Christ's Kingdom. It is amazing that Christ uses our deliverance so that it can become a bridge for others to cross over.

My hope in writing this book is to show that we do not have to live a life of bondage, but that we can through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit call upon God and be set free. Jesus never stops calling out to us, even though we are wandering around in sin and bondage, that if we just call out to Him, He will hear us and He will deliver us. My life has been a testimony of the power of God's deliverance ministry both for me and to those who I have had an opportunity to minister to with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Introduction:

It has been said that drugs are like a spirit of witchcraft. Various types of chemicals that we put into our bodies opens the door into the strongholds of Satan and his demons that bind us. People are finding themselves bound like never before physically, mentally and spiritually. The world has turned away from the true Deliverer who came and gave His life so that we through His shed blood and through the power of the Holy Spirit could break the chains of sin, darkness and death.

People seem not to be aware of Satan's tactics and how he slowly lulls us into a lifestyle that eventually either destroys us or binds us by serving him. Satan will use any tactic possible to bring one's life into a place of darkness. And once there, he will use our lives to bring destruction and heartaches to us and to those around us.

Because of our scientific mindset, most people do not believe that there can be spiritual problems from an outside source. They choose not to see or hear or think concerning the possibilities of a spiritual realm which can greatly affect how we live each day. And the more we walk down that pathway, the more we become bound, to the point where we find ourselves in a life of slow death and destruction.

Some may ask, how do we get into these different bondages in the first place? The doors of disobedience are through our sin nature. They can come upon us through our actions that we take, from choices that we make. They come through habits that we hold on to and because of lies that we speak and start to believe in. They can also come through actions that others have done to us or by others putting curses on us or on our family from past generations. The sad part is that many people feel that they don't need deliverance because they believe that there is nothing binding them.

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The churches today seem to have no resistance towards the attacks of Satan. Families are becoming divided; children are becoming bound not only to the power of drugs, but to many other kinds of activities that also lead to a life of bondage and death. The youth of today are being swallowed up by things they have no hope of getting free from, causing them to do the ultimate destructive thing by taking their own lives through suicide.

I am now over 63 years of age and have travelled the world and I see one common denominator everywhere I go and that is how Satan wants to bind people in the world and in the church. He wants to divide us away from our families and church where he can move in like a wolf, to maim us and kill us as a person, to have us lose all hope in ourselves and in the power of Christ Jesus.

When Christ left the earth, He commissioned the disciples to go out and teach, to speak the Word of God, to deliver the brokenhearted, to heal the sick and to set free those who are oppressed and possessed by demonic spirits and bound by Satan. (Mark 16:17-18). The problem with today's churches are that we have moved away from God's power to our own self power and self-will, living more for our will then for God's will. We become weak and are asleep when it comes to the power that we can have through Jesus Christ and His shed blood. We do not realize that we have the power of the Holy Spirit who desires to infill us and give us the strength to defeat our enemies (Eph. 5:18; 6:10-11).

What will it take to open our eyes? People, we need to start seeing into the spiritual realm and take note concerning what our enemy is doing. The devil is encircling the people of the world, releasing destruction throughout the world. People, we must see that this is only the beginning where mankind will turn on itself not realizing that they are being led by the prince of this world. (1 Cor 2:6)

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The Bible gives us several Scriptures that point out the kind of deception that has been and will continue to be poured out on people in the last days which is coming upon the earth as a wave that will wash over everyone if it can, leading us into destruction and death.

Samuel warns the people with these words, *“for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry”* 1 Sam 15:23. King Manasseh of Judah did this, *“and he caused his children to pass through the fire and the valley of the son of Hinnom: he also observed times, and use enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger”* 2 Chr 33:6. The prophet Nathan states this concerning the city of Nineveh, *“because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcraft, that sell nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts”* Nah 3:4. Paul also warns the Galatian church what will happen and what does happen if they continue to walk in the flesh and not in spirit: *“now the works of the flesh are manifested, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, sedition, heresies, murders, drunkenness, reveling in such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God”* Gal 5:19-21. If we open our eyes, we will see that these are not things that take place in the past as part of history, but in reality, they are all around us today in our modern world and we need to begin to see that as Christ disciples we too have been called to go out and to set these kinds of people free from the snares and traps of Satan. They can be delivered by entering through Christ’s shed blood into the kingdom of heaven.

Many feel in our day and age that these kinds of things do not exist because science they say has proved that there is no such thing. The problem with this way of thinking for the disciple of Christ is that He exhorts His disciples to do the same kind of

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ministry that He has done. We need to come to the place of accepting the Scriptures as truth and that these kinds of events of demonic activity do come upon people, communities, cities and even countries. The only thing that can break the strongholds is praying in and through the name of Jesus Christ and proclaiming His Lordship and Kingship through His shed blood.

Before we move any further we should define some words first that would be helpful for our study:

Bondage - To be in slavery or enforced servitude; to become tied or enslaved to anything. As a discipleship principle, we need to know that Satan desires to hold people in bondage to his will and he uses a variety of things like drinking, smoking, gambling, and sexual lust to keep us in bondage and depression.

Deliver - To deliver into the hands of, also to betray. With Christ, He delivers us from our enemies. We were bound by sin and Christ our Deliverer, came to set us free from the strongholds of Satan.

Deliverer – one who comes to save or to set free, to release from the enemy. Jesus is our deliverer Who has come to set us free from sin and death. We were in bondage by Satan and this world, and Christ came to the earth to shed His blood so that we could be set free from an eternal damnation.

Christ - Means, “Messiah or Anointed One”. Christ has come as our Messiah to redeem us and to save us from the curse of death and destruction.

Jesus - In Hebrew and Greek the word means Saviour; Jesus is the Greek, the Hebrew the name is Joshua. For us as disciples, it is like we were drowning in a lake of sin, and when we call upon His name He saves us from our sins. Jesus came into this world as a servant, but will come back a second time as King of kings. He is the Son of God and the Son of man. Jesus is also the

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head of His worldwide church. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John give us the testimony of the ministry of the life of Jesus.

Christ Jesus - A name for the Son of God. Christ means, “Messiah or Anointed One”. Jesus means “Saviour”; the New Testament often uses the title, Lord Jesus Christ or Christ Jesus our Lord (Phil 3:20). It is key to understand these names and how they directly affect our walk with God here on earth. It is because of the names that we are given power and authority as His disciples to carry out His will and to be a servant and minister for Him and to others.

We also need to remember and personalize the following verse from Scripture that was prophesied and spoken by King David into our hearts, “*And he said: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; the God of my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; my Saviour, you save me from violence. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.*” 2 Samuel 22:2-4 NKJB

Again, in Psalm 18 verse 2-3, “*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*”

Jesus Christ has come and He is still here to set anyone who calls upon His name, free.

Personal Testimony of Deliverance:

Three things that I want to point out concerning my walk of Deliverance.



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