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In a world where difficult issues remain, University Baptist Church continues its commitment to be a church where “there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, for (we) are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)

THE DEMON WITHIN US

by JGK, Parchman, MS

There is a demon that lives within each of us and its name is "Self". Over the years I have come to know my "self" quite well, but I must admit that even though I know him, I have yet to learn how to control my "self" in a manner that makes me feel like I'm in charge. Take for instance my favorite dessert. While I know I should only eat a small piece of apple pie, "self" cries out for a bigger piece and often demands a second helping. Then there is the almost unquenchable desire to engage in gossip. Try as I might, I am often drawn into conversations that are centered on someone else's faults.

Now for those who are spiritual and have achieved a great deal of "self" control, I offer a challenge. Try to pray silently for fifteen minutes, thinking only of God. Notice that within a minute or two, into the mind comes a thought of all that has to be done in the day and before long we have to remind our "self" that we are praying, not making a "to-do" list or finishing that argument with our spouse.

King David wrote in Psalm 101:3, "I will set before my eyes no vile thing." A real measure of our control of "self" is to take an inventory of all the things we have looked upon during our day. In doing this, the honest person will come to understand that a major source of lust, envy, and temptation sits within our living rooms and is called a television set. Now I'm not advocating we all burn our television sets, but I am saying, know your enemy and his weapons of warfare.

If we are struggling in our Christian walk, let's be honest with our "self" and understand that most of our problems come from "self" and not the Devil. The Devil only wishes he had the same degree of influence that is possessed by "self". None of us can erase what has happened in our past, we can only influence with determination what will be our future. As we strive to control our "self" we will eventually come to the realization that it is only by God's strength that we are able to achieve a high degree of control over "self".

To assist us all, I offer a few suggestions on how to control "self". First, as children of God we are filled with the Spirit of God, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we can take control over our sinful nature (Romans 8:9). Secondly, we should think on the good things and not the sinful things (Philippians 4:8). It is time to re-evaluate what we watch, what we listen to, and what we read. Our eyes are the lamps of our body; we must fill our body with God's light and not darkness (Luke 11:34).

If we are tired of "self" making all the decisions, then we must learn the ways of God and start doing the things that are pleasing to Him. We must realize that in Christ we are new creations and we must let go of the past. With determination we must fight against the desires of "self" and yield to the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of God that gives life and then fills that life with joy.

Lord, with a humble heart I confess my sinful nature and ask for your forgiveness. Come into my life and guide my footsteps that I might learn of your ways and be pleasing to you. You are my Refuge, my Shield, and my Defender. Mold me into your image and use me for your glory.

We are all God's people. Some of us just backslide and some of us just don't know God. He loves us all and knows each and every one of us. When you give your life to God, you give all of you to God. The love of God is so merciful and ever loving; it's like being in the arms of your father. When I pray to the Lord and all my sins go away, I have a peace of mind and warmth that comes over me. It's just God and I talking. I know I have done some wrong stuff in my life but so has everybody in this world. We are saved by the grace of God and that means I should walk like the Lord, talk like the Lord, pray like the Lord, and spread the word of God. I have forgiven the people in my life that hurt me when I was younger. If everybody will forgive me, we can let the healing begin. We can all use God in our life. We need God in our life. I pray that all those that need God will find Him. All you have to do is close your eyes and cry out to the Lord and He will be there for you. God is so very good, merciful, and loving. Wow! Something I have learned in life is that if you get away from God He will sit you down and you will come back to the Lord. I know this to be true because he sat me down. He is so merciful. All you have to do is look up and pray and ask for His forgiveness. He loves you.

Truly your brother in Christ,
David C.
Forrest Co. Detention center

What Are You Teaching?

“Not many of you should be teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes.” (James 3: 1-2a)

As I was teaching the Word recently this piece of scripture kept popping into my head. I have heard this passage used as an excuse not to teach or even guide a fellow believer in a fuller understanding of some aspect of God's word. While I certainly agree that we can easily say too much or too little as we explain scripture in general, we shouldn't let that stop us from explaining passages that we fully comprehend.

I firmly believe that every piece of scripture has both an earthly and heavenly application. Once we have both of these meanings established in our hearts and minds, I believe it to be our duty to teach others what we know. Since we are aware of both aspects of the scripture, then there is little danger in leading a brother or sister down the wrong path with our words.

One of my go-to teachings is the garden metaphor Paul uses in Galatians 6:7-10. I can't count the times I have used this passage of scripture to explain several different aspects of a Christian's life with God. If I was called to stand up and preach today I would proceed, without notes, to explain the full meaning(s) of the passages. It would actually take me several sermons since there is a lot in these three verses to cover.

I am not nearly this confident with the rest of the Bible so I don't try to speak a lot of words on it. I see you fellas that know me. Stop smiling. I don't speak as many words as confidently as I do when teaching life out of Galatians 6. My point is that we all have a piece of scripture that God has put deep in our hearts. Don't be afraid to share it because we are all teachers in some way.

What is it that you are teaching? How about Romans 16: 9-17?

Be blessed in Jesus,
Roger G.
Forrest Co. Detention Center

Why I Call On Jesus

I will call on Jesus because; He is my air to breath, my food and water, He allows my heart to beat, He wakes me up and puts me to sleep, He never leaves me alone, His love never fails, He knows me better than I know myself, He watches over my family, because he never sleeps, He is the way, the truth, the life, the beginning and the end, the author and finisher, the Alpha and the Omega, My Rock, My Refuge, My Shepherd, My Lord, My King, My Lord, My God!

My Salvation, My hope, My first love.

I can keep on going and going, but please ask yourself; why do you call on the Lord Jesus?

Philippians 2:9-11

Psalm 9:9-10 / 51:16-17

John 14:12-14

Brother in Christ,

Joseph K.

Hebrews 4:15 - "For we do not have a high priest who is not able to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."

For a long time I did not agree with this verse. I thought they didn't have any of the things that are a temptation to me 2000 years ago. One of my biggest temptations is drugs and no where in the Bible did Jesus get tempted with any kind of drugs (or so I thought). When I asked the jail preachers, they told me he was tempted with alcohol/wine but that wasn't the same to me. I was never a big drinker anyway. I prayed about it and prayed for help to resist the temptation of drugs. I believed Jesus could help me even though there weren't exactly the same things back then. And He has.

I was reading the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus in all the gospels comparing them and praying for some revelation from them. I read of their offering Jesus sour wine in Luke 23:31. That had never stood out to me before. I never thought of the significance that would have, but in Matthew 27:34, it says they offered him wine mixed with gall but he wouldn't drink it. In Mark 15:23, it says wine mixed with myrrh. This brought two questions to mind. What are gall and myrrh? And why wouldn't Jesus drink it when he took wine with vinegar later? A study note says myrrh mixed with wine has a numbing effect and a study note for gall was a bitter herb that would be poisonous so they offered him a pain killer that had a negative effect on the body. Doesn't that description sound like every drug? Which is why Jesus wouldn't drink it, so that he being tempted in every respect, he has been tempted as we are but without sin. This gives me the strength knowing Jesus turned down drugs while being crucified will help me any time I have a temptation to use them. I hope this will deepened your connection to God like it did for me. God Bless.

Michael S.

Forrest Co. Detention Center



Expectations Without Preparations Read Romans 12, Ephesians 1, Colossians 3: 1-17

There was a small town that hadn't seen any rain in almost two years, and the drought was beginning to affect the farmers and others. Many of the people of the town went to church and had asked the pastor to pray for rain. Sunday morning the pastor raised his voice to God in prayer as the congregation bowed their heads in adherence.

Weeks went by and still no rain so the pastor asked all that were expecting it to rain to show up before Sunday service so that they could pray. Early Sunday morning, the pastor arrived at church to a crowd of people awaiting him. The pastor looked around and shook his head in disbelief. Some asked the pastor what the problem was for his disbelief.

The pastor stood before the crowd of people and simply stated: "I asked all that were expecting it to rain to meet me this morning before our Sunday service to pray for rain. As I look around, I don't see anybody with so much as an umbrella, a rain coat, or anything to protect themselves from the rain."

As a society we're always praying to God and asking for things but we are never prepared for the blessing we're expecting. We all have to learn to cleanse or rid ourselves of all the unnecessary things we keep stored in the closets of our lives. (II Corinthians 7:1) We can't be expecting God to fill our lives with His spiritual gifts when we don't have the storage space to hold his gifts. The message that the pastor was sending to the people was the same message that Almighty God has sent to each of us.

Expectations

On my knees praying to
God devoutly,
Expecting His blessings to fulfill
me wholeheartedly.
My mom keeps telling me to
clean my room,
I just stare at the vacuum
and the broom.
My closet is still full of junk
I never use,
Hoarding along stuff I'm afraid
to love.
Unprepared for what awaits me
on the other side,
Too scared to open the door,
I just hide.
Sitting in the dark, He gives me
His light,
To shine brightly upon all
My fright.
Slowly but surely I discard of all
the needless things.
The devil keeps calling but my phone
just rings and rings.
The Almighty has taken me for a
much needed walk,
I'm enjoying the beautiful weather
and our talk.
Now my closet has space for His
spiritual treasures,
Expectations of his blessings measures
upon measures.
On bended knees, praying to Almighty
God devoutly,
I'm prepared for His grace and
His mercy.

By: Justin U.

What Now?

Text: 1 Chronicles 16: 37

As a king, David had led the armies of Israel to experience victory against their adversaries. Rallying together under his leadership, the Israelites became a mighty nation (13:2). David's attempt to centralize his kingdom rule included the plan to bring the Ark of the Covenant from Kiriath-Jearim to Jerusalem (16:5). When this plan met with disaster, the attempt was aborted and the Ark remained at the home of Obed-edom for three months (9-14).

In our text verse, David has at long last retrieved the Ark and brought it to the city of Jerusalem amid a great deal of rejoicing. Such a moment was glorious indeed! It was a triumphal moment signifying the arrival of the Lord Himself, met with great fanfare as all the people joined in celebration. The larger portion of chapter 16 consists of David's Psalm of Thanksgiving, ascribing greatness to the Lord God and exhorting the people young and old to praise Him. "And all the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord" (v. 36)

Then it was finished. It was all over with. And everyday life resumed. And the people went home. And people went to work. And people went to sleep. And people got sick. And people had bills to pay. And people had children. And people passed away. Get the picture? A lot of times we find ourselves joining in a great celebration with others over the goodness of the Lord. We may get excited during a particularly soul-stirring sermon, we clap our hands and glorify God with out mouths; or we may get moved to rejoicing in the song service as we lift our hands, hearts, and voices to heaven, worshiping Him with complete abandon so that we've no doubt of the very presence of God. And then it ends.

"That sure was a pretty song." "Fine sermon there, pastor." "We'll see you next week." "Drive safely." The it's all over. And everyday life resumes. The moment of contact is gone, and we're left wondering what happens next. If all we ever do is live for a sermon, a song, a church service; if the sum total of our Christian experience is lived in the moment of such experiences, then we are seriously defunct in our New Life. Friend, I don't mean to belittle legitimate worship experiences. But Christ calls us to present our lives as a sacrifice (Rom. 12:1) – not just on Sundays; not just during the preaching; not just during the program. We are to always be in celebration of the goodness of the Lord (Phil. 4:4)

Our text verse shows us the truth of this very basic principle by the priests, the Levites, and the singers. After the grand celebration over the presence of the Ark being moved to Jerusalem; after the big commemorative speeches and the toast and the prayers; after the last handshake and last pat on the back and the last person has gone home, everyday life resumes. And everyday service continues.

When we come together in the community of faith to experience true worship at the point of contact with the Lord Himself, our momentary experiences should not be the extent of our Life in Christ. What are you doing then with your everyday life? If we only experience the excitement and celebration of the Lord's goodness one or two days out of the week, we are not presenting ourselves as a living sacrifice. Rather than isolated worship experiences, we are to give ourselves over to the Lord daily (1 Cor. 15:31) in order to experience the Life of Christ in us every day (Gal. 2:20). When our everyday experience becomes one of worship and contact with the Lord, then we will glorify God with our life (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

· Christopher Lee

MY TESTIMONY

By Tony B, Death Row, Parchman, MS

I just came in from the yard, getting some fresh air. Today has already been such a blessing. It's so easy to overlook this sometimes and the devil is always waiting on the ride of pride. I got up this morning, prayed, did my devotional, and that still small voice pointed out the scripture on the other page with this. No sooner than I'd written down the last verse (Micah 7:7-8), in came the trays along with the many frustrations that seem to come with them in the mornings (or so the devil was quick to step in and make so much more keenly apparent to me my struggles due to someone else taking advantage of the situation; and woe is me on and on and on). Before I knew it, my feet were stuck to the ceiling but the Holy Spirit wasn't having it, and before my anger and pride got the best of me, He locked my tongue to the roof of my mouth! (2 Corinthians 10:5) And over, under and through my heart and memory like a laser-etched picture "scripturally-induced whiplash!" (Philippians 4:11-13)

Stick with God, and I promise you may learn something new in what you may have considered old news only minutes ago. I'm eyeballs deep in a battle that's already been won. That much is clear to me. Why it's happening is the sticking point. Do I really even want to know is another sticking point. Sometimes I just don't know and those are the times we are most vulnerable to the devil. We have to make a conscious effort to stay in alignment with God's will for our lives--bruised knuckles, knees and all! Just remember, it's harder to stumble when you are on your knees (Colossians 3:10).

The Relevance of Christ's Crucifixion

How is Christ's crucifixion relevant? In order to answer that, I believe that we must first gain a better understanding of the components within the question. The word relevance means: to have a significant and demonstrable bearing on the matter at hand. In other words, how applicable, pertinent or important is it in reference to a particular thing? Educational scholars believe that the concept of relevance is a goal-dependent idea, meaning that something is relevant to a task if it increases the likelihood of accomplishing a goal. This idea goes on to say that "relevance is important because the solution of any problem requires the prior identification of the relevant elements from which a solution can be constructed." For example, to the individual who experiences adverse affects in their body due to lack of physical activity, regular exercise then becomes a relevant solution. Relevance therefore can be a part of a problem solving process. From this we can conclude Jesus' crucifixion was a solution to a problem in order to accomplish a goal.

As Christians we understand that being in the likeness of God creates a certain yearning within our souls to be one with our Creator. However, in Isaiah 59:2 it states "but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he will not hear." Therein lies the problem. Romans 6:23 tells us the penalty for sin is death, and not just physically. Because we, being created by a triune God are also manifold in nature, sin then would cause us to also die a spiritual death, one that would permanently, eternally separate us from God. "Our 'Harmatia' or 'Sin' has literally severed the relational tie that we had with our creator (or at least should have). But because God so loved this world, he has given us the opportunity to come back to him. The second part of Romans 6:23 tells us that the "gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Grace has afforded us salvation (the saving of person from the power and effects of sin) through Jesus Christ by way of crucifixion.

Crucifixion was a form of capital punishment inflicted on the incorrigible by Roman rulers. The nature of this practice was intended to be excruciatingly painful, deliberately slow, and publicly humiliating. An execution each of us was fated to experience. "Who his own self bore our sins in his own body..." (1 Peter 2:24). The primary factor of Jesus' crucifixion is that it was substitutionary Christ, who had no sin sacrificed his body as propitiation for us who were slaves to it. Sin is committed through the body, thus Christ would offer his as a living sacrifice for atonement of our sins. The Bible tells us in Isaiah 53:5 that Jesus was wounded for our transgressions; and he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." The outward violation of God's law is called "Transgression," this is the manifestation of sin/ the things you can "see" or the "deeds" (i.e. stealing and murder). But before sin becomes transgression, it must first be birthed in our thoughts. Sin originates in the mind; this is called "iniquity" (the sin that isn't outwardly visible, i.e. lust, bitterness, anger, fear, worry). The Bible also tells us that without the shedding of blood there can be no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22) and because we sin both inwardly and outwardly Jesus' body (physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually) suffered on our behalf to remit same.

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?: (Romans 6: 1-2) The sixth chapter of the book of Romans exemplifies the relevance of the Lord's crucifixion as it relates to salvation. Apostle Paul reminds us that because we were baptized in Christ, we were also baptized in his death, thus freeing us from the slaving effect from sin and ultimately the eternal separation from God (should we choose to accept the gift). He states that "our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with." (6:6) Paul encourages us to walk in newness of life and to "...present ourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and our members as instruments of righteousness to God. Because sin does not have dominion over us, for we are not under law, but under grace. (6:14-15) the blood of Christ is the catalyst of salvation; it bridged the gap between the creation and the Creator.

L.T. Jackson, MS

God goes too!

First Corinthians chapter six seventeen says " But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. We are united to God by his spirit. Those who are lead by the spirit of God are the sons of God."

(Romans 8:14). The Lord goes with us everywhere, let us be aware that people are watching us. We should exemplify the love of Christ to everyone! Let us be aware of the great love of Jesus inside us, help us to share his amazing love. Help us, to counsel those in need and lead those in darkness into the light. The Lord will supply us with his strength for the difficult tasks ahead. Give us, your heart for the oppressed and your spirit to guide us. I pray that we never forget our responsibility to the lost. Lord let your love be our guide so we may see the needs around us. The Spirit intercedes for us despite our sin, his love saves us more than we know! Let us encourage one another with Christ love because he first loved us we should love one another. (1 John 4:19) You should remember the power of God is in you, we should use this power to help heal the ills of the world. Everyday the flame of God should inspire us to do good. When we, look at our reflection we should see two things, one we are nothing without Jesus, and two all things are possible through him! (Philippians 4:13) This kind of love requires patience one of, the overlooked virtues of faith. We are all striving to be better people with, the Lord as our guide. We should never let obstacles keep us from cultivating a keen sense of spiritual awareness. Everyday we must remember that God goes with us, being constantly aware of the reality that, God lives in you. God bless you!

J Keller

A LETTER OF PERSONAL TESTIMONY by Steven Matthew Wilbanks (SMW)

Also: Response to "QUESTIONS I ASK MYSELF"(1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-19 by Shawn McClary (see August Good News)
Inspired by : The Holy Spirit

To all at the Good News, I give my thanks. The producers, writers, contributors alike, editors and transcribers. It is no easy task organizing and selecting all the material for each publication. But thanks to everyone's diligent work, the Good News has and is spreading daily. I have been reading the Good News for a few months, ever since my attorney brought me a few copies. For I, too, am an inmate at the Lafayette County Detention Center (LCDC). I have been here since 12/18/2013 awaiting trial on a capital murder charge. It perplexes me to see first hand the degradation towards inmates by the guards and their willingness to assume your guilt, plus their incessant gossip. I can hear you, you know! In this instance I would call out to Shawn McClary and tell him, "I know how you feel".

You see, I too am on suicide watch and have been since 12/16/2014. Eight months in isolation have been tough. For three months I went through exactly what McClary is going through. Then I got a few more privileges: recreation time, phone use, extra mat, etc. I wish it were cold though! The heat is overwhelming! But only the Lord could see me from there to here. On 12/16/14 I deliberately overdosed on sleeping pills. I should have died. 3,000 mg. of Saraguit (sp ?) plus 13 hours of uninterrupted sleep should have resulted in Satan's victory. Only it didn't. God had other plans. After waking up in the hospital, my initial reaction was anger. That lasted about five seconds. There was no one there; the nurse was doing other things. Then I felt a hand push down gently on my chest and a voice whispered, "Trust in the Lord your God; for you I have planned great things." I say this with awe and reverence, not arrogance or self-importance. At the exact time I didn't know what to make of it. The nurse was pestering me with questions.

The next night, St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford visited the jail for their annual Christmas. They always bring cookies and hot chocolate and sing carols. To my astonishment, the guards let me out of my cell to stand amongst them. They began with one of my favorites, "O Come All Ye Faithful". My emotions were running wild. Here I was just the day before wishing for death, almost missing out on the beauty of the scene playing out in front of me. But there's more. During the song, a stranger approached me, a woman I had never met. She embraced me. She whispered in my ear, "It'll be alright, trust in the Lord. He has something very special for you." And then she was gone. Tears ensued. Waterworks I never thought possible. I bawled so hard. Audible sobs. No one laughed. No one stared. We all shared the moment! Next song: "Silent Night", my favorite. As the tears began again, Christians came by to hug me and offer me bags and bags of cookies and cups of hot chocolate. The goodies were not my concern, however enjoyable. The impact of everything going on all at once was amazing. After the second song they locked me down and as the door closed, I fell to my knees, threw my arms in the air and sobbed a third time--the hardest I had ever cried. I fell prostrate on the floor and committed my life to Jesus right then. I couldn't get any lower, in figurative and literal speech.

At that moment I picked up my Bible, my only property. (Well I did have my paper gown and one roll of toilet paper. Oh, and the bags of cookies.) I opened my Bible to the first page. I started at Genesis 1:1 and over a period of four months I read every word of the Old and New Testaments.

I was baptized 1/15/15 and have been saturating in the Spirit all year. One good thing about isolation is that it gives you a chance to focus on God; His will. I have been reading commentaries by the likes of William Barclay and Michael Youssef. I listen daily to pastors such as David Jeremiah, Michael Youssef, Adrian Rogers, Allistair Begg, Ben Haydon, Robbie Zechariah, etc. I have a pastor who visits me in my cell on Thursdays, and for the last four weeks I have been leading a Bible study on Sundays.

Indeed I have come a long way, but only through Jesus Christ. As the Samaritan woman found Christ in John 4, she was able to run back to town and say, "This is what I was, and this is what I am now through Christ!" And indeed, I boast not of myself, for I've done nothing for my salvation. As Jeremiah 9:24 says, "The one who brags should brag about what the Lord has done." No truer words have been spoken, for people often fall into the trap of pride. But as a Christian we much fall into that of love. 1 Peter 4:8 says, "Most of all, love one another deeply. Love erases many sins by forgiving them."

The guards may treat us rough. Law-abiding and worldly citizens may look upon us with disdain. But the Lord looks upon us with love, mercy, and grace. And as we are not saved BY our good works, we are saved FOR good works. Brothers and sisters, the most important thing we can do for the Kingdom is to witness! To those who have and to those who have not found Christ Jesus; to strengthen fellow believers and to introduce lost souls. The Good News is a marvelous tool of God. I pray every person who reads the Good News may grow in the Spirit each time. Shawn, I pray for you. And when I pray for myself it is not to be given a light sentence, but to fulfill the will of God. Prison is not something I look forward to but it is no longer something I fear.

The promise of Jesus is not for an easy life, but in fact a difficult one. Against all opposition we shall win the final victory. "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Psalm 118:6). With the knowledge that no inmate or guard can hurt me, I can go all places. Of course, I may get punched, beaten, stabbed even; but my Spirit cannot be defeated. My salvation will never be taken away from me! Therefore I have no fear. I pray none of you do either. Amen

RIDIN' HIGH

Song by Kingdom Kid

Chorus: Ridin' high on the Spirit in LSD, that Love, Salvation and Discipleship of G-O-D. Ridin' high on the spirit in LSD, I stay ridin' high on the Spirit, come ride with me.

Verse 1: I remember being young and dumb, blowin' L's in the Chevy, sippin' remy witt my dawg till my eyes got heavy. On the outside I was shinnin', but inside I was soddin'. I was so far down I had to look up to see bottom. Now I count it as joy as my cup runneth over, intoxicated by His love so my spirit is never sober. I'm no longer livin' by the flesh in the shackles of my sins, God has covered my iniquities with the offering of Him. Self is what He gave and salvation is what we gained, I'm so thankful to Jehovah for the sacrifice He made. He is the apple of my eye and the fruit is clearly visible. Some call this a change, but clearly I'm a miracle, live in HD you can see the miracle manifesting. I'm like a reality show the Holy Spirit is directing, and the award for lead role can only go to Jesus Christ, for it is no longer I who lives but who you see is He who sacrificed. He got me out here flourishin' blossom in' like a petunia, when just two years ago I was Frank Abengale, Jr. Runnin' from the law, screamin' catch me if you can, when in the middle of my demise He offered me His hand. Then He gave me clear sight and set my soul aflame, and it was through this clear sight that my calling became plain. So now I'm walking this narrow path in the blossom of the righteous, for it is there we were destined when He made us in his likeness.

Chorus: X3

Verse 2: I'm gonna dead this last verse like I do the flesh daily, I stay spendin' witt the Spirit while the devil screamin' pay me. I'm on that never render no surrender to the flesh I won't submit, this that the King Leonidus willing and ready to die for what I represent, for my God and my King Isaiah 9:7. You are my eternal Prince of Peace, through the light of your eyes I can see the gremlins in the dark, so now I keep the living water in case they wanna bark, they come in all shapes and sizes, people, places and things. This world is filled with Satan's soldiers and other demonic things, so many lost in the darkness unable to discern, yet God is patient in His promise not wanting anyone to burn. This is why we have been saved, so that we can serve as examples in the light of the faith we have heard. So how will the world see us if we don't shine in the light of the Truth? If they can't tell us apart then our walk has become obtuse, we have been called to expose sin in the faces of all men/ by shining the light on darkness and directing them to Him. This is the Good News of how we love one another, and it was in this Truth that our Lord and Savior suffered, and so will we but from a place in Victory, that Jesus gave us on the Cross at Calvary. So to all the Christian Soldiers reapin' the truth on the curbside, in the face of opposition refusing to compromise, don't lose this confidence of yours for it brings a great reward. Just keep ridin' high on the Spirit while waitin' on the Lord.

Chorus: X3