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*The State
Of Your
Soul....*

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From the desk of Ameerah Lewis

“Your life feels out of control...”

“You're being attacked from all sides – And there doesn't seem to be an end in sight!”

“Your very destiny, and maybe even that of your family, hangs in the balance...”

“So... What Are You Going To Do About It?”

Sounds pretty intense right? But, isn't it pretty accurate? Isn't it true for any and every human being living in this world today?

Each day we wake up to a battle. A battle for our minds. A battle for our time and attention. A battle for our families and marriages. A battle for our physical and emotional health.

Each and every day, we wake up to a battle. The problem is...most of us don't even realize it.

Why did I decide to write this little “Special Report”?

Because I realized through all of the questions that I receive from God's precious

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children day in and day out, that so many of us have given up. We have unknowingly stopped fighting the fight of life, and become "Passive Christians." We just sit there and let life live us. We feel helpless in the battles that we fight each and every day.

And yet, our God did not leave us here helpless. In fact, He did not *leave* us here at all! He is right there, ready to fight the good fight of faith right along side of you.

So, do you know the battle plan? Have you been reading up on God's plan of action to set you free from the shackles of bondage that the enemy has so slyly placed around you. Do you know how to win the simple battles that you fight every single day?

Too often we sit in the midst of a raging war crying out for God to come and save us, but we haven't even taken hold of the promises that He has already written. He's given us the power to start FIGHTING BACK!

So, if the battle plan has already been written, why are so many of us losing the war?

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OH NO...The World Has Crept Into The Church!

You know, it was so shocking for me when I first started up The Hem Bible Studies Web Ministry. Almost immediately after I opened our virtual doors, I started getting emails from God's children. Urgent emails that revealed something that I wasn't expecting...

The world has been creeping into the church! I know, I know, it may come as a surprise to you too, but it's true.

Little by little, the way that the world thinks has been finding it's way into the way that we as Christians think.

Let me give you a few examples:

Microwave Mentality

Because of the conveniences of modern living, it is very common out in the world to find what I like to call *Microwave Mentality*.

We are all very used to things happening instantaneously. We have Drive through restaurants, Microwave Dinners, Instant Messaging and Instant Downloads. We don't have to leave our houses to pay our bills or even find the perfect mate.

Quick and **Convenient** has become a way of life for many. In fact, have you ever seen how people get when they have to wait for something? Go to the grocery store on a day when there happens to be a long line. Then just watch the faces and listen to the

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complaining begin to build.

Microwave mentality: “I want it how I want it...and I want it NOW!”

But, how has that crept into the church?

We have traded in God’s patience and persistence for the world’s selfish “RIGHT NOW” attitude.

Did you know that most Christians have an expiration date on their faith? It’s true.

“God hasn’t answered my prayer to work out our finances yet. I guess that prosperity stuff only works for some people...”

“If God hasn't healed me yet, He must just want me to be sick forever...”

“I’ve been waiting on my breakthrough for 5 years now, I guess it just ain’t coming”

“I've been studying these scriptures on joy for 6 months and nothing's changed - Still depressed – It’s probably 'cause God’s mad at me for something...”

The world’s **instant** and **easy** *Microwave Mentality* has seeped into the Body of Christ.

If your prayers don’t receive the desired response in 6 months or less, God must not be going to come through.

If you’ve been standing on His Word for 2 years and nothing's changed, standing on His promises must not really work.

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But, the strongholds that bind us weren't built in a day. So, what makes us think they'll always come down in a day?

“Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations.

*Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out **endurance** and **steadfastness** and **patience**.*

But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.” (James 1:2-4 AMP)

God doesn't promise that your victory will come Instantly or easily...but He does promise that it will come, and His Word shows you how to get it – Praise God!

Many of us claim to have faith, but faith isn't really proven in month two or four of waiting on the Lord. It's revealed in years 5 and 10! When what you see in the natural realm doesn't match up with what you thought you'd be seeing, but you still believe God more than you do what you see with your own eyes.

That's faith.

Now, will it always take that long?

No, many times we will receive what we need from the Lord quickly, and sometimes even instantly. But, just because you don't see the manifestation of the promise sitting in front of you doesn't make the promise a lie.

God does do instantaneous miracles, but just because it's not instant doesn't make it any less of a miracle. Many Christians are so busy expecting an instant miracle that

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they don't stop to read all of God's Word. We have to study and apply His entire plan for victory to our lives if we are truly going to experience the life that He has for us.

But, that takes two things that most of us are running short on: **Time** and **Effort**. **That's why so many of us are being robbed of our true destinies in Christ.** Because we feel that we can't spare the time and effort that it takes to learn how to truly walk in victory – We've Got *Microwave Mentality!*

I don't mean to be harsh, but our Heavenly Father isn't some Genie In A Bottle...We can't just say a few *Magical* prayers and wait for something to mystically appear.

The Real Issue...

We've gotten too focused on seeking God's hand and not His heart.

We want what we want, and we want it NOW.

We don't want to take the time to build a relationship with Him.

We just want what we think He has to offer.

And when confessing a few scriptures for two weeks doesn't work, our hearts become hardened, and we wonder if our Father is even there at all.

If only we would have taken some time and effort to get to know Him through studying His Word and basking in His presence. Maybe then we could hear His voice guiding us to victory. "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21 NIV).

Maybe if we had the time to seek Him, we'd see how to not just say His Word, but actively apply it to our lives. Then we'd experience the breakthrough that we so desperately need.

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*“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving your own selves.” (James 1:22)*

As I said at the opening of this report, we are indeed in a battle. More is at stake than most Christians are willing to admit.

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

One of Satan's biggest schemes is convincing God's children that they don't have the **time** to study God's Word. He convinces us that we don't have **time** to pray and spend time alone in worship. Why? He knows that God has given us His Word as our sword, and he doesn't want to take the chance that we'll actually learn how to use it (Ephesians 6:17)!

But, fortunate for him, most Christians don't know enough of God's Word to be dangerous to the enemy. Just enough to be dangerous to themselves - Dangerous to their faith.

Let me explain.

If we only do 50% of God's Word, we can't expect to actually get 100% of the results. But, that is what we often do. And when we don't get the results we wanted, our enemy slyly whispers, "I told you it wouldn't work..."

And the little bit of faith we had begins to fade into the background, and fear and doubt start taking over. "God didn't come through for me...does He really love me? Is He really there? Maybe He's still angry with me. How could anyone forgive some of the things I've done?"

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And on and on the questions of doubt go. Each one stealing away just a little bit more of a powerful element – Our faith.

*“NOW FAITH is the assurance
(the confirmation, **the title deed**) of the things [we] hope for,
being the proof of things [we] do not see
and the conviction of their reality
[faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].”
(Hebrews 11:1 AMP)*

Microwave Mentality steals our faith with its **impatience** and **inaction**...and our victory right along with it.

Want another dangerous example of how the way that the world thinks has crept into our thinking?

Here's another good one...

Lil' Old Me Syndrome

The world preaches that none of us are important. In fact, to the world, saving the rain forest is more important than saving you.

They tell us from the time we are children that we are not unique beings created by a loving God for a specific purpose. Instead, they say we are nothing more than a fluke. Just one link in the evolutionary chain that will eventually be replaced with something better.

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One of the most dangerous effects of the theory of evolution is the idea that each of our lives was not created for a specific purpose. It belittles our importance, and plays into an idea that Satan wants nothing more than for you to believe: That your life doesn't really matter.

The media further perpetuates this idea that we are not a significant life form with the idea of aliens.

Why is the belief in alien life so dangerous to the way that we as human beings see ourselves? The very idea says that God's creating man in His own image wasn't a special and unique event. It implies that you aren't the only intelligent life form in the world. In fact, it begs you to believe that there are more intelligent life forms out there than man. They are bigger and smarter than you are. And they are going to come and overtake you someday.

These are both lies that the enemy uses to begin eroding the way that we as human beings see ourselves. He doesn't want us to see ourselves as God sees us, as made in the very image of the Creator of Heaven and Earth. He wants us to see ourselves as small, weak and incapable.

It is getting more and more common on television and in movies to hear people reference the idea that we are all like tiny ants or roaches on this big ball of mud. Just going round and round. We have no control over our lives and little chance at making a real difference.

So, how has this idea crept into the church? Though we may not buy into the theory of evolution or the idea of alien life on other planets, many of us have bought the underlying lie that both of these are based on.

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You are small.

You are unimportant.

You have no control over your life.

You can't really have an impact on the lives of others.

And yet God's Word says:

*“What are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?”*

***Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.***

*You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority” (Psalm 8:4-6 NLT)*

That is what God's Word says about YOU.

Ask yourself, “Have I ever struggled with feelings of being small?” “Do I see myself as a little lower than God and crowned with glory and honor? Or do I see myself as small, insignificant, and just passing through?”

Thoughts like these are the roots of many forms of depression and anxiety that we see in and out of the church. Lies that started off in the world, but slowly made their way into the very Body of Christ.

You would be surprised how many children of God feel unimportant. Not just to the world, but to God. They feel that they are unlovable and unworthy. That God has

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thrown them away because of their imperfections.

And yet your Heavenly Father tells you:

“Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child?

Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?

But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!

See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands...” (Isaiah 49:15-16)

Contrary to what the world would have you think, you ARE important!

As long as Satan can keep us feeling small, helpless and unimportant, he can keep us from ever stepping out and doing anything great for God.

You know, when God first spoke to me about starting The Hem Bible Studies and The School of the Spirit, if I'm totally honest with you, I felt small. I felt *oh so small*.

“Who, me?” I thought to myself, tempted to look around the room to see if God might have been talking about someone else.

So, how did I do overcome that? God reminded me that “I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].”
(Philippians 4:13 AMP)

And so are you. You are self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency. As children of God, His strength and power are made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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You Shall Know The Truth...

I could go on and on talking about various ways that the lies of the world have crept into the minds and hearts of God's people. How believing those lies have robbed us of not only our victory, but our right to an intimate abiding relationship with God.

That is one of the reasons I felt God wanted me to start The New School of the Spirit. I believe that He is calling us to begin taking a closer look at ourselves. A more honest look than we have ever taken. One that will reveal areas of bondage in our lives that we never even knew existed. Satan's lies we've been told that we had accepted as the truth. And life's pains that we've held on to that only God Himself can heal.

One of the main goals of the School of the Spirit is to dispel the myths of the world and set God's children free from the tyranny of lies that have bound us for far too long. To reveal the true heart of God towards you as His child. And to reveal who you really are in Him.

And, when you truly establish those truths in your heart, that is the day when you will finally be free from Satan's yokes of bondage in your life.

*"And ye shall **know** the truth,
and the truth shall make you free."*

(John 8:32)

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Who Am I and Why Am I here?

What's the point?

What's the purpose of life and living? Why are we here?

The question that has baffled generation after generation. Philosophers and religious leaders from all walks of life have tried to tell us their theories for hundreds of years, but their answers amounted to nothing more than uneducated guesses.

The World Says...

Some people in the world will tell you that there is no real *point*. That we are all here just floating along until our end comes.

But most human beings don't buy that. Something inside of each of us tells us that our life really does have meaning – That there just has to be a point. So, they spend their entire lives trying to add “*meaning*” to their existence. They try to excel at work or travel or be adventurous. They assume that their many accomplishments will somehow give their lives meaning.

Then, you have the people who don't excel at work. They don't travel. They don't have a life filled with adventure. And so, they eventually begin to believe that their lives...must be meaningless.

If you ask the average person to tell you about themselves, one of the first things that they will begin to list off is their occupation. That's because in our society, your worth

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and your purpose are all wrapped up in your actions.

To the world, you are what you do. **The purpose of life then becomes to DO all that you can.**

The more you do, the more worthy you are, and the more meaning you've given to your life. At least that's the way that the world thinks.

But, do you need to constantly add purpose to your life, or is there already a specific purpose built in by your Creator?

Your True Purpose...

What does Paul say is His true purpose?

I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of **knowing** Christ Jesus my Lord and of **progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him...**
[For my **determined purpose** is] that I may know Him...
(Philippians 3:8,10a AMP)

To the world, our purpose is to merely produce. But when we are in Christ, our purpose is simply to **know** Him. To progressively become more deeply and intimately connected to Him. **To truly KNOW and be known by God.** That is what Paul said his **Determined Purpose** was.

And, yet, how many Believers truly look at knowing God as being their life's purpose? Or do we spend so much time running around trying to prove our worth through our

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actions that we forget what our **real purpose** is?

How many of us pursue our true purpose with passion and persistence, pressing in until we receive a fresh revelation of exactly Who God is and who we are in Him? Or do we neglect time with God for what seem to be more pressing matters?

No matter how many times I read that scripture, I am always struck by how Paul says that knowing God is a progression. See, that goes back to what we discussed earlier about letting go of that *Microwave Mentality!*

Truly knowing God and developing an intimate relationship with Him is not something that happens instantly. Like any relationship, building a true relationship with God is a progression, it happens over time.

Still not convinced that your purpose is not to simply do things for God, but to build an intimate relationship with God?

When asked, what is the most important and weightiest commandment, Jesus replied:

*And you shall love the Lord your God out of and with your whole heart
and out of and with all your soul (your life) and out of and with all your mind
(with your faculty of thought and your moral understanding)
and out of and with all your strength.*

This is the first and principal commandment.

(Mark 12:30 AMP)

I often sit amazed at this scripture. It truly reveals the heart of the Father to us if we take the time to really meditate on it.

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Essentially, Jesus was being asked, what's the real purpose of our lives here? What is the most important thing that God wants from us?

Jesus answered,

Not that you should obey Him.

Not that you should serve Him.

Not even that you should have no other gods before Him.

But, that you should love Him. And that you should love Him with all that you are.

Why?

Because when you truly love Him, you will obey Him.

When you truly love Him, you will serve Him.

When you truly love Him you will have no other gods before him.

Not even the god of accomplishment.

When you truly love God with all that you are, He will always come first and foremost. Instead of trying to fit Him into your life, when your relationship with Him takes center stage, you begin to structure your life around Him.

So, what is the answer to the age old question, Who Am I and Why Am I here?"

You are a human being made in the very image of God Himself, the Creator of heaven and Earth. And you are here to get to know Him, and love Him with all that you are.

That realization moves us out of *Religion* where our purpose is to try and earn God's love and acceptance. And into *Relationship* where our purpose becomes learning how

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to receive His unconditional love for ourselves, and discovering how to love Him the way that He deserves to be loved.

Does that mean that we just sit around all day and never *accomplish* anything? Of course not. But the things that we accomplish will not be to give our life meaning, but mere expressions of the meaning that we have already found in Him.

Our actions become expressions of our love for our Heavenly Father and for our fellow man. And we are able to keep things in balance and in perspective when we have our priorities straight. Once we learn to “seek ye first the Kingdom of God,” we will have the wisdom and strength to achieve more than we ever could on our own (Matthew 6:33).

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The Tragedy of Spiritual Complacency

Want to know one of the modern church's biggest failings?

Not teaching God's children to love Him, but to simply fear Him.

We have failed to teach people how to enter into **a true abiding relationship with God**. Instead, we focus all of our time and energies teaching them to follow rules and regulations.

Yes, following God's teachings are important. But, as we said earlier, if we are taught how to fall in love with Him, our obedience will come naturally. When you love someone, you never want to hurt them. You don't want to cause them any kind of pain or disappointment. You want to make them proud, and you want to please them.

People who truly love God are the same way. They serve and follow Him because their hearts long to please Him, not because they are filled with fear and terror. Remember, **Jesus command was not that we *fear* God, but that we *love* Him.**

But, since we have placed all of our focus on not sinning, once a person has been walking with God for a few years, they typically just stop growing spiritually. Sure, they feel a longing in their hearts to go deeper, and they can sense their inner man thirsting for more of God, but they don't really know where to go from there.

As a result of our failure to guide God's people into a deeper more intimate relationship with Him, *Spiritual Complacency* has become an epidemic in the church.

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Let me explain...

Webster's Dictionary defines Complacency as "self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies."

When I say that we are suffering from Spiritual Complacency I am saying that we have become satisfied with our current relationship with God because we are not aware of the dangers associated with our deficiencies!

We don't realize how much is at stake.

In the scripture that we read earlier, Paul said, "I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the **priceless privilege** (the **overwhelming preciousness**, the **surpassing worth**, and **supreme advantage**) of **knowing** Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8 AMP)

And yet, do we think of knowing God as a priceless privilege? Do we consider it to be overwhelmingly precious? Do we look at it as our own personal advantage?

Well, most Christians spend more time sitting in front of a TV screen than they do developing their relationship with God. Others are so busy running around doing things for God that they forget to spend time with Him. So, I guess I answered my own question.

Most of God's people know of Him, but they don't know Him for themselves. They know what the Pastor has said about Him or what the TV evangelist has said, but they don't *KNOW* Him personally...

And isn't that our true purpose?

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That is why I believe God led me to start the School of the Spirit. To help His children truly get to know Him on a deeper more intimate level than they ever have before.

But, many of us want a deeper relationship with God, but we question if it is even possible. We can not see God with our physical eyes, or feel Him sitting beside us, so we question whether or not He is really there.

But, Jesus gave us this promise:

If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching];
and My Father will love him, and We will come to him
and **make Our home** (abode, special dwelling place) **with him**.
(John 14:23 AMP)

God has promised to come and live with you as His child. But, we do have a part to play in this. We have to love Him. It is interesting to see here that Jesus says that when we love Him, we will obey Him. Sounds much like what we have discussed earlier.

The Greek word for love that Jesus uses here is *Agapao*. There are two interesting things about this word.

The first thing is that *Agapao* is the verb form of the word *Agape*. That means that it doesn't just mean love, but unconditional love. This forces each of us to stop and truly search our hearts:

"Do I love God unconditionally? Or, are there conditions on our love for Him?"

"If I can't hear Him speaking to me, will my love for Him begin to fade? "

"If tragedy hits my life, will it begin to fade?"

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“If He doesn’t come through for me in the way I expected, will my love towards Him simply start to fade away?”

If the answer to any of those questions is yes, then it's not *Agapao* love.

The other interesting thing to note about *Agapao*, the word that Jesus chose here, is that He did not choose *Agape*, the noun. He chose *Agapao*, the verb.

Jesus specifically chose the ACTION word.

He wanted to emphasize that our love for Him requires action on our part.

*For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless,
so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead. (James 2:26)*

So what “works” express our love for God?

Jesus said it right in the scripture that we read “If a person really loves Me, he will keep my word and obey my teaching” But, one of the reasons that so many Christians don't obey all of the teaching of God is because they don't know them.

Sometiimes we may assume that since we know the 10 commandments, we are doing fine. But do we know His promises and provision for joy? How about His teachings on peace or money management?

Often times, when tragedy strikes and we begin to cry out to God, it is evident by our very prayers that we don't know God's promises. We pray fear based “*Lil' Old Me*” prayers, instead of doing as God's Word says and going boldly to the throne of grace.

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We may know enough of God's Word to keep us out of hell. But do we know enough to keep us living in victory here on Earth?

Something else that we often forget is that studying God's Word and meditating on His promises is a form of seeking Him. It is seeking His way and His will for our lives.

You know, so many Christians complain of not hearing God's voice, but many times it is because they haven't taken the time to study and apply the things that He has already said.

He has written an entire love letter to you, filled with His promises and provision for you. But many of us just look at it as nothing more than a rule book. And, let's be honest – Who in the world wants to sit around and read a rule book?

But that is not what God intended His Word to be, especially not the New Testament. He wrote it to you and for you. And, when you read it, it is a form of seeking Him.

Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and **require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me** when you search for Me **with all your heart**. (Jeremiah 29:13)

This scripture really makes us ask ourselves, "Do I require God as a vital necessity?" Is He as vital to you as air?

Does your heart cry out... "I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before Him?" (Psalm 42:2 NLT)

Or have you, like most of us, become just a little too busy to truly seek Him? **Have you too been infected with *Spiritual Complacency?***

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Your Key To Victory!

Are you longing for more of God's power and provision in your life? Then what you really need is more of His Presence...

This is something that we as Believers often neglect.

Some of our neglect is because of our *Microwave Mentality* - We just don't think that we have the time.

Sometimes our neglect is because of our "*Lil' Old Me*" Syndrome – We just don't think we're worthy to be in the presence of God.

And some of our neglect is simply due to our *Spiritual Complacency* – We just don't think we really need to do it.

But, why is taking time to sit in the presence of God so vital to the lives of each and every Christian?

Because we are changed in His presence.

We all want to change, but are we willing to do what it takes to bring ourselves before the throne of the Lord to be changed?

Richard Foster calls our pursuit of God "Disciplined Grace."

"It is discipline, because **there is work for us to do**. It is Grace, because the life of God which we enter into is a gift which we can never earn...Discipline in and of itself

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does not make us righteous; it merely places us before God...The transformation ...is God's work." - Decision Magazine, "And we can live by it: Discipline", by Richard Foster

There is indeed work for us to do – The actual placing of our entire selves poured out before the throne of God, that is our work.

Seeking Him through His Word. Seeking His very Presence. That is our work.

We must be willing to place ourselves before Him so we can experience what I call "The Great Exchange..."

His love and kindness for our anger and unforgiveness.

His joy and peace for our depression and anxiety.

And on and on. Transformation. Renewal.

When and how does that transformation occur. It occurs day by day as we make a conscious choice to seek after God's heart, and not just His hand.

Can you truly have a transformational relationship with God? Jesus says it's available to you through the power of The Holy Spirit...

However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (**Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby**) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you]. (John 16:7AMP)

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Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit of God is here, on this Earth, with the desire to “be in close fellowship with you.”

And yet, if we were to ask most Christians, they would admit that they often wonder if God really is with them day in and day out. When asked why they aren't sure if He's there, they say it's because they can't feel Him.

For a long time, I too used to question if God was *ALWAYS* with me. I assumed that if I did not feel God walking with me, He must not be there. But, then I had to ask myself...

What does He promise me?

He promises that He will never leave me or forsake me. (Hebrews 13:5)

He promises that He is with me always, even unto the end of the Earth (Matthew 28:20)

He promises He'd come and make His home with me (John 14:23)

He promises that if I will seek Him I will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13)

He promises to be a Friend to me that sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24)

He promises that my body is the very temple of His Holy Spirit (Corinthians 6:19)

So, I realize I needed to ask myself another tough question. Am I going to base my beliefs on what I feel, or on God's promises? Does my ability or inability to feel the presence of God change the fact that He is there?

So, I made a personal decision to have child like faith – I decided that I was going to just believe that He was there whether I could feel Him or not! Why?

Simply because HE SAID HE'S THERE.

There are many things that can stand in the way of us actually “feeling” the presence of God. But just because we can't feel Him does not mean that He is not there.

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I have been in church services where I knew that I could feel the presence of the Lord moving throughout the sanctuary. And yet, there were people sitting next to me who couldn't feel a thing.

Does that mean that God wasn't there? Of course not. It simply shows how we, as human beings, can fail to recognize the presence of the Lord.

But, that brings us to a new question:

How do we begin to experience more of God's presence in our daily lives?

Simple! **We make seeking God a part of our daily lives.**

Seeking Him through studying His Word.

Seeking Him through prayer.

And, seeking Him through true worship.

We have already established that your body is the very temple of the Holy Spirit. That means that God is already living inside of you.

So, acknowledge Him.

*"In all thy ways **acknowledge** him,
and he shall direct thy paths."*

(Proverbs 3:6)

Keep yourself in a constant state of awareness towards His presence being there with you, whether you feel it or not. Just believe that He's there by faith and begin acting on that belief.

Talk with Him throughout your day. Tell Him that you love Him, and ask Him to help you to love Him even more. Fellowship with Him just as you would anyone that you truly

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wanted to develop a strong relationship with.

It's not really as hard as we sometimes make it seem. But, we have to learn how to finally make knowing Him and loving Him a priority in our daily lives. As we do that, His presence will become more and more evident to us.

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Making God a Priority!

It was said of King David, despite his flaws and transgressions, that **he was a man after God's own heart.**

It was said of Abraham, despite his failings and imperfections, that **he was a friend of God.**

But, what will be said of you? You're writing your spiritual legacy right now – Today.

Will it be said that you spent your life just trying to make it through each day? Or maybe that you excelled at your job and were liked by your friends? Or will they say you worked really hard...trying to earn God's affection?

Or will it be said of you, that you were one of the few. One of the few who stepped out and accepted the Creator's invitation to truly love and be loved by Him?

Are you ready and willing to become a man or woman after God's own heart? Is your heart's desire to truly become a friend of God?

You can begin your journey today.

But, like Mary, you too will have to make a choice...

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As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem,

They came to a certain village where a woman named

Martha welcomed him into her home.

*Her sister, **Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught.***

*But Martha was **distracted** by the big dinner she was preparing.*

She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

But the Lord said to her,

*"My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these **details!***

There is only one thing worth being concerned about.

*Mary has discovered it, **and it will not be taken away from her.**"*

(Luke 10:38-42 NLT)

Jesus said, of all of the things to be done, there is really only one thing worth you being concerned about. The one thing that will truly add meaning and value to your life. The one thing that will give you victory over the daily onslaught of attacks from the enemy. The one thing that truly matters...

ACTIVELY Developing An Intimate Relationship With God.

And that is the real purpose of The Hem's School of the Spirit. It's a Spirit Filled Community for Believers who have made a personal decision to ACTIVELY seek God. To get to know Him more closely, and to fall in love with Him more deeply.

Do You Struggle To Find Time For God?

Now, as we've already discussed earlier in the report, we honestly can't afford to use time as a reason for not seeking God. But, I do live in reality, and I too understand how hard it can be to take time out for the Lord.

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But, one of the key features of The Hem's School of the Spirit is that it gives you the ability to totally customize your own personal learning experience. Each and every lesson is ON DEMAND! That means you can take the classes that you want at the pace that you determine.

All *Students of God* have complete access to their classes 24 hours a day. You can take as many or as few classes as you want at once. And, you can take as long as you want to complete the classes.

Honestly, with just 30 minutes a week, you can totally transform your relationship with God.

Now, you may be thinking, “30 minutes a week isn't enough time to really make a difference.” **But, in 1 year, 30 minutes a week = 26 hours Completely Devoted to Seeking the Lord!**

Can you imagine what God can do with 26 hours spent totally focused on learning more of Him?

Become A True Student of God...

*“I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” (Psalm 32:8 AMP)*

What does it really mean to become a student of God? It means that you are a student of His Word and His Holy Spirit. That you place great value on His promises to you and that you **trust** them above all else – Even what you see with your own eyes.

Inside the Hem's School of the Spirit, you'll learn how to truly seek God with your whole

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heart. You'll discover how to seek Him through His Word, and through communing with His Holy Spirit.

And, as you seek Him, He will begin to reveal Himself to you. More and more over time, your understanding of the true heart of God will begin to deepen. You will finally KNOW the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free.

Our school is a quiet place in a noisy world. It is a safe place where we can all come to learn more of God and connect with Him through His Word.

If you have gone through any of the lessons from the School, you know that these aren't typical *Bible Studies*. They are anointed messages that God uses to speak directly to the hearts of His children as He begins the work within.

Here are just a few of the many Spirit Filled classes waiting for you inside The New School of the Spirit.

Develop True Intimacy With God



Do you truly want to develop spiritual intimacy with God?
Do you ever feel separated from Him, or wonder why you just can't **Connect**?

In this class, you will discover how to finally **break down the walls** that have been separating you from truly connecting with your Heavenly Father. You will learn the meaning of true *Surrender*, and find out how to finally stand before the Lord, Naked, Unashamed, and Unafraid.

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Learn to Bask In His Presence



Do you long for the experience of **walking with God in the cool of the day**? Do you ever wonder if it's truly possible to have the intimacy with God that your heart is longing for?

In this class, you will find out the truth about the Holy Spirit. Who He is, why He's here, and how you can **experience more of Him in your daily life**.

Release Your Past Mistakes



Do you still **feel unworthy** of God's love? Do you sometimes wonder if God could **really** forgive ALL of your past mistakes, or if He's still punishing you for the things you've done?

In this class you will discover the truth about God's forgiveness that will help you to **receive your breakthrough** once and for all!

Release Your Past Pains

Do you want to let go of past hurts, but just can't seem to **break free from the pain**? Do you ever read about forgiveness in God's Word, but wonder if you could ever truly forgive those who've hurt you?

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Learn how to truly **forgive the unforgivable**, and make room for God's healing power to heal those broken places in your heart once and for all.

These are Just A Few of the Breakthroughs YOU Can Experience

Not to mention the Christian eBook library, the SOS Talk Radio, the Christian affirmations and meditations collection, the Instant Podcasts, the prayer journals, and, of course, the amazing fellowship!

Whew! Now I'm out of breath :-)

It's Not About The Teacher – It's About The Word!

This is something that I really want to make as clear as possible. The Hem's School of the Spirit is not about me.

Yes, the lessons ARE powerful. For many, they truly ARE truly life changing. But that isn't because of me!

That is the Holy Spirit using the Word of God to transform the children of God.

I don't change people – God does. And He does it whenever we make a conscious decision to seek Him regardless of our circumstances.

Whenever we make His Word and His ways a priority in our lives, He shows up!

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And when **He** shows up, **we are changed forever.**

And that is the goal – For you to develop a transformational relationship with a living God that loves you, and that you have finally learned to love in return.

Then, you can finally live a life that is actually worth living. One with *Real Purpose*.

[If you are ready to make seeking God a priority in your life then God had me create The School of the Spirit especially for you.](#)

But, even if you do not feel God is leading you to join us at the School, I pray that this little report has gotten you thinking about your relationship with Him. I pray that it has been an ever so small reminder that your purpose is quite simply to LOVE Him. That is what you were created to do, and that is what gives your life true meaning.

God Bless,

Ameerah

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P.S. I truly poured myself into this report. I also pour myself into each and every lesson that I create for the School of the Spirit. I pray. I study. And I pray some more...and some more... Just take a look at the class listing for the school to see if you feel God tugging at your heart. I truly believe that our School can be what God uses to transform your life.

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