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INTRODUCTION

God has birthed the Second Chance Deliverance and Restoration Ministries, Inc. and we are excited about what God is doing. I, Minister Leo Robinson, am a licensed and ordained minister of the gospel and a member of Union Chapel M.B. Church. I envision the Second Chance Deliverance and Restoration Ministries as drug intervention counselors, providing help for those suffering with drugs and other life controlling addictions. God has given me the insight to initiate this ministry as a part of the “total” vision of O. Wendell Davis Ministries, Inc. under the covering and support of Pastor O. Wendell Davis.

Why am I qualified to lead such a ministry? First and foremost, I believe that I am being led by the Holy Spirit in this specific area because God has set me free from drug addiction and I know that it is possible for others to be set free as well.

Secondly, I am a former ten-year crack and cocaine addict. I believe by sharing my life changing experiences with others and the methods I used to overcome my individual struggle with drug addiction, I can ultimately help others to live a victorious life through Jesus Christ, as I am living today.

Thirdly, I believe there is a need for this type of ministry globally, because “good” church members and their families are not isolated from this problem. As Christians, our duty is to minister to the family unit as well as to the addict, to provide a support system and an outlet for family members. Satan tries his best to trap us as Christians, to destroy our reputations and to discourage non-Christians from coming to Christ. Oftentimes help is not sought because Satan has blinded eyes and dulled senses, telling them to keep it a secret and not seek help. From first hand experience, I can tell others to seek God’s help first – He is

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the only answer for true healing for the wounded and broken spirit.

During my years of addiction, I met God anew and became drug free, by using the following method:

- How to be Free: The Formula
- Rebirth: Getting Reacquainted with God
- Talking to God: Is There a Fix?
- The Real Thing: Jesus Christ
- The Beginning of My Comfort: The Holy Spirit

HOW TO BE FREE: The Formula

The word of God is essential to breaking addictions in which we may find ourselves.

Genesis 1:1-5, 26, 27:

¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

It's through my understanding that I was created to reflect the image of God that led me to change. God is the potter and I was the clay, He made me over. I learned the will of God, His love and how to be free.

THE REBIRTH: Getting Reacquainted with God

Rebirth is the beginning and salvation of this ministry. This is how one begins to receive eternal blessings from God.

When one accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, one has the eternal assurance that God will do all that He says He will do.

I can personally attest to this; however, until one accepts Jesus Christ for oneself, he or she won't know this or have this assurance I am speaking about.

How does one get acquainted with Jesus Christ to have this assurance? By hearing the Word, believing the Word, accepting the Word and reading the Word, one will then come to understand by the influence of the Holy Spirit, that God really loves him or her, as stated in John 3:16. One will also learn from the conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus in John 3:1-15 that one can not enter the kingdom of heaven without receiving the new birth. Also, in John 14:6, one will learn that Jesus Christ is the only way to God.

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All that desire to be free from substance abuse must experience the rebirth process and receive the power of the Holy Spirit. This power is only available through Jesus Christ, God's Son who died for the sins of the entire human race.

TALKING TO GOD: "Is There a Fix?"

Sometimes I felt as if Jesus would not fix my problem; I kept praying; the Word of God kept coming to me saying "trust me for one thing, trust me for all things." I heard the word of the Lord say to me, and I agree with David in Psalm 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." At this point I began to call my blessings to me.

We have to trust God, believe that Jesus died and God raised Him from the dead. This is when the light came on in my head and I told Satan that he didn't own me anymore, because I had the keys to the kingdom and that my faith would unlock the door to a renewed life. I told Satan that I might have been persecuted by the world and allowed me to fall in his pit, but I have another key of faith to unlock all doors, the keys to the kingdom found in Matthew 5:1-16, The Beatitudes:

¹ And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: ² And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. ¹³ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. ¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Jesus is not just telling you he is in the healing business, but shows that as well. I had to remember how big Jesus is, Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now unto God our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

THE REAL THING: Jesus Christ

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16, NKJV)

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:18, NKJV)

⁶ 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel. ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. (Matthew 2:6-12, NKJV)

People think that Jesus was not human, but he was. Sometimes we have to get in trouble to find out that God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are real. What I really mean, Jesus was born, died and rose again to save all sinners.

Let me tell you how you can get to know Him for yourself.

When I was on drugs there was a time when I thought no one cared about me. But all I had to remember is what my parents told me, “you can always call Him anytime;” but until I got so low and I could not take anymore, then I decided to make Jesus my choice. I can remember what Jesus would say to me from the scripture: John 14:1-6:

¹Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. ⁴ And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. ⁵ Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

This is how I gained strength to stop using drugs.

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Secondly, I had to have the desire to follow Him. Many times the devil will blind you so until you want to give up. There were many times that I would pray the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-13) and the Lord would show me what tomorrow held for me and He would give me an opportunity to make a decision about my tomorrows.:

⁵ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. ⁶ But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. ⁷ But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. ⁸ Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. ⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Forgiveness is a key issue in becoming drug free. Most importantly, we must forgive ourselves in order to forgive those who hurt us in life and accept the forgiveness of Jesus. Do as Christ did for us.

¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses, (Matthew 6:15).

But before you will be able to forgive people, you need to know how to do this. First we must do as the scriptures say; you have to have a new birth in Christ, Romans 10:9, tells us the word of faith brings salvation. God desires that all be saved. That's why Jesus died on the cross, that you and I might have a right to the tree of life. If you are not saved, these are the steps to Jesus (Romans 10:9-15):

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹² For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴ How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Focus on these things.

THE BEGINNING OF MY COMFORT: The Holy Spirit

There were times, when I was in jail, the Holy Spirit would come by and see about me. These times were very refreshing, because at this point I could free my body and my mind, even though the physical walls were high. I could only see out of the window and all I could see was the sky; I saw God in His glory, His kingdom and freedom. When I was in jail, I experienced an encounter with the Holy Spirit. Jesus and the Holy Spirit came to visit me. Jesus allowed the spirit of my mother and my father to come and visit me. They sat on my bed, and didn't say anything to me, but my mother just smiled, my father's countenance was peaceful. Eighteen days later I was released from jail. My key of comfort, the Holy Spirit heard my cry and groan. I can relate to Peter and James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration in their desire to build tabernacles, in remembrance of what happened, I want to do something good for the kingdom.

CONCLUSION:

God has allowed me, at this point in my life, to give something back. I want Jesus to build this ministry, Second Chance Deliverance and Restoration Ministries, Inc.

The basis of this ministry is the following five keys for a renewed and transformed life:

- The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-16) are the keys to the kingdom of God.
- The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-13) is how to talk to God.
- The 23rd Psalm is how to think.
- Matthew 6:33, 34, But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. ³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, is our standard for living.
- The Ten Commandments (Exodus) is God's rules for living

"But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26b