

# CHIEF MINISTRIES

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First, I must explain why this has been such a difficult decision for me. Most of you, until February 2021, didn't even know me. Of course, those that brought things to Chief to be looked up or questions answered or addresses or people to be found knew of me but, we never had direct contact. Everything was always through Chief, your requests as well as the answers. I've met some of you at different events over the years or at visit as I visited Chief almost every weekend. It was shortly after his incarceration that the Lord began speaking to him about Chief Ministries. The vision for Chief Ministries was given to Chief and the Lord gathered people around him to bring it to fruition. I happen to be one of those people. Chief Ministries initially started out providing Bibles to inmates and a monthly newsletter written by him. His mom, Delma, also wrote to many men every month. She went on to be with the Lord in 2017. After her passing, his cousin Becca, started writing to the men from Kairos. She continues to write them to this day.

Chief's passing has been extremely difficult for me for many reasons. First of all, I lost my best friend, the man I pledged to spend the rest of my natural life with, a brother in Christ, a ministry partner and an awesome man of God whom I loved deeply. By this time, September 2021, we probably would have been married. We hadn't set a date because we didn't know exactly when he would be getting out. But we knew he was to be out by August 2021. We both looked forward to that time, but God, had other plans. Those of you who knew Chief, know that he was a man of faith, as I too am a woman of faith. So, although I am happy that he is no longer in pain, he is healed, restored and free, worshipping on streets of gold in the presence of the Lord I am still perplexed and ask why? God's word says in Jeremiah 29:11; *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (ESV)*. The Good News Bible says; *I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for.* KJV says: *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.* Whichever version you read it still is the same...God has a plan, a good plan and He only wants good for us, so with that I have to believe and trust, yes trust, that God and His word is truth. I'll speak later about trust as I want to concentrate on what the Lord revealed to me about Chief Ministries.

You see, initially my thoughts were that I didn't know what to write or how to reach those whom I'm writing to, why, well because I haven't ever been in prison, or at least not where I couldn't leave. However, we can be in prison and still be in the free world going where we want and doing what we want....aha another topic to discuss. But seriously, the real reason of my hesitation was FEAR! Yes fear, I was afraid I would say the wrong thing. The people that know me, know that I am a pretty direct person, and they are the same ones that know if they come to me I will do whatever I can to help them. I believe, it is important to teach people to fish not just give them a fish. One satisfies the moment the other can satisfy a lifetime. I am more of a lifetime teacher.

So let's talk a bit about fear, although I am a woman, both genders experiences fear, As a matter of fact, fear is the number one strategy the enemy uses to keep God's people from doing what they should do and therefore keeping them from fulfilling their destiny in the Lord. Hence when the Lord revealed to me it was fear that was holding me back from just picking up and continuing to minister via the newsletter, it was like a light came on and a download from the Lord started pouring in. I sat down at the computer and started speaking the newsletter into existence. For those of you who may not be aware, I am actually a nurse, not a secretary, although Chief always referred to me as his secretary. My typing skills are minimal, however there is software that one can use to speak into, and it types out what you say. It still requires proofing and editing but it is much easier than typing. When Chief would send me the newsletters to type and send out, I would read the newsletter using the software and it was typed. So back to fear.

God has commanded us 365 times in the Bible, "DO NOT FEAR...FEAR NOT...DON'T BE AFRAID." God never wanted us to be timid or fearful; He has given us a spirit of power, love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). He has given us peace (Philippians 4:7-9). Look closely at that, 365 times in the Bible, do you think it is only a coincidence that there is 365 days in the year? Just sayin'. Nothing that happens in our lives is a surprise to God, nothing we do or that we do to others is a surprise. Each one of you reading this right now, God knew you were going to be reading this; the Word says that before the beginning of time He knew us. (read Proverbs 8:22-32 TPT [The Passion Translation] I like the best)

Throughout history fear has prevented God's people from fulfilling their destiny and receiving the promises of God. Look at the people that Moses was leading to the promised land. The twelve scouts Moses sent out to check out the land, 10 came back saying the giants were too many and the cities fortified, ...*we were as grasshoppers* (see Numbers 13:1-33) it was fear that prevented them from receiving the promise God gave them. Only Joshua and Caleb told Moses they could possess the promised land, why? Because they knew and trusted God's promise. They knew God was with them, so nobody or nothing could prevent them from obtaining their promise. They replaced their fear with faith. You see, faith pleases God, fear is the opposite of faith. So why was Joshua and Caleb the only ones to make it to the promised land? And why, did they have to wait? Their waiting is also for another time although requires mention because *faith without works is dead* (James 2:17 ESV).

I see many similarities today. I believe we are in a season where our Promised Land is once again before us...the promise of God healing our nation, just as His Word says. Many who are not walking with God are overwhelming the people with fear on every level. Many in governmental offices and leaders across our nation are keeping the people in fear on a daily basis. Unfortunately, even God's people are falling prey to the enemy and his scheme of fear. Now I am not saying that we are not challenged in these last days...BUT, if you read the end of the BOOK...WE WIN!! I am also not making light of those who have died from the pandemic, I too have had covid and I was very sick and should have been in the hospital, but I trust God in ALL things. Those on the front line have been exposed to covid daily for over a year and a half yet the number of healthcare workers that have died in the US as of April 2021 was 3600, worldwide was 115,000. That is compared to 633,000 total deaths in the US and 4.47 million deaths in the world. That too is a lot but there have been 38.4 million people in the US and 214 million people in the world who has had covid. So why am I telling you this because the leading cause of death in the US is heart disease at 659,000 per year. Yet the publicity and push for people to lose weight, maintain low cholesterol or manage hypertension or diabetes isn't in the nightly news. It is a known fact that people with predisposing conditions are more apt to die from covid, so rather than push vaccines (minimally tested, although approved) why isn't there a push to pay people to stop smoking, lose weight, eat healthy, or even assisting people in

medication assistance programs. Because people who are in fear become paralyzed and will drink any Kool-Aid offered. That my friend is called FEAR!!

How do we break that chain of bondage off? Read the Word! Do you believe what God says? If so then walk in that truth and that freedom. In the Bible John 8:32 says: *You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.* The meaning to this verse is that the 'truth' refers to Jesus Christ, and to 'know the truth' is to have complete faith in him. Faith in Christ will set us 'free' refers to the eternal life that will be rewarded to us as a result of our faith. How does that happen? Read the word daily, incorporate it into your daily lives, seek God and His wisdom daily. Every year for the last 12 years we have sent out a "Read the Bible in a Year" plan, how many have been faithful in that reading? This is a time to get serious about your relationship with God, otherwise FEAR will come in and take over your very existence and the enemy will have won.

The enemy's job is to kill, steal and destroy, he does not want us to take possession of our promises and he is doing everything in his power to stop it. Fear is his weapon of choice. If he can get us into fear, we will be paralyzed and will not continue to move forward. For this reason, we MUST resist fear with everything inside of us. We cannot allow fear to come into our hearts and into our homes. If we do, even a little bit, just like the scouts sent out by Moses who saw themselves as grasshoppers in a land of giants and fortified cities, fear will quickly multiply until it consumes us and our household.

I for one am not going to allow the enemy to keep me from fulfilling my purpose or calling in whatever time I have here. I am going to continue the good fight of faith so I too can hear, "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter into My rest." I pray that is your desire as well.

I want you to read this aloud every day until it becomes part of you:

My faith pleases God for I have the faith of God. My faith is awake, alive, activated, working, vibrant, strong, stirred up, growing exceedingly and is producing victorious results. I surrender to faith and release my faith for the overflow in every area of my life (Heb. 10:38, 2 Cor. 5:7, Heb. 11:6, Rom. 12:1-3).

Here are 32 scriptures to look up and study about fear: Luke 12:22-26, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 55:22, Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:13-14, Psalm 46:1, Psalm 118:6-7, Proverbs 29:25, Mark 4:39-40, Psalm 34:4, Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 56:3, Philippians 4:6-7, John 14:27, 2 Timothy 1:7, 1 John 4:18, Psalm 94:19, Isaiah 43:1, Proverbs 12:25, Psalm 23:4, Joshua 1:9, Matthew 6:34, Peter 5:6-7, Isaiah 35:4-14, Deuteronomy 3:22, Revelation 1:17, Mark 5:36, Romans 8:38-39, Zephaniah 3:17, Psalm 91:1-16. That's one a day that you can incorporate into your daily read. I know there will be those who will look up every scripture and some that won't. Again, YOU will not hear "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter into My rest" on someone else's relationship with the Lord. Your study of the scriptures will make the difference between having victory in your life or not!

We are in this together,

**Ms. Chief**

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