

# Confessions of a preacher

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## DEDICATION

This is to my kids, wives, family and friends who have stayed by me through all of this drama. It is also to anyone that is going through a problem or an addiction and looking for hope and freedom.

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I want to thank my mom and sister's for being there when I needed them and for always lifting me up and telling me that I had something to give back to society. Without that, I know I wouldn't be here today.

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## Forward

I have always loved walking along the beach in Daytona. To me, the beach is one of the calmest and serene places one can be. To hear the waves crashing into the shore. Hear the birds flying over head. Hear the sound of children playing on the beach and in the water.

One of my most favorite things to do while in Daytona is to get up very early and begin walking the beach. I like walking just as the sun is coming up. As I walk I look for anything that God has allowed to come up during the night. You can find some of the most beautiful shells, jelly fish etc. The reason I like the morning time to look for these things is because they have been undisturbed by human hands.

The things found on the beach are very precious and rare. Many times it is one of a kind. Although they're some beautiful and rare things on the beach, many people will come down to the beach later and never even look at all that is in front of them. Just walk right on by some beautiful shells etc.

I always thought it was a wonderful plan that God created to bring these blessings to the shore. He chose late at night. In the darkness when no one was around. No one could see it coming or what beauty it beheld at the time.

He also chose it to be brought in at high tide. The water is high, deep and dark. All alone in this condition the waves continue to hit against the shore until at last the sun rises and the water begins to go back into the deep.

It is often this same kind of condition that God uses to make jewels and rare beauty in our lives. Some of our most valuable things that we treasure are created this way. Gold is no good until tried in the hot fire. A diamond can't form until a chunk of coal is pressed hard beyond measures.

The darkness of our night, the deep waters surrounding us and often times we are all alone. We wonder where our journey is taking us and why we have to go in that flow. Finally after the water goes back, we are often left tired and weary from the test and feel we need to just rest. Like the many things on the beach the next morning, people often walk right on by and never take a look. They just kick it further down in the sand with their feet.

Our churches sadly have done the same thing. We just walk right on by some of our most precious jewels that we have. Jewels that have gone through the long dark night which have been tossed to and fro until left drained on the sands of life. But if we would take these jewels and find something useful for them. We will find that what we needed was just under our nose.

While reading this book, I realize that many of you may not believe in God or view Him as I do. If you choose to believe in something else, Buddha, a higher presence or spirit, your inner enlightenment, that is fine. As for me I believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God. You can put whomever you choose where I state about God or Christ.

Where I say the word sin, you can replace with evil, wrong actions, bad karma. No matter what we use, I am sure all of us can agree that what comes around goes around and that we will reap whatsoever we sow.

And even though many people doesn't believe in the Holy Bible, I have found through my 50 years that no matter what I have gone through, if I lived by what was written I prospered and if I didn't I would fail. This book has been around longer than any other, so I have chosen to guide me life by it and take most of my references from it. If you have another life manual you live by, keep to your convictions. I

have just found this one to be the most accurate and helpful for me.

This book is designed to allow us to see what we have and not take it for granted. Our corporation, Jireh Total Wellness, LLC is dedicated to helping people in all areas; Mind, body, soul and finances. I hope you take the time to go to our website. In the website, you will find other resources to help you obtain more in all of the areas mentioned above.

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## **From the author**

First I want to say that this book is not to amuse or just to throw mine or the one's that I have had relationships with; trash out for all to see. I know that it will be hard on the one's that were involved but I have taken great care in trying to keep their identities safe.

The things mentioned in my book and how the events took place are the opinions of myself and not necessarily the same views of those involved. I know it will be embarrassing for some of them as well as for me, but in the end I know it will bring healing in the lives of so many people.

I also did not write this book with the intent to get high praises and reviews. You will find grammar errors but when I write my books, I write them as I talk. I am not out to impress anyone, only to bring healing to the one's that are looking for it. So in advance, I apologize to my teachers in school and to anyone else who have taken the time to master the English language.

There are a lot of graphic details in this book. I felt it necessary to address every confession with bold details to show the downward decline of where sin will carry you. I would suggest this book not be where minors can have access to it. I do believe it can help young adults 18 years of age and up. You may not understand why a Christian could do these things written in these pages. Every Christian is capable of doing the same things if they are not totally surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides that, even the Christian that thinks that they are doing everything right, in the eyes of God are far from being holy in His site.

Another reason that I made it so graphic, is the fact that over 50% of Christian men, 20% of Christian women and over 54% of the clergy are guilty of being addicted to porn.

I will discuss this later in the book, but I am showing you how much the Church as well as the world is bound by this. So for over half the people in America, this talk shouldn't be something you are not accustomed to. You have to deal with people where they live, not in a fantasy land someplace that is only in dreams.

Please read this book with an open-mind and a prayerful heart. You may not be guilty of the things mentioned but I promise you, you have something you do or think that is worthy of God's wrath. If you are guilty of any of these things, I pray that you will be convicted and be freed from your bondage. God can and will set you free from the grip of the enemy and set you on your right path if you will allow Him to move in you. Not every Christian will be mature enough to handle what is written in the book. If you find yourself being critical or judgmental about what you are reading, you might need to really evaluate your relation with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I also know that by me telling all the things that have happened in my life, it can hinder my ability to preach and sing in some churches. It may also hinder me from ever finding another bride but I must take that chance. There is no telling how many saved born again believers who are walking where I have been and Satan is telling them that they can do nothing for the Kingdom of God. That God will never use them. I come to let them know that God can bring the impossible, possible.

If you are one of the churches that after reading my book that will not let me come speak to your congregation, then I pray for God to stir your spirit and understand, but by the grace of God, there goes you. I can say without a doubt however, every church so far that has allowed me to come and present my testimony, lives has been changed for the glory of God and a newness in them to walk in the path of

righteousness.

I also believe this book will help the unbelievers to understand that saved people have to battle their flesh too. I hope the one's that have been born again will begin to live more transparent. If you feel uncomfortable living that way, then there must be a lack of commitment to holiness in your life. If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to be ashamed of. Remember, God sees all that we do. Good and bad.

To protect the identity of others that were involved in some of the things that I was involved in, their names have been changed and the chronological order is not always shown as far as when and where things happened. The ones involved will know by the conviction of the Spirit of God and they are the only ones that need to know.

I take full responsibility of my actions and my actions alone. No one including me was forced to do any of the horrendous things mentioned in this book. We all make decisions of whether to obey God or not. If we choose not to obey, then we ourselves will pay the consequence. This can also go to the third and fourth generations. Obey God in all things and avoid the pitfalls that I have gone through is my prayer for you. If by reading this, you turn from your evil ways and get back on track, then all the ridicule and suffering I may endure by these confessions are worth it all. May God bless you in the reading of this book.

## **What's done in secret,.....**

Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When was the last time you went to church and everyone in the church wanted to confess their sins in the open. I dare say not many. Most of us try our best to hide the dark secrets of sin in our lives. But the fact is, like the verse at the start, God would like us to confess our sins. Now before all of you Bible scholars begin to down me on this, saying that this verse is talking about confessing our sins before God, read the following verse.

Jas 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Oh no! Now you are without excuse! This plainly tells us to confess our sins before men also, not only to God but to men. I want you to notice what else is in this one verse. After confessing to one another, God instructs us to pray for each other that we may be healed. Why would He say that we could be healed? Did you know that as long as you keep hidden the sins in your life, that Satan will always keep you bound to it? Did you know that un-confessed sin will cause you health problems? Did you know that these hidden sins are behind some of your problems with your kids and spouse? Did you know that these hidden sins break the relationship between you and your Heavenly Father?

So with all of the consequences that come from not confessing our sins, why are Christians not confessing? I think the biggest reason is because they are afraid of what other people are going to think of them. Most of us would die if the neighbor or for that matter, our spouse knew some

of the sins that we carry inside of us. It would most likely bring us a lot of shame.

The shame of confessing a sin can also be a sin. You might ask how can that be. Because, shame of something you did is a sense of pride and pride is a sin. As a matter of fact, the Word tells us that pride comes before a fall. It was pride that started sin in the beginning. It was the pride that rose up in Satan that caused him to be cast out of Heaven. We as Christians need to set pride aside. Let me ask you a question. Is it more important of what people think of you, or is it your relation with God? I know that many people will come against me over this book, but I would rather be at peace with the Creator than with man. One of my favorite songs is "I'd rather have Jesus". With all I have gone through, that song is becoming more and dearer to me each day.

This doesn't mean that we shouldn't have a sense of regret for the sins that we commit. But shame also indicates condemnation and that is brought about by Satan. He is the accuser of the brethren. He wants us to hang our heads in shame and hide in a closet somewhere. He wants us to run in fear that someone is going to find out about our sin.

The fact is, once we yield to a sin, our human tendency is to cover it up. Adam and Eve did that in the garden. As soon as they disobeyed and ate the fruit, the very next thing they did was try to cover themselves. They showed a certain amount of shame too because when God came to talk with them, they hid themselves thinking God wouldn't know they had sinned. What they didn't know, is that what is done in secret will eventually be brought out to the open. We never sin and get away with it. It will always find a way to come out.

Cain slew Able but the blood cried out! Just like many

People have killed and done away with the body thinking no one would ever be able to find out what they did but sooner or later it will come home. I remember watching a documentary where a person killed his wife and burned the car. For over 30 years, no one could find out what happened. But then new technology came along and they were able to get blood DNA from the burnt car and convicted the man of murder. Your sins WILL find you out!

To tell the truth, this book is by far the hardest thing that I have ever done in my life. I not only worried about what my church brothers and sisters would think but also of my close family and friends. I lived a complete double life and many of the things that I have done I regret and am so sorrowful of. I have had at the time of this book four wives that will share this shame. I also have a 21 year old son and a 16 year old daughter. I have instructed my daughter that she is not to read this book till she is at least 18. Jokingly I told her till the day I died.

I and some of my spouses lived the perfect “Christian” lives in front of the church. Singing in quartets, leading praise and worship in one of the mega churches in Atlanta. We were talking the Christian talk, having Bible studies in our homes, witnessing to people, teaching Sunday school classes and preaching. And yet behind all the falsehood was a family that was struggling and dealing with horrendous sins. Sins that should have been brought up before the church. Sins, which should have removed us from our position and led us into counsel and restoration for ourselves.

I covered a lot of the shame and pain with laughter. Sin will cause so much pain in our bodies, spirit and mind. Some medicine helps us bring healing while others just cover the symptoms. If I could have, I would have taken drugs to dull the pain that sin had caused. The Bible tells us

that laughter is like a medicine. I used laughter to cover my pain and shame. No one knew what was really going on inside and the devastation it was causing.

Inside my body and spirit was such a war zone. Pain and scars from the results of sin. Walls built up to protect my heart from further damage. Mental anguish trying to hide and cover all the things and the battle of the spirits trying to win me over. God was continually dealing with me to totally surrender to Him while Satan was encouraging and enabling the abilities to go further and further in my sins.

The laughter also helped to keep myself from crying hours upon hours. So when you see someone who seems that they have life by the tail and is full of laughter, it doesn't mean that all is well. Many times they are just trying to disguise what their true feelings are and the pain inside them.

Sin will bring shame and disgrace. It also causes pain and hurts. But I felt it so important to come out with my sins, so that others, even some in high positions in the church, can see that they are not alone. One thing that we all must remember, Ro 3:10-12; "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

You might say well I haven't done anything like you have done. My first response is to go back and look at the verse again and tell me who "None" and "All" is. Unless you have been sent from Heaven, I think you fall into this category. Then I would have you to look at this verse: 1jo 1:10; "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." This means you too. No, you may not have done some of the things that I have done but that don't make you any less of a sinner. To God, sin is sin. There is

none above another except the sin of Blasphemes. That is the only unforgivable sin. You might say, well I disagree with that. A statement like that reminds me of when the religious leaders were listening to Christ teach. They all bragged on how they kept the law to the fullest. Problem was they didn't even understand the fullness of the law much less keep it. They swelled with pride knowing that they had not committed adultery or killed anyone. So Christ comes along to open their eyes and let them see the law a little clearer.

Christ said; Mt 5:17-24: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." He goes on and further states; Mt 5:27-28;

“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

I love the fact that Christ used these two examples. He covered most people who have ever lived in the world to this day in these two commandments. Most women have had a tad bit of hatred because of another woman's looks, man or charm. Making statements like, “who does she think she is dressing like that?” Or “She thinks she is so hot. I wished she would just jump of this planet.” That would fall into the hate. It also falls into the sins of envy and pride. Then with the men, He told that they didn't have to have sex to commit adultery, just think of it in his heart and the act has been done. I have often said, “That covered 90% of the men. The other 8% are homosexuals and the last 2% eunuchs, so which one are you?”

You see; Ro 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” and in Ro. 3:12c; “there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” I guess that would mean ALL of us. Not one person has the right to judge you of your sins. The scriptures warn us about judging other people. God told us not to judge or we will be judged. It is up to the sinner what to do. If he/she continues sinning willfully to God, God will judge and chastise him. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God, the Word warns.

We judging others of their sin is what makes the world so mad at the church. They see us dress up on Sunday mornings in our best cloths. We head to church in our nice automobiles with children by our sides. They see us put on our Christian faces as we drive away. But then they also see us yelling and screaming at our spouse and kids, while we are looking down our noses at the neighbor as we drive by.

Cursing up a storm when a hammer hits our finger, or maybe when we have hatred toward a particular group or color of people. Yet they never hear us tell them that we are sorry for our actions. That we didn't act like a Christian at the time we were yelling and screaming. They never hear us sharing the gospel with them so that they can be set free.

What's even worse is that our own spouse and children never hear us confess or say that we are sorry for things we have done wrong. How can we ever teach our kids to fess up if we as the parents don't do it to them or to our spouse as the example we should be?

Sad thing is, a lot of the world doesn't curse or yell and scream at their spouse or kids. So they feel they are just as good as the church goers. For this reason, I believe we would do the church a greater service, if we would just confess our sins and stop judging others. At least then, when they hear on the news of a pastor making out with women in the congregation or taking money from the church, they wouldn't feel so angry at us because of our two faces. This leads me to my next point.

When you judge another Christian because of a sin that they may have been caught in or confessed, you then can see what kind of a spiritual person you are too. It wasn't by chance God put in Jas. 5:16; "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." It falls right in there about confessing our faults and praying one for the other. You see, when we see someone sin, we should never talk about it but pray for them.

Ga 6:1 Put it this way; "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

Number one, He says here, if you are spiritual. That would be someone that knows that he is a sinner saved by

grace. That would refer to a person who knows that they have sin in their lives that is worthy of death. That would refer to a person who has not let sin interfere with God and them. Being spiritual does not mean that you are so much a better saint of God than the one that has been overtaken in the fault. On the contrary, a spiritual person always considers his own sins lest he falls in the same temptation and fails. A spiritual person will judge in mercy. Paul who wrote most of the New Testament thought himself to be chief of sinners.

Christ did the perfect example over and over in His life. The best one I know of in the scriptures is the woman who had been caught in adultery. The religious leaders were so ready to have her stoned. They wanted to see justice served. As it has been said by many a preacher, it's funny that they didn't bring the man also. He should have been stoned according to the law just like the woman. But for some reason, they didn't bring the other party of the adultery. They asked Christ what to do since the law said to stone her. His only response to them was only the one without sin should cast the stone.

Christ showed by example what a spiritual person should do when they come across a person overtaken with sin. I personally believe that as he wrote on the sand the second time while the religious leaders were around, the very sin that each of the leaders were guilty of, that would punish them to death by the law. No one can say for sure that it happened that way. The only thing we know for sure is that after Christ wrote on the ground and stood up, there were no more accusers against the woman.

Yet, she still wasn't out of the woods. There stood one in her presence that was holy and pure and had never done anything to deserve death. He and He alone had the right to