

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO
DELIVERANCE & SPIRITUAL WARFARE

SUPERNATURALLY DELIVERED



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JOHN VEAL



ENDORSEMENTS

If you're like me, you've wondered how you—a good Christian—can have so much interference from the devil when you're born again and sold out to God. Well, if you're a believer or not quite a believer yet, this book is what you need. Deliverance is not only necessary for God's people, but it's also an essential tool for all believers. Mark 16:17 says, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils." We're in a season when God is releasing multitudes of people who've been trained to help you in deliverance. Dr. John Veal is one of those people. This book is perfect because instructions for you will come in the form of amazing and supernatural stories from the heart and life of the author. Devour this book so you can devour the enemy, Satan, in your life. And while you're at it, get an extra copy of this book for a friend. They *will* thank you!

—STEVE SHULTZ
Founder, The Elijah List

Supernaturally Delivered is fully loaded with keys of deliverance that every Spirit-filled believer needs in their spiritual warfare arsenal to overcome unfortunate circumstances and demonic opposition that hinders and blocks total freedom in Christ to live victorious. Dr. John Veal shares jaw-dropping, eye-opening, and heartfelt personal testimonies and supernatural encounters as it pertains to deliverance ministry in today's society and church community.

Supernaturally Delivered is a comprehensive and practical study guide for those called to be equipped, educated, empowered, and trained with the proper tools in the areas of deliverance and spiritual warfare to become effective deliverance workers. Deliverance

is the children's bread, and this powerful, easy-to-read book will stir an appetite within you to receive fresh manna from heaven to give to those who are in dire need of supernatural awakening and spiritual cleaning.

I highly recommend this biblically sound book for the mature and for those ready to destroy the works of darkness with the light of God's kingdom to ultimately see the greatest outcome of people being supernaturally delivered by the power and love of God!

—DR. HAKEEM COLLINS

Champions International

Author of *Heaven Declares, Prophetic Breakthrough*, and *Command Your Healing*

I thank God for Dr. John Veal, who is an amazing vessel in the body of Christ. There are not enough books written on the topic of deliverance that would help bring understanding to the average believer. This book that Pastor Veal has written will help instruct you in how to be self-delivered as well as how to administer deliverance to others who may be in desperate need of freedom and wholeness.

This deliverance manual you're reading will literally activate you in the ministry of deliverance, which is desperately needed in the body of Christ today more now than ever!

Dr. Veal has poured his heart into this book, and it will equip you and bring awareness to you so you may shut down gates, portals, and spirit doors of the demonic realm and keep them from operating in and through your life and the lives of those you hold dear to your heart. I pray that the words of this book would help you in every way. Allow them to germinate within your heart and mind.

—DR. LUIS LOPEZ JR.

Author, *The Counterfeit Christian*

Rochester, NY

Supernaturally Delivered—a powerful and practical publication—gives us fresh and comprehensive insight into the demonic realm and its dark and very subtle activity. The real-life experiences of John Veal authenticate the reality of the enemy’s workings, and this book provides pertinent principles and keys to supernaturally securing our freedom from demonic oppression. It’s eye-opening to know how spirits infiltrate our lives in the most inconspicuous ways!

As you glean from the pages of this book, do not be alarmed or frightened by the information and enlightenment given. John Veal gives not only a very candid perspective of demonic activity in one’s life, but also a clear path to freedom by arming you with the keys to be supernaturally delivered and live in consistent victory! Just as demonic oppression is supernatural, true deliverance is supernatural also! Thank you, John Veal, for such a powerful and practical book!

—APOSTLE LORENZO IRVING

Author, *Maintaining Your Deliverance* and
The Anointing Is Not Enough

Senior Leader, Life Center Church of Deliverance, Chicago, IL.

Dr. Veal releases in-depth and on-time knowledge and wisdom in his book *Supernaturally Delivered*. As a prophetic deliverance minister, I believe he addresses the two most important questions in deliverance ministry: can a Christian have a demon, and should we consult with and ask demons for information?

Prophet Veal not only goes deep in defining spiritual names and definitions, but also gives you practical application through true life experiences to make you ponder and discern if a particular demonic entity could be attacking you.

People perish for lack of knowledge (Hos. 4:6). As you read this book, you will no longer be ignorant of the enemy’s devices, but the devil and his cohorts will be exposed and revealed. Be empowered

and filled with a new spiritual warfare arsenal through this book on deliverance.

—APOSTLE KATHY DEGRAW

Author, *Discerning and Destroying the Works of Satan*

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We are living in a time of intense spiritual warfare. There is a battle between the kingdom of light (Jesus) and the kingdom of darkness (Satan). It is imperative to understand the strategies and snares of the enemy.

In his book, *Supernaturally Delivered*, Prophet John Veal teaches you how to recognize the satanic realm. You will understand why there are repercussions for engaging in certain activities that you may think are innocent. He gives a clear perspective on deliverance with discernment from the Holy Spirit. He explains how even believers have opened doors to the demonic realm. He teaches from experience as well as having an ear to hear the voice of God.

I recommend this book for those who know someone in a constant battle or those of you who desire to live a life of freedom and walk in the covenant Jesus has provided for you.

—ELAINE TAVOLACCI

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In this powerful, practical, and transparent book, you will learn the biblical keys to experiencing deliverance and ministering deliverance to others. You will understand the insidious nature of rejection, how it opens the doors to bondage, and how to break free from its harmful grasp. Through his thought-provoking candor, Prophet John Veal leads the reader into the place called freedom

and helps equip them to lead others out of their captivity. You will be challenged, and you will be changed!

—DR. KYNAN BRIDGES

Best-selling Author, *The Power of Prophetic Prayer*
Senior Pastor, Grace and Peace Global Fellowship, Inc.
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The Lord is raising up an army of gospel warriors in this hour. Sons and daughters of God who are heralding the message of salvation, freedom, and deliverance. The fivefold ministers aren't the only ones radically obeying the Great Commission, but every saint of God is taking up the mantle of Jesus Christ and taking it to their neighbors, as well as the nations.

Seasoned prophet, John Veal, is one of those warriors doing a tremendous job of equipping the body of Christ in the gifts of the Spirit and deliverance ministry. He's been doing this for years and has witnessed the hand of God moving in miraculous ways. I believe strongly in the ministry of John Veal, and I know this book will enlighten, encourage, and provoke you to good works.

May the Holy Spirit stir a hunger in you to see the captives set free through your life. Get ready for a life-changing encounter with the Lord as you read these pages with an open and humble heart.

—MICHAEL LOMBARDO

Revivalist

Author of *Immersed in His Glory*

Host, *Awaken Live*

Founder, Life Poured Out International

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John Veal's book, *Supernaturally Delivered*, is one of the most uniquely written books on deliverance out there. With every page, he takes you on a journey into the various chapters of his crash course with the realm of darkness, which changed the trajectory of his life. This highly recommended book will provide you with practical and foundational truths acquired from his own

encounters with the powers of hell in order to help reveal various facets of deliverance. *Supernaturally Delivered* is honestly one of those books you will not be able to put down once you start reading it. John's experiential journey, coupled with sound revelatory teaching, will release keys to go from being supernaturally bound to supernaturally delivered!

—NAIM COLLINS
President, Naim Collins Ministries
Author of *Realms of the Prophetic*
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We live in a day and time where many do not want to acknowledge spiritual warfare or recognize the need for deliverance ministry. In *Supernaturally Delivered*, Dr. John Veal has done an exceptional job explaining the reality of the spirit realm and how to effectively engage in deliverance and freedom. He not only clearly teaches that Christians can have a demon, but also how to receive complete freedom from demonic bondage. I greatly appreciate his stance on not conversing with demons and the power of prophecy in deliverance. As a prophetic deliverance minister myself, I know this message is a now word for the Body of Christ. If you have a passion to pray for others or you are looking for answers on how to walk a life of freedom and victory, this book is for you. It is a scripturally solid, no nonsense message, full of great supernatural wisdom and authority. Thank you, Dr. Veal, for this vital ministry and message.

—REBECCA GREENWOOD
President and Co-Founder, Christian Harvest International
Author of *Glory Warfare, Breaking the Bonds of Evil, Let Our Children Go, Defeating Strongholds of the Mind, and Authority to Tread*

As the head of the International Society of Deliverance Ministers (ISDM), I have the privilege of knowing many of the top-notch deliverance ministers around the world. I don't know

John Veal personally, but I certainly plan to get to know him. He has made a great contribution to the ministry of deliverance. I truly believe he is plundering the enemy's house, and this book will help countless others do the same. *Supernaturally Delivered* is a great book and a valuable resource in the spiritual battle we all face. I highly recommend this easy to read and hard to put down work. Be informed and be equipped! Don't ever allow a struggle to become a habit!

Blessings,
—DR. WILLIAM (BILL) SUDDUTH
President, International Society of Deliverance Ministers

DESTINY IMAGE BOOKS BY JOHN VEAL

*Supernaturally Prophetic:
A Practical Guide for Prophets and Prophetic People*

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DEDICATION

First and foremost, I dedicate this and all books that I will ever write to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It was truly written for His honor and glory.

This work is also dedicated to my spiritual mother, Ruth Brown, who passed away on June 24th, 2016. I was in Chandler, Arizona on a ministerial assignment when I received a call saying that my spiritual mom had passed away. I was devastated! I somehow managed to fall asleep afterward, with my face damp from tears. Later that night, something amazing happened. I awoke to unseen oil being poured on my head and an invisible hand touching me on the side of my face. This has happened to me before and I knew that it was the Lord. Somehow, this occurrence was different. I felt another presence with Jesus. It was Mother Ruthie! Mind you, I didn't see her or Jesus, but I felt them. This had never happened before and trust me when I say I don't believe in ghosts or people coming back from the grave! Somehow, somehow, God gave my spiritual mom the opportunity to give me a final goodbye before going to heaven.

In the past, whenever I've had a visitation from the Lord, I only felt His presence. I can't explain how I knew it was her, but I did (tears are welling up as I am writing this). Soon they were both gone and I drifted back to sleep. The next morning, I ventured out. While in the midst of an arid day, I asked the Lord about what transpired the night before. He immediately responded with, "She gave you her mantle."

I hurried back to my hotel room and told my wife, Elisa, all that took place, even God's response to my inquiry. She calmly replied that she had been praying ever since I'd left. During her time with the Lord, He showed her a vision of a huge, beautifully colored mantle, layered with gold and rare gems. God told my wife that this was Mother Ruthie's mantle. Further stating that it was too big for one person and was being divided up to be given to all her spiritual children (she had many!). This essentially confirmed my experience the night before and I've never been the same since.

Ruth Brown was the most powerfully anointed woman I've ever known, especially when it came to prayer, deliverance, and fasting. Mother Ruthie loved me and treated me like her own biological son. I've never known anyone like her before or since her passing. She was so selfless and consistently put the welfare of others before herself.

Ruth always made herself available for those who came to her for prayer or deliverance ministry. All of mother's words of wisdom, correction, encouragement, and love still resonate in my spirit to this very day. Neither this book, nor any other one I'll write in the future, would exist if it wasn't for her.

I love and miss you, Mom!

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To my beautiful wife, Elisa: I thank God that He loaned you to me to be my lifelong companion in this journey called life. You are the strongest woman I've ever known. When you became my wife, it was the answer to a childhood dream. You make me want to be a better man, husband, and father. I loved you when I first saw you, though I had no true concept of what love really was. It grows more with each passing day, hour, minute, and second.

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FOREWORD

Supernaturally Delivered: A Practical Guide to Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare by John Veal is written from a biblically sound and practical, insightful perspective. He shares his journey on the amazing path to deliverance and spiritual warfare.

Many of the examples Veal uses in this book the readers will be able to relate to. They will see how his family, as well as himself, were brought to the place of deliverance and a ministry that helps so many. Deliverance workers have a new tool to work within this book.

The reader of this book will find not only deliverance principles, but an insight on spiritual warfare based upon firsthand experience.

It will not take the reader long to realize that John's life growing up was a deliverance work in the making. The enemy of our soul is really good at one thing—recognizing anointed vessels and families long before they are aware of it.

Supernatural deliverance is God's divine hand throughout this man of God's life. From the spirit of rejection's attempt to curse him at birth, to his bold journey with occult spirits through Ouija boards and other manifestations he and his family experienced.

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The testimonies you'll read in this book are phenomenal and amazing! They will be living witnesses of how the power of God delivered him and his wife from demonic attacks, through which they learned tactical warfare against the enemy.

In this book, you will find that the supernatural should be an expected way of life in the walk of believers, not a surprising shock one stumbles into.

I believe that you will find your place, power, and prophetic destiny clearly explained in John Veal's book, *Supernaturally Delivered*.

What gives me joy in writing the foreword for this book is that I see in it what's dear to my heart: "Balanced Deliverance." This is biblical teaching about how the Lord delivers people according to His Word. It's when you see and hear more about the Word of God and Holy Spirit than demonic manifestations.

This book is an excellent tool for the local church and Christian counselors. It will safely bring healing, insight, and deliverance.

Well done, soldier!

—APOSTLE DR. IVORY HOPKINS
General of Deliverance

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Georgetown, Delaware

Author of *Deliverance and the Prophetic, Spiritual Warfare Training Manual Revisited*, and *Deliverance Guide to Marriage and Relationships*

INTRODUCTION

SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE IS YOURS!

*Great deliverance giveth he to his king;
and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to
David, and to his seed for evermore.*

—PSALM 18:50

When this book began to formulate in my spirit, musings about what it would contain consumed me. Basically, I wanted to use the spiritual occurrences within my own life to help illuminate various facets of deliverance ministry to the reader. The totality of these events sheds light on my attraction to the spiritual realm and, ultimately, its draw to me. I've always felt an intrinsic pull to goings-on in the spirit. My mother would periodically tell me, as I was growing up, that I was more spiritual than religious. I know this to be the truth.

In my first book, *Supernaturally Prophetic: A Practical Guide for Prophets and Prophetic People*, which I highly recommend getting (shameless plug), I share the culmination of my prophetic

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journey up to this point in my life.¹ This book, on the other hand, delves into the darker side of that same journey, chronicling how I was supernaturally delivered from evil powers.

As you get a bird's-eye view of the personal encounters that literally changed the course of my life, you may find their relevance to your own life. Accompanied by solid teaching, this book will help you to understand and apply the practice of supernatural deliverance so you too can be supernaturally delivered from everything that seeks to oppress, depress, bind, or entrap you. Along with real-world examples, useful application to biblical foundational truths will be provided.

EVERYDAY SUPERNATURAL

The supernatural (“departing from what is usual or normal especially so as to appear to transcend the laws of nature”²) should be a natural part of every believer’s daily walk. It should be natural for us to negotiate the supernatural realm. It ought to be an everyday occurrence that we pray for people to be healed and they are, that we ask for wisdom and we get it, and that we tell the devil to flee and he does. We should be able to pray to God for angels to come and assist us here on earth and see it happen.

Each day, we should expect to see the mighty hand of the Lord moving in our lives and in the lives of those we impact. Our own lives should be evidence for the indwelling Spirit of God through divine expressions of kindness, compassion, gentleness, and self-control, as well as miracles, signs, and wonders. The Lord has mandated that we are to walk according to the Spirit and not after the flesh.

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When Jesus was tempted by the devil, Scripture tells us that He was led by the Spirit (God) not the flesh. (See Matthew 4:1.) Now and then, the Lord will lead us into dark places in order to bring others out, which is the primary function of biblical deliverance or the casting out of devils. We may not comprehend why we face difficult seasons in our lives, but the answers make their appearance over time, possibly long after the ordeal has taken place.

Experience plus wisdom gained through maturity will cause us to know why we occasionally go through trying times. These encounters don't necessarily feel good, but there is an overcoming spirit attached to even the most terrible of testimonies when we come through them victoriously. Again, the Lord will allow you to go through them and come out on the other side stronger than when you went in, so that you can successfully pull others out of their troubles.

Often, the best person to minister to someone who's afflicted is one who's been delivered of a similar or identical affliction. This is one of my major reasons for writing this book. I'm going to be very transparent pertaining to what I've been through to further illuminate instruction that is solely based upon scriptural underpinnings.

The supernatural events that abruptly altered the course of my life may be a bit terrifying to some, so I'm giving you fair warning. If you are of a sensitive nature, you may want to stop reading here. But, if you're a child of God, there should be an absence of fear and an understanding that you have the power and authority to rebuke the spirit of fear (see 2 Tim. 1:7). If you know and believe that, let's continue.

ENCOUNTERS OF THE UNEXPLAINABLE KIND

For as long as I can remember, unexplainable manifestations have always played an important part in my life. I believe lots of followers of Christ Jesus can say the same thing. I've seen what some would call *ghosts* (a.k.a. demons in disguise). I've been attacked by unseen entities to the point that their violence left bruises on my body. While sleeping, I've been sat on by malevolent beings, unable to move. Some would call this sleep paralysis (a feeling of being unable to move). Disembodied, evil spirits have even spoken directly to me. I could go on and on about these and other demonic attacks, but I'll save them for you to catch up within the pages of this book.

When I first got saved, I just knew I was called to be a deliverance minister (a person who casts out demons). No one could tell me otherwise! I literally devoured any reading material I could get my hands on that dealt with deliverance. I was inextricably drawn to spiritual warfare (the ongoing battle between good and evil in the spirit realm: God and Satan), but I had no idea about how to war in the spirit. It got so bad and I had become so unbalanced that the Lord actually spoke to me saying, "That's enough. Focus on Me!"

Please understand: God wasn't rebuking me for learning about casting out devils. To the contrary, He was just letting me know that my emphasis was more on demons than Jesus Christ. You know what? In retrospect, He was right! Let me rephrase that: He's always right!

Proverbs 11:1 tells us that "a false balance is an abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight." In everything

that we do for the kingdom, balance must always be part of it. If it's unbalanced, then it's not kingdom! General of deliverance, Apostle Ivory Hopkins, makes reference to balanced deliverance in his book *Spiritual Warfare Training Manual Revisited*, which I highly recommend.³ He writes about the importance of maintaining equilibrium in relation to practicing deliverance. There are many churches that ignore basic and practical deliverance even though casting out devils was the first thing Jesus said would be a sign of those who believe.

How can we neglect such a critical ministry? We ignore it to our detriment. Supernatural deliverance is integral to the life of every believer in Jesus Christ. It truly is the children's bread. (See Matthew 15:22-28.)

THEY SHALL CAST OUT DEVILS

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues (Mark 16:17).

Many people today are oppressed and suppressed by Satan's emissaries of evil. They have an enormous longing to be supernaturally delivered, which can be achieved through total reliance on the power of God, in consonance (agreement) with the matchless name of Jesus Christ.

When we were instructed to perform deliverance on others, Jehovah commanded that we have authority over demons in His name. In the above Bible verse, the Lord says, "In my name shall *they* cast out devils." The responsibility falls upon us, not God. He's given Christians the authority in Yeshua's name to do it ourselves.

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So why are there so many who are still bound by the enemy? The Lord uses individuals to facilitate His brand of deliverance, which may look a bit different from the processes witnessed today.

The Lord's brand of deliverance is effective deliverance. Simply meaning that when Jesus commanded evil spirits to leave a person, they did just that! Today, many struggle when attempting to cast out devils, often resulting in countless failed deliverance sessions. For example, there was an instance where several male ministers attempted to deliver a woman from multiple devils that had made their home in her body. During the deliverance, one of the demons spoke through the woman, addressing one of men of God, saying, "I'm surprised to see you here." The devil was insinuating that it knew or had previously *seen* the secret sin in his life. The minister, visibly shaken, left and never returned.

If you, as a deliverance worker, have unconfessed or unrepented sin in your life, evil spirits will perceive it. If you have demons, how can you cast out demons in others? As Jesus said in Matthew 12:25-28:

Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: and if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

If Satan casts out Satan, then his kingdom would be in ruins. This course of action is counter-productive. It's my strong opinion

that devils in the victim can join forces with the evil spirits in a demon-filled deliverance worker resulting in an ineffective and self-defeating session. It is God's will that ministers of deliverance be effective, but if they themselves are infected by devils, the result is oftentimes the opposite the Lord's will (freedom from enslavement to Satan). Unfortunately, people in need of major deliverance will suffer needlessly at the hand of an ill-prepared deliverance minister due to the lifestyle, character, and holiness of the facilitator.

The good news is that there is freedom for all. Deliverance workers who make it their priority to stay free from demonic infection can be used mightily by God. There's no getting around it: When the Lord wants to set people free from demonic oppression or possession in the earth realm, He will use His children to liberate those in bondage.

John 8:36 says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." When Jesus sets you free, you're free! Once you obtain your release, it's your obligation to liberate others. This type of deliverance is meant to be permanent, unless we continue to open doors the Lord meant to remain shut.

LOVE MORE, FEAR LESS

In my life of strange and demonic encounters, I've had every reason to be afraid, but fear was really not a factor for me, especially after I made Jesus Christ the Lord of my life. Even after hearing the most inhuman voices come out of people while devils were cast out of them, there was this unusual absence of fear in my spirit, which surprised me at times. I'm telling you, once you've heard the ghastly voice of a devil, you'll never forget it! It's otherworldly, foreign to anything you've ever heard in this realm. I should have been afraid,

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but I have a better understanding now of why I wasn't. God has filled my heart with His love for people and especially those who are bound by the devil. Love is the very foundation of deliverance and spiritual warfare.

First John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment." First John 4:8 tells us that God is love. When God (love) is on the inside of you, fear becomes foreign to you.

My spiritual mother, Ruth Brown, used to say that the closer you are to God, the more loving you should become—and I'll add to that: the more loving you become, the less control fear will have over you. Since I've come into a clearer understanding of the power love has in a believer's life, I've used Mother Ruthie's statement as a litmus test of sorts when others broadcast how much they pray or brag about their closeness to God. If there is no love in them as demonstrated by their actions toward others and their level of courage in the face of life's difficulties, then I have a hard time being convinced of their close relationship with God.

The following bears repeating: you may find some parts of this book disturbing. I only use these supernatural encounters to help illustrate how you can get through the darkness that tries to invade and overwhelm your own life.

It's my aim to inspire you to gain access to and maintain your own supernatural deliverance. I want you to be able to assist others in getting supernaturally delivered as well. This is God's desire for you too.

As we set out on this quest for supernatural deliverance, this is my prayer for you:

Supernatural Deliverance Is Yours!

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that the person who is reading this book right now will begin to walk in supernatural deliverance as never before! I believe that they picked up this book because they desire to renounce every affiliation with every demonic entity that has gained entry. Therefore, I join with them and come against every generational curse that has attempted to permanently infect their bloodline. I ask that the curse be broken and that any attempt made by the enemy to affect their lineage be thwarted. I thank You, Father, that they will rejoice in the new liberty that You've afforded them through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

I pray that their gift of discernment be sharpened so that they can identify demonic infiltration before it begins. I pray that their eyes become like the eagle's so that they have the ability to see in the spirit and in the natural like never before.

Lord, let nothing come upon them unawares. Please cause them to comprehend exactly what they are seeing and download to them strategies to overcome the hordes of hell sent against them.

I come against poor spiritual vision, blurred eyesight, and blindness. I come against dullness of spiritual hearing and foginess. Spiritually altered realities, fantasy, improvidence, myopia, and shortsightedness will have no place in their life, in the name of Jesus.

I pray that they won't have to experience tediously long sessions of deliverance. Let them speak the word only with the type of faith that causes demons to flee out of their

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bodies and lives in the name of Jesus! Let the oil that rests upon this book rest upon them, leaving a residue of deliverance. Let them walk in supernatural deliverance and confidence as never before.

Now, Father God, as they begin to walk in a new level of freedom and deliverance, I pray that You would empower them to cast out devils and set other captives free.

I thank You, Lord, that a mantle of deliverance will rest on those who are reading this and are called as ministers. I pray that any deliverance mantles that have been dropped by those long gone will be picked up and used in this season. Confirm the call that You have over their lives in multiple ways. Give them mentors after Your own heart who will train them up in deliverance, so that they can lead others to be supernaturally delivered! Amen.

I believe that Jesus wants you to experience everything He died to give you, and this includes a life of peace, wholeness, and victory over sin and the enemy of your soul. I pray that your faith for this reality increases as you read this book, and you begin to see without a shadow of a doubt, that victory is your portion. If you're ready to learn how you too can be supernaturally delivered, then let's begin!

PART I

MY STORY





CHAPTER 1

SEEDS OF REJECTION

*I proceeded forth and came from God;
neither came I of myself, but he sent me.*

—JOHN 8:42

My beginnings on Chicago's South Side were humble, yet fraught with peril and rejection. My parents, who were not married at the time of my conception, dealt with many challenges commonly faced by the young and in love. My mother's name was Beverly, and upon my arrival into this world, doctors told her I wouldn't make it through the night, but God said otherwise.

Immense pressure was placed on my mother, a frightened twenty-year-old, to give me away to a family in need of a child. This idea was endorsed by my biological father and maternal grandmother. My mother acquiesced to their demands and, almost immediately after I was born, put me up for adoption with a Catholic convent for unwed pregnant young women, which also served as an orphanage. I was there for what probably seemed like an eternity to her, but I added up the time and found it to be only about six months.

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My mother mercifully snatched me out of that place and raised me as a single mom until she married a man named Jeffrey Veal during my preteen years.

I didn't find out about my *almost* adoption until much later in life. My mom held on to this secret for almost forty years! I am truly grateful for her resolve to go against the man she loved and her own mother in order to keep me and raise me herself. It amazes me to this day and caused me to love her even more, if that were even possible. I told her on many occasions that if I'd known of her sacrifices, I would have been nicer to her as a teenager. I was extremely rebellious in every way! Back then, I thought that she didn't really love me for a multitude of reasons. Upon reflection, I know without a doubt that she did. She passed away suddenly on January 20, 2009. It was one of the worst days of my life. In reality, that entire year was filled with disappointment and anguish. God rest her soul. I miss her.

REJECTION AND THE BASTARD SPIRIT

I often wonder what my life would have been like if my mother hadn't listened to the Lord and her own heart and retrieved me from that orphanage. What type of man would I have become without my current family? Who would have been my adoptive family? I'll never know. What I do know is that the spirits of rejection and bastardization had attached themselves to me. They were the strongmen that allowed other demons to invade my flesh as I continued on in life. Am I knocking adoption? Quite the contrary. I was adopted by another man (Jeffrey Veal) when my mother got married. There is great honor reserved for those who are courageous enough to procure and love children who, through no fault

of their own, are essentially given away. These kids may feel a sense of abandonment, but they're never abandoned by God. What looked like an accident to the parents was intentional on the part of our Lord. I know this because I was one of them.

Many who are born out of wedlock have a tougher time in life than those who are born to married parents. The revelation God has given me on this does not come from any secular or Christian book. It was born out of my own firsthand experience. I noticed that rejection and bastard spirits are attached to each other. Where there is one, the other is often present. As an infant in the orphanage, I'm sure the enemy planted seeds of rejection that persisted and grew within me for many years afterward. When the spirit of rejection came in, so did the bastard spirit.

Bastard is defined by the King James Online Dictionary as “a natural child; a child begotten and born out of wedlock; an illegitimate or spurious child. By the civil and canon laws, a bastard becomes a legitimate child, by the intermarriage of the parents, at any future time. But by the laws of this country, as by those of England, a child, to be legitimate, must at least be born after the lawful marriage.”¹

I was a bastard in the natural until my mother married. I was illegitimate in the eyes of the world before this marriage. It's my belief that illegitimacy is a spirit that must be cast out. This spirit abides within the bastard spirit. They are *married* to each other. To be illegitimate means that something or someone is not authorized by law, standards, or birth. It's as if they've entered the world through an illegal transaction, which can be described as being born of sex outside of the confines of matrimony (also known as fornication).

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Did you know that in order to be legitimate and recognized as royalty in England you have to be born to married parents? If you are a bastard there, there's no way you can ever be part of the royal family.

Thank God that it's not that way in the kingdom of God! As long as you're in Him, you're royalty! I am in no way co-signing to having sex outside of marriage. According to Scripture, it's still a sin. I'm just illustrating the point that it doesn't have to stop you from becoming who God called you to be. God will forgive you of fornication and cleanse your heart when you confess to Him and repent (see 1 John 1:9).

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Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me (John 8:41-42).

Being born out of fornication creates many issues in life, but they are not insurmountable. Victory over them all results from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Please don't feel condemned if you were an "oops" baby (unplanned pregnancy) or born out of wedlock. In 2007, a man who claimed to be an apostle, visited our church at a time when a pregnant teenager had just become a part of our ministry. The man boldly proclaimed that the baby inside of her was never meant to be born. I corrected him, saying that the developing fetus wasn't necessarily in the parents'

immediate plans, but it was in God's future ones! The baby wasn't on their agenda, but it definitely was on the Lord's! Regardless of the manner of your birth, the direction of your destiny in Him has already been cemented. Hallelujah!

If this is your story, then rejoice in the fact that the Lord orchestrated that you be here on earth at this very time, and at this precise moment. I hope I don't come off as being conceited by writing this, but the Most High has used me greatly over the years—someone who was produced by parents who never married. Again, if this is you, remember that even though your biological parents didn't expect you, the Lord did! You're here on purpose, for purpose!

REJECTION IS AN OPEN DOOR TO THE ENEMY

Reject as defined by the King James Online Dictionary means:

1. To throw away, as anything useless or vile
2. To cast off; to forsake (Jeremiah 7:29)
3. To refuse to receive; to slight; to despise²

The spirit of rejection was a huge part of my life, especially during my teenage years. I always felt as though I didn't fit in with family or friends. I thought I was useless, and I wrestled with very low self-esteem. It didn't help that those around me almost always accentuated my weaknesses atop my strengths. My confidence was at an all-time low. I now realize that this was mainly due to how rejection accompanying a bastardized spirit invaded and affected my body, mind, and spirit.

So many in the church today need deliverance from the spirit of rejection. This spirit has caused many to leave houses of worship

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prematurely and sometimes Christianity entirely. The spirit of rejection also has a neighbor called the spirit of offense. Where you find one, the other is always stationed nearby, ready to come through the door rejection leaves open for it. When one is cast out, the other tends to follow.

WATCH YOUR WORDS, GUARD YOUR HEART

We must understand that the more we feed these spirits, the longer they stay. For example, the more we utter phrases of rejection or offense such as, “You’re stupid,” “You’ll never amount to anything,” “You’re ugly,” and so on, the stronger they (rejection and offense) become in our lives. These ill-advised expressions will eventually morph into strongholds that are difficult to tear down. Naturally and spiritually, we become the manifestation of our greatest thoughts, especially when those same thoughts become words.

Before we speak them, words are created within the heart and mind. Our thought processes actually find their genesis within our blood-pumping organ.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7).

According to Matthew 15:19, evil thoughts emanate or proceed from the heart. This is one of the reasons that the Bible warns us to guard our hearts because everything we do flows from it (see Prov. 4:23, NIV). To combat demonic spirits, we must maintain the mindset of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Did you know that many of the crazy thoughts we get from time to time are not our own? They originate from Satan. When they come, we instinctively accept them as our own and tend to reproduce them with our lips. Our mouths and mentality are

meant to glorify Christ, not entertain the blasphemous thoughts of devils or repeat their words.

Remember, you will eventually do whatever you speak or think about the most if given adequate time, space, and opportunity.

*That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify
God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
(Romans 15:6).*

Our thoughts and mouths should be focused on the glorification of the Father, not the slanderous mental assaults of the enemy. I recall hearing a well-known pastor address a situation, some years ago, in which a man came to him asking how he could get rid of the crazy thoughts that plagued him on a daily basis. The shepherd instinctively responded, “When you find out, let me know because I still have them!”

The enemy’s primary battlefield is our minds. He realizes that if he can hold sway over our brains, then our bodies will follow. I routinely draw comparisons between this and the pimp-prostitute relationship. As the pimp gains access to the prostitute’s mind, he or she uses enticing lies to gain mastery over it. Consequently, control is established, and her body is enslaved. At this point, there’s almost nothing the woman wouldn’t do for the one who prostitutes her. This includes selling her precious body and giving the pimp whom she *thinks* she loves the wages earned on her back.

This is what many people who actually call Satan their lord do. They work for devils through counterfeit demonic leaders who exude false love toward them, *secretly* setting them up for their final destruction in hell (see John 10:10). These unfortunate individuals give the enemy their all without realizing that it’s a set up

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to procure their souls. Again, if the enemy can get and keep your mind, your body and soul will follow. In order to stay supernaturally delivered, it's crucial to unwaveringly maintain the mentality of Jesus Christ. That way, Lucifer cannot infiltrate or control it.

PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT

In frequent instances, being deceived by the powers of darkness is a slow and deliberate process. One eventually finds themselves in a precarious situation, not fully understanding just how they reached a point of such obvious deception. This is why the development of the gift of discernment (see 1 Cor. 12:10) is so badly needed in the body of Christ, but it's neglected due to a number of Christians being disproportionately consumed with the other eight gifts of the Spirit. The devil counts on us being "visually impaired" when it comes to spiritual discernment because he doesn't want people to ever see him coming.

Early in my life, I was able to perceive things in the spirit, but not totally comprehend them. In order to avoid demonic penetration, you must be able to discern (see) the enemy long before he gains access to your temple (body). For all intents and purposes, you're spotting potential issues before they can mature into demonic manifestations. This way you can be supernaturally delivered before actual deliverance is required. When praying, ask the Lord for the gift of discernment. People who have this gift are "able to see or understand the difference; to make distinction; as, to discern between good and evil, truth and falsehood."³ Once received, use it so that it won't become dull from inactivity. The more I use discernment in my own life, my ability to frustrate the enemy's future onslaughts increases. It can be the same with you. What

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the Lord does for me, He can certainly do for you. He shows no partiality (see Acts 10:34). Ask the Lord to increase this precious ability called discernment that He's given us access to. That way, you'll be able to stop Satan before he gets started in your life.

CHAPTER 2

CHICAGO HORROR STORY

And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living?

—ISAIAH 8:19, ESV

“It said it loved me and that I would be its bride in hell!”

—HELEN WELLS

It was a dark and gloomy night...

Isn't that how most scary stories begin? Well, mine is no exception. However, what began in horror ended in victory! Let me take you back a bit, to a time when I was about six years of age.

My mother and I lived with my grandparents in a modest house located on the South Side of Chicago. My grandfather, Dr. S. Wales Shockley, who raised me like his own son, was a former army captain, preacher, and dentist. My grandmother, Nettie

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Mae Shockley, who showed me unconditional love, was a stay-at-home mom who raised two successful daughters—my mother, Beverly Veal, an attorney, and her sister, Helen Wells, a principal.

On that same dark and gloomy night, my mom and aunt were immersed in a game where they held hands, intentionally, over a triangular-shaped object that had what appeared to be a magnifying glass in the middle. This object, I later learned, is called a planchette. As they played, it was as if the planchette moved on its own volition, traversing a medium-sized board with the entire alphabet, numbers one through zero, symbols (the sun, moon, stars, and other things), and the words *yes*, *no*, *maybe*, *hello*, and *goodbye* printed on it. When my mother or aunt asked it questions, it would answer by moving to various numbers, symbols and/or letters, spelling out words or numerical terminologies. They were playing with a *Ouija board*.

Mind you, I never actually played this game and had no idea of the triangular device's (planchette's) true designation. I did, however, enjoy pretending it was a racing car and sliding it around on the kitchen table from time to time. On this night, though, I observed them as they took part in an activity that inadvertently opened a doorway to the supernatural.

A DEMONIC PROPHECY

My mother received the most attention from whatever it was that lived on the other side of this piece of morbidly decorated wood. Initially, the communication was civil and benign, but it abruptly evolved into heinous and malicious nonverbal conversations. The thing said its true name was “Pluto” and that it hated my mother.

It felt so much ill intent toward her that it venomously expelled a phrase that would alter her life for the next ten years.

Methodically using their hands as his instrument to slowly move to each letter, the demon spelled out an alarming sentence, “*You will be dead in the next ten years.*” My mother was twenty-six years old at the time, which, according to this *demonic prophecy*, meant that she would exit the land of the living when she reached her thirty-sixth birthday.

For continuity’s sake, let’s jump ahead ten years. I was sixteen years of age, and we were no longer living with my grandparents. My mother, father, little brother, and a German shepherd occupied a modest home in the southern section of Chicago. My mother began speaking very negatively concerning the end and/or brevity of her life, saying things like, “When I’m gone...” “Take care of your little brother.” “Life is short.” Her way of speaking was not totally surprising because her thirty-sixth birthday was just days away.

The evening before her birthday, I petitioned the Lord as hard as I could, pleading with Him to let her live and not die, and He answered my prayer. My mother didn’t die at thirty-six, thank God! She lived for another twenty-seven years. Sadly, my mom did pass away suddenly at the age of sixty-three. The devil said she would die at thirty-six, but she made her home in heaven at sixty-three, which interestingly is thirty-six in reverse. This fact both baffles and concerns me to this very day.

Let me take you back once again to my grandparents’ house that fateful night my mother received those cursed words, so we can look at what happened to my Aunt Helen.

THE DEVIL'S BRIDE

The room was ominously dark with only the light of slowly melting candles, flickering against the walls. Both women sat at the kitchen table, fingers pressed cautiously on the planchette. This time, my aunt began asking it a series of questions, and just like with my mother, the answers were innocuous (harmless) at first. But this changed relatively quickly. The planchette started to shift to letters that spelled out very foul and perverse words. The thing behind the board was, as some would say, cursing like a sailor. All of a sudden, this monster began to communicate directly to my aunt Helen. It spelled out, *“I love you. You will be my bride in hell!”* The demon spoke other vulgar words far too disgusting to mention here.

As a direct result of my mother's and my aunt's experiences, the Ouija board was expeditiously evicted from my grandparent's home to its new and permanent dwelling place—the garbage can! I clearly recall my mother's unbridled enthusiasm as she threw it away, box and all. There was a positive shift that was felt in our home once the Ouija board was gone, but, regrettably, it didn't last; some spirits still remained. There's always a price paid when you open doors the Lord has forbidden you to open.

As the prophet Isaiah said in the Scripture at the beginning of this chapter, when we desire answers, we must inquire of the Lord, not the dead. Those who use Ouija boards are mostly looking for solutions to some type of problem from people who have passed away. We can see this illustrated in 1 Samuel 28:6-19, when Saul, the king of Israel at the time, made this same dreadful mistake.

DON'T CONSULT THE DEAD

In 1 Samuel 28:6, Saul had a problem and needed answers, but he was no longer on speaking terms with God. He initially asked the Lord for an answer, but the Father didn't respond. When the king didn't hear from God, he decided to address his queries to an alternative source; a necromancer, one who consults the dead. This is how lots of men and women of God end up getting involved with psychics, witches, warlocks, and Ouija boards.

After getting the witch of Endor to bring up Samuel, the first thing out of the prophet's mouth was, "Why did you disturb me (call me up)?" (see 1 Sam. 28:15).

Saul answered, "I'm in deep trouble," and went on to say, "The Philistines are at war with me, and God has left me and won't reply by prophets or dreams. So, I have called for you to tell me what to do" (see 1 Sam. 28:16).

The only thing that can come from necromancy is death. When you speak to the dead, especially on a consistent basis, it can cause death to become contagious! Scripture lets us know that the payment for sin is death (see Rom. 6:23). Keep in mind that consultation with the dead is sin. Therefore, death gains access through sin and spreads over time if there is no ceasing of the ill-advised activity. To protect us, the Father intentionally warns us not to consult with those in the hereafter. Consulting with devils results in:

A departure from the faith

Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, listening to spirits of error and doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1, JUB).

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Uncleanness

Turn not unto necromancers and unto soothsayers; seek not after them to make yourselves unclean: I am Jehovah your God (Leviticus 19:31, Darby).

Death

Thus died Saul, for his unfaithfulness where-with he dealt unfaithfully against Yahweh, over the word of Yahweh, which he kept not, (and, also, in asking by necromancy when he desired to enquire) (1 Chronicles 10:13, REB).

By seeking a medium to question the prophet, Saul departed from the faith, became unclean, and later died. Many Bible scholars contend that this was not actually Samuel who was conjured up by the witch of Endor, but a demon masquerading as the prophet. I disagree. It's my opinion that, in this case, the Father allowed Samuel's rest to be disrupted in order to give Saul a rebuke from the Lord. Am I condoning actively seeking the dead for advice? Absolutely not! When you do, you are literally and spiritually playing with fire, and quite possibly, you are going to get burned.

GO TO GOD HIMSELF

When people feel they're not getting solutions to their problems from God, there's a tendency to seek out ungodly resources. For example, if a person doesn't take time to listen for the Lord's voice during prayer, they might say He's not speaking to them. During one of my intimate times with God, He told me that it's His desire

to speak to His children. He's talking to many of them, but they're not taking the time to listen.

Let me recommend this: if you pray for an hour daily, take part of that time, whether it be fifteen minutes or a half an hour, to simply be quiet and listen for the voice of the Lord. If you do this with fidelity, you will begin to hear His voice and eventually become very familiar with it. The more you grow accustomed to it, the harder it will be for the enemy to trick you into accepting his voice as the one true voice.

I've always said that if you've talked to someone on a daily or consistent basis, you won't have to say, "Who is this?" when they call. Why? Because you *know* their voice. This is accurate in reference to your relationship with the Father. You won't have to consult the Ouija, using it a mediator between you and the Most High. You'll be able to hear God for yourself.

The word *Ouija* means "yes."¹ According to the English-Japanese Dictionary, it also means "yes; all right; OK; okay."² According to Dictionary.com, the Ouija board is "a device consisting of a small board, or planchette, on legs that rests on a larger board marked with words, letters of the alphabet, etc., and that by moving over the larger board and touching the words, letters, etc., while the fingers of spiritualists, mediums, or others rest lightly upon it, is employed to answer questions, give messages, etc."³

Another source says that the Ouija board is "also known as a spirit board or talking board, is a flat board marked with the letters of the alphabet, the numbers 0–9, the words 'yes,' 'no,' 'hello' (occasionally), and 'goodbye,' along with various symbols and graphics."⁴

A company called Parker Brothers came out with "The Ouija Board" in 1966. They didn't actually create a "game"—and please

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realize that it's not a game. The Ouija board is tool used for demonic entry that existed long before Parkers Brothers got a hold of it. According to an article on the CANA (Christian Answers for the New Age) website:

It arose out of the Spiritualist movement of the 19th century, a movement which was quite active at the time. Spiritualism is a practice (and a denominational religion) that is based on belief in contacting the dead... The name Ouija is a combination of the French and German words for “yes”: Oui and Ja... The Board's translated name, “yes, yes,” is an ingenious and subtle way to invite spirit contact.⁵

AN ABOMINATION

When you involve yourself with a device that's purpose is to contact those who make their abode in the afterlife, you're opening yourself up to entities that crave your eventual downfall. Heaps of times, when these spiritual doors are opened, they are extremely hard to shut.

Though my mother and her sister had no idea that what they were involved in was sinful, I believe my family's involvement with this “witch board” caused some issues to linger for years, but I thank God for the blood of Jesus! It defends us from the residue of our past misdeeds that were born out of ignorance. Still, I want it to be clear once again, so there is no misunderstanding: the Bible clearly warns us against necromancy—consulting or summoning the dead. It is an abomination to the Lord.

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee
(Deuteronomy 18:10-12, emphasis added).

In verse 10, it says, "...that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire." This phrase alludes to the practice of sacrificing children to the false Canaanite god, Molech. The writers of Compellingtruth.org reported:

The first mention of Molech is in Leviticus 18:21 in which the Lord commanded, "You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord." The worship of Molech clearly involved ritual child sacrifice, something God's people were not to practice. This act was punishable by death according to Leviticus 20:2 which states, "Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death."⁶

A TWISTED, UNHOLY LIE

The 2016 remake of the movie, *Ghostbusters*, used the catchphrase, "I ain't afraid of no ghost!"⁷ As a believer in Jesus Christ, you don't have to be afraid. There is no place in the holy Scriptures that even

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hints at the dead roaming the earth as disembodied spirits. This is an invention of Satan! He is notorious for using God's truth, which is His Word, to establish his lies. The devil did this in the third chapter of Genesis. After the Lord warned Adam and Eve not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the serpent arrived on the scene and convinced Eve to do it anyway. He twisted the Lord's holy truth in order to unwind his unholy lie.

John 10:10 tells us that the thief's (Satan) job is to steal, kill, and destroy. The devil's falsehoods were designed take from you, murder you, and ultimately annihilate you. He wants to utilize half-truths in an attempt to extract the will of God from your life. He can't do this without your permission or agreement. The will of the Lord is always there, but Satan wants to keep you blind to it. How does he do this? Simply by persuading you to buy into his mendacities (lies).

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons (Genesis 3:1-7).

The word *subtil* in verse 1 above means “sly, artful; cunning; crafty; insinuating.”⁸ The serpent was all this and more! He tricked Eve by using persuasive and deceptive language to latch on to what was already in her heart. The enemy will always attempt to entice us to do what’s most evident in our hearts. He also will play upon what we think about the most. I heard a preacher once say that we become our greatest thoughts. In essence, what we think on the most we will become or do.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT

We don’t know how long she and Adam were in the Garden of Eden, but I imagine eating forbidden fruit crossed Eve’s mind more than a few times. I’m sure Adam thought of doing it as well. This is evident by his lack of restraint when he ate the fruit his wife presented to him in Genesis 1:6. Sometimes the very thing we are told not to do becomes what we want to do the most. Proverbs 9:17 says that “stolen water is refreshing; food eaten in secret tastes the best” (NLT).

When we partake in ingesting forbidden fruit, it may be tasty at first, but the aftertaste is detrimental to your spiritual and natural health. At least, this was the case for Adam and Eve. They did

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something the Lord didn't approve of, and they lost their divinely privileged position in Him. Adam and Eve were subsequently banished from their beautiful garden, where life was apparently fancy, fun, and carefree. They found themselves in a place that was outside of paradise due to being deceived by Satan.

As previously mentioned, the devil's primary mission is to get you out of the will of the Lord. He will use what appears to be harmless to lure you into his domain. Satan is very patient when it comes to pulling you in. He'll meticulously plant seeds in you for years. Those same seeds will eventually germinate into maturity if they're continuously watered. You water them by consistently engaging in actions that please Lucifer. Next thing you know, you'll end up doing something that you swore you'd never do. Afterward, you wonder how you got into that adverse situation in the first place.

The devil can't make you do anything. The only power he has over us is the power we give him. I vehemently urge you to stay away from anything that deals with the occult (Ouija boards, tarot cards, séances, and the like). These practices and rituals can open demonic doors that may be extraordinarily hard to shut. Avoidance of such spiritually unauthorized pursuits will help to keep you supernaturally delivered. If you have any ties to the occult, renounce them now, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. He can and will set you free from all demonic attachments, especially those that originated from ignorance. Do you want to be supernaturally delivered? Please repeat the prayer below:

Father God,

I come to You, humbly, asking for forgiveness for previous or current attachments to items or people involved

in occultic practice. I renounce every affiliation and participation, knowingly or unknowingly, with witches, warlocks, wizards, necromancers, voodoo, masonry, magic, new age, astrology, astral projection, divination, fortune telling, palmistry, automatic writing, vampirism, tarot cards, Ouija boards (please include any others you feel led to renounce here) and the demons within and behind them. I cut off all demonic cords that may have been hooked to me due to misadventure into forbidden realms of darkness. Lord, cleanse me of any satanic residue that remains that was tainted by demonic influences. Allow me to walk in the liberty that is You, which I haven't experienced in years! Father, I feel the devil's hold over me breaking! I sense a refreshing in the spirit coming over me now! Your love is renewing and filling every broken and infiltrated area of my soul. I thank You for forgiving me and I'm prepared to go forward in You, in Jesus's name! Hallelujah! (Praise Him now for His forgiveness and your freedom!)

TESTIMONY OF DELIVERANCE FROM A OUIJA BOARD

When I was first saved, the Lord reminded me that I had a Ouija board in my home. I was instructed to destroy it by fire.

When I walked into the room where this board was kept, I could not enter into the room even though the door to the room was open. It was like something out of a *Star Trek* movie! An invisible barrier was in that

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open doorway, and I would hit something I could not see each time I attempted to go into the room for it.

I called a couple of my Christian neighbors to come over, and we all prayed together, binding the spirit that would not allow me into the room. Finally, I was able to enter into the room and gather the Ouija board. We took it outside to set it on fire in the grill. As it was thrown into the fire, you could hear the screams of the demons attached to it as it burned.

This is one wicked game! It should be destroyed completely.

Afterward, I renounced the use of it. I repented for my ignorance in having and using it. From that point on, I was freed! —Name withheld⁹

CHAPTER 3

THERE'S SOMETHING IN MY HOUSE!

But when the priest comes and examines it, if the contamination has not spread in the house after it was replastered, he is to pronounce the house clean because the contamination has disappeared.

—LEVITICUS 14:48, CSB

My grandmother, mother, and aunt often spoke about our house being haunted. I was initially very skeptical, but a series of ominous, unexplainable events convinced me otherwise. These ghostly manifestations occurred before, during, and especially after the expulsion of the Ouija board.

My first encounter with the supernatural happened when I was about eight years of age. I was playing on the back porch of my grandmother's home and had to use the bathroom, so I ventured through the lowly lit kitchen to the restroom. I went in and instinctively closed the door behind me. As I reached up to turn on the light switch, I noticed a figure, which was darker than the

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darkness of the room and towering over me. The moonlight that peered in through the glass-block window provided me with its outline. Strangely, I felt very little fear—just awe and wonder.

The entity stood about six feet, a couple of feet taller than me at the time. I couldn't tell if it was male or female. My initial notion was that it could be my aunt. This thought was quickly dashed when I reached out, endeavoring to touch the shadowy character, while simultaneously inquiring, "Helen?"

To my astonishment, my hand just passed through it! This is the exact moment when the spirit of fear leapt into my body. The apparition appeared to gaze down at me and slowly began to turn away from me, proceeding in the direction of the adjacent bathtub. Once reaching it, it abruptly disappeared.

I stood there for a few seconds, which felt like an eternity, until panic got the best of me. I bolted out of the room, frantically searching for the nearest family member. I found Helen and relayed my paranormal meeting to her, like water being hurriedly poured into a glass. After listening intently, she simply and calmly responded, "I've seen it too."

IT'S NOT WHO YOU THINK IT IS

Once again, I want to make it clear that ghosts are not the spirits of our dearly departed. They are actually demons in disguise! Some believe that the dead walk the earth, constantly looking for the eternal rest in God that always seems to evade them. Hebrews 9:27 says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." According to the holy Scriptures, there is no purgatory. It's

either heaven or hell. Even in biblical times, the disciples of Christ referenced ghosts.

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid (Matthew 14:25-27, emphasis added).

The word *spirit* used in the Scripture above is defined as “an apparition; a ghost.”¹ Matthew 14:26 states, “When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, ‘It’s a ghost!’” (NLT).

If you ever see a deceased loved one manifest in your presence, rebuke the *ghost* in Jesus’s name! It’s not your family member or friend, but a malevolent spirit disguised as them.

Many of these demons or spirits inhabited the dearly beloved long before they expired, absorbing many of their experiences and memories. When they materialize, they’ll have the same recall as the departed relative or friend. That’s one of the reasons the Bible calls them “familiar spirits.” (See Leviticus 19:31; 20:6,27; Deuteronomy 18:11; 1 Samuel 28:3-9.) They become familiar with their host, due to *living* in them, and can regurgitate various aspects of their lives with you upon request.

First John 4:1 admonishes us to try or test the spirit to see if it’s of God. If it is, it will confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. If not, it won’t. I realize that this particular verse makes reference to the false prophet. I believe that it can also apply to the

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various demonic spirits that appear as apparitions in an effort to deceive us.

HE WANTS YOUR SOUL

The devil will not stop trying to lure an individual, even to the point of imminent death. I recall an episode of the television series *The Twilight Zone* that I watched as a child.² In this installment, an old man and his dog died simultaneously. They instantaneously found themselves on a road in the midst of what appeared to be a rural countryside. As they journeyed on, they happened upon a slightly obese male, wearing a straw hat and overalls. He looked friendly enough, so the older gentlemen engaged him in conversation in relation to their current state. The stranger beckoned the old man to come into his home, which was positioned some distance behind the fence that he leaned upon. The dog stiffened in response to the offer and began to bark furiously in protest. The stranger advised the old man to leave the dog, stating that canines were not allowed in. He pressured the seasoned gentlemen to enter without his faithful companion, assuring him that he'd enjoy himself. The old man declined, saying that if heaven wasn't good enough for his dog, then it wasn't good enough for him either.

In a huff, he and his dog trekked further down that country road under the echo of the stranger's protests behind him. Later, they come across a handsome young man, dressed in faded jeans and plaid shirt, armed with an ingratiating demeanor. The old man told how the stranger up the road tried to entice him to come into his home, but without his trusted companion. The younger gentlemen, with a stark look upon his face, sincerely expressed that he was so glad the old man didn't get mixed up with him.

He solemnly explained to him that what the stranger was offering wasn't heaven, but hell! The new acquaintance went on to tell the old man of all the benefits and blessing that awaited he and his dog. All three, joyfully, entered into the glory of what seems to be heaven.

I used this example to illustrate how persistent the enemy can be when it comes to acquiring your soul. Being the coward that he is, he'll patiently wait until we're at our weakest state before launching a full-frontal attack. These assaults commonly occur when we're on our sickbeds or in the process of making our final transition (death).

CALL ON JESUS; HE WILL SAVE YOU

There once was an unsaved woman who was deeply involved in the occult. As she lay dying, she actually saw demons insidiously crawling around her bed in anticipation. She told the people who surrounded her deathbed that they were there waiting for her to die so they could drag her to hell! Just seconds before she passed, the woman screamed, with eyes bulging and full of panic exclaimed, "*Help me! I'm burning!*" Then she died, with her mouth gaping and a terrifyingly twisted expression on her face. Witnesses reported that the woman looked as if she saw Satan himself! Unfortunately, there are many more awfully similar "*final last words*" spoken by those who didn't know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior while alive.

An authentic affiliation with God is the key to being supernaturally delivered from the clutches of the enemy, even at the end of our lives. He's so merciful that at the conclusion of your life, you can still repent, call upon Him, and He will save you. Satan has

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deceived many into thinking that He won't, but he's a liar. Don't fall for his lies! If you don't know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, then you can't experience supernatural deliverance. It's imperative that you know Him and make absolutely sure He knows you too. That way, the Most High will fill your house (body), and where the Holy Spirit fills, evil spirits cannot occupy.

YOUR SEASON TO CLEAN HOUSE

The items you bring into your home should be holy. If you aren't careful and well-informed, you can unknowingly bring demons into your household. Let this be your season to clean house. Ask the Lord to show you everything in your residence that is not of Him. You must understand that evil spirits use cursed objects—idols, paintings, totems, statues, music CDs, movies, downloads, and the like—as entry points. Be extra diligent when bringing objects into your house from countries whose god is not your God. Anything of a demonic origin must be cast out of the home and destroyed. If not, the dwelling is laid open to demonic penetration.

As a teenager, I unintentionally brought all kinds of demonic items into my parents' house. As a result, there was an increase in nefarious supernatural phenomena. During that time, I got into a huge argument with my mother. Don't look at me like that! I'm sure some of you are quite familiar with the rebellious teenager stage. As a result of our disagreement, I went to spend the night with my aunt. When I returned, my mother relayed an unbelievable story to me about what transpired after I left.

She was in the basement watching television, and the door to it suddenly slammed violently! My mother was initially startled, but later gripped by immense anger as she went up the stairs to see who

the culprit was. When my mother reached the top, to her surprise, no one was there. She went to her bedroom, only to find her husband and my younger brother fast asleep in the bed. My brother, Jeff, was around three years old at the time. There's no way that he could muster up the strength to slam the basement door with such force.

My mom ventured toward my bedroom. The door was shut. She cautiously opened it and felt as if someone or *something* was behind it. As she peered into the darkness, a disembodied voice ominously said, "Come in." With that, my mother speedily closed the door and backed away from my bedroom.

Hearing her startling account upon my return home, I warily entered my room, immediately aware that my dresser had been pushed closer to my door. This prevented it from being opened fully. I guardedly searched my room, looking for an intruder. Finding no one, my mind started to wrap itself around the notion that the perpetrator could possibly be otherworldly (demonic). This was an alarmingly frightening conclusion. I prayed, laid in my bed, and apprehensively fell into a restless sleep.

As I previously noted, due to bringing demonic items into my room, something devilish gained admittance. I'm also of the mindset that evil entities lived in my childhood home before I brought in the accursed materials. It was reported that the previous owners frequently argued and fought. This type of atmosphere is a breeding ground for satanic activity. These demons, the former and latter ones, linked up and became even stronger.

Please remember, demonic strength is nothing compared to the power of the Lord! Demons are only as powerful as we allow them to be in our lives. In this case, knowledge is power. When you

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acquire knowledge of them, you'll in turn discover how to defeat them and remove their influence in your home and in your life. Tormenting demons have no place in your life as you seek to live as one who's been supernaturally delivered.

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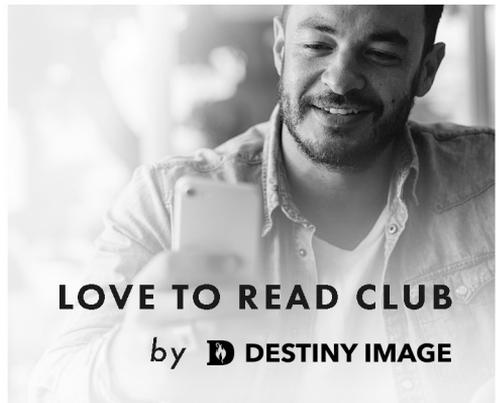
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