



# Shiloh Messenger

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## What Will You Do In 2022 ?

*" BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST" 2 Peter 3:18*

Some have asked us recently what we believe The Lord is saying about 2022. With every New Year there is an interest of what will unfold...However, It seems many are even more interested this year and what it holds, because the last two years have been greatly volatile with extreme changes and challenges. So what will this year bring, what are we to expect, and how are we to prepare for this year? This is what we believe wholeheartedly and most assuredly.....**2022 will be filled with opportunities to mature the more.** Challenges and changes are meant to be profitable in our lives for greater gain. If we indeed steward with wisdom, we can develop more fully in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Without reservation, this should always be our goal as an apprentice of Christ. With any Challenge whether it be an exhortation coming as a challenge for maturity in areas of our lives, or we are actually in a manifested intense battle.... There is always for The Follower of Christ, an invitation to partner with HIM and expect a favorable outcome for His Glory. And quite frankly and obviously...these times we are currently living in surely have increasing intensity with many opportunities available for maturation. Now the way we perceive and Steward these changes and challenges have much to do with how well we will grow during this year, and even if we will grow at all. We must be resolved to know that spiritual growth should always be an aim lest we shrink back and become stagnant. We are reminded that "the just shall live by faith and HE takes no pleasure in those who shrink back." (Hebrews 10:38) The writer of Hebrews also tells us "We must give our full attention to what we were told, so we won't drift away." (Hebrews 2:1.) "The Great thing about faith in God is that it keeps a man undisturbed in the midst of disturbance." Oswald Chambers. This new year will bring about growth for those who love HIM Unswervingly. Love is the driving force in maturity. Those desiring to become more conformed to HIS Image have become adamant to leave elementary teachings behind, and continue to advance being fully dependent upon Him to wrap us in truth, and steer clear of landmines of deception. Landmines of deception will set our temperature on lukewarm and get us swayed into the belief system and customs of this present age of darkness. There can not be compromise in the Follower of Christ. The ones who will develop in more maturation will be instructed by The Lord and will have the tongue of the learned. We are sure each one of us can testify if we would so admit it, that we have at times in our journey used our tongues in a way that has not been befitting for an Apprentice of Jesus. We so believe HE is saying give Me your tongue to be purified during this season of challenges and speak forth the things I give you, and withhold the words that would be the manifestation of the immature. If we do not have words of life and calling forth those things that are not as though they are. (Romans 4:17) ... our words are futile... If we are going about murmuring and complaining about our circumstances, we set ourselves up to be an open target for the enemy to captivate us into self pity. If we do not have a redemptive answer to give to others and ourselves... We do not have THE ANSWER. Oh that we would become more like HIM this 2022. It takes resolve and leaning upon HIM. We cannot manufacture this spiritual growth that HE so desires for us, but we can cooperate with Him and lean into HIS fellowship as HE develops us. For the Follower of Christ it is not optional if we will read HIS Word and Pray. These are Everyday Spiritual Disciplines that are imperative. If one waits to get in the Word and pray when trials are breathing upon them and trying to suck the life out of them..... well... it's a bit late. Not that HE want receive us once repentance takes place but... Why linger and be growth undeveloped, wasting precious time, and creating more messes when we as The Redeemed can live each day becoming more like HIM, and walking in Wisdom that HE provides? What will you do in 2022 ? We all have choices. We all have opportunities. We all have challenges. What we do with them is the determining factor. If we think we are an isolated victim of trials.... NEWS FLASH !!! WRONG! We each one will meet some intense challenges this year. What will they be? We do not know... But what we do know is that these challenges will present an opportunity for us to grow up in more maturity. If we inquire of HIM, stay diligent in our relationship and love walk with HIM, desire for HIM to get Glory out of the intense trials in our lives, then we will grow. We must order our conversation aright. Think on those things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable excellent and Praise worthy (Philippians 4:8). It is a must to Love Large even when we are misunderstood by others, It is not optional, We must choose love anyway. When we have been lacking in love toward others, be quick to repent, and ask Holy Spirit for help. To avoid deception in these days we must put on Christ and make no provision for the flesh. (Romans 13:14). It is absolutely necessary to stay connected to The Body by being planted at a Christ Exalting, Full Gospel Church that teaches The Uncompromised Word of God, Training and Discipleship, and then releases with a blessing to a hurting and lost world. We must be prayerful for Gifts of Holy Spirit that may have been dormant in us to arise, and for us, as well as our brothers and sisters In Christ Globally to walk out our God ordained destiny for Jesus' Glory. **2022 is a Year of Increased Intensity and Spiritual Maturity. Will You Participate?**

## Shiloh Graduate

My name is Jeffery Whitley, born 33 years ago, raised around Ft. Hood, Texas. I grew up in the middle. Small town, but not so small that you knew everybody. Not poor, not rich. Not cool, and certainly not popular. I kept to myself most of my growing years, and never really developed any aspirations, ripe grounds for addiction. I went to a Baptist church weekly, where I fell in and out of faith as I began to judge Christianity according to the people I encountered there. I was plenty smart, but generally uninterested in the ways of modern life. I was sent to advanced classes in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and promptly removed for not doing the assignments. Later, my high school art teacher also expressed great frustration in my aversion to unleashing my potential. I knew the subjects and learned fast but was entirely unwilling to just sit down and do the work. This problem remained prevalent throughout my schooling years. Almost immediately after high school I fell to the temptations of the world and picked up a marijuana habit that I'd carry for ten years. During this time, I wasn't necessarily productive, but I was always feeding my curious nature, looking into subjects such as math, psychology, and lesser-known ancient history and esoteric wisdom. I also constantly kept up with the development of technology and developing a skill set as a mechanic. In this time, I claimed the religious title of agnostic and carried it close to me. I recognized early the importance of Proverbs 9:10: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." What I missed then, "...and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight," would prove harder to grasp. I would discover that later. In everything I learned there's a core truth I have difficulty expressing, except to say that God's work is revealed in everything. This perspective carried me through the hard times in life. The reverence and search for the God I did not know was my only saving grace in that life and was rewarded often. So often I'd find myself confronted with "God's tip of the hat," experiences; His way of telling me to carry on and that everything would ultimately serve His purpose. Just keep at it, and it'll click when I get warmer. Eventually, I reached a point in life where I'd found much of what was readily available to be learned, and the time came to put it to use. Again, came the all too familiar mindset of procrastination. Finding myself stagnating, I asked for a humbling; an experience that would show me the hardships life offers so I could better understand the human condition and develop a greater appreciation. Reflecting, I like to imagine He sat back, popped his knuckles, and said, "I got this!" Within two weeks I tried heroin for the first time, and in that moment, I gave up that ten-year marijuana habit and picked up a three-year addiction to heroin. I developed debt, sold everything I owned, then stole, and the most painful effect; I burned decade long friendships just to curb the symptoms of withdrawal. My life began to feel like a Zoloft commercial, the little dark cloud always on approach. This was a lifestyle and struggle I wouldn't wish on anybody. Through all of that, God was still there, watching closely and keeping me safe. Finally, when everything was lost, He called me to Shiloh Ministries. It was here everything hidden was revealed. My fortitude was tested, my flaws refined, my potential awakened, and my soul restored. I didn't make the connection between my prayer and the resulting path until late in the program when I was given a verse in a unique and undeniable way. Haggai 2:9 reads: "The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says Lord of hosts. And in this place, I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts." It was here I recognized of the purpose of my past, and more importantly, my future. All the apprehensions dissolved, the Holy One met me there, and I gratefully accepted His yoke. Though not quite how I expected, I got everything I asked for and much more. Shiloh catalyzed my newfound faith, perspective, fresh mind, and greater sense of reverence and humility... All according to His plan. Now, with my faith restored, I have clarity, purpose, and a responsibility to be the best I can and to help others find the Lord's gift.



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