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GREETINGS IN THE VERY WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS!

Since working in this ministry (as far back as 1989), I've been the kind of missionary who would write about things that were scheduled in the future, hoping that they would happen. I decided that as I've recently stepped back into ministry, I would only write about things that HAVE happened, but things are moving so fast that I'm almost forgetting what God has been orchestrating, as I'm simply praying for "divine appointments" and making myself available to be used.

As part of my connection with the many groups that meet throughout the week, there are certain guys who challenge each other to read books outside the realm of porn addiction. One such brother suggested that another read Merlin Carothers "Prison to Praise". He then came back with an awesome story of how he put it into practice and what God did. I was enamored with his tale so I re-read the book myself. Days later, I was on my way to church, and sensed that the engine in my truck was locking down. My initial reaction was to grunt and drop the S word, but I caught myself, apologized to God and started to praise Him. The truck finally died in front of a United Methodist church, but because I was on my way to church but couldn't get to mine, I decided to pay a visit to this church.

Walking in I was encountered by a woman pastor in the pulpit, but settled in to hear what God might be saying to me. Her sermon became a cell call from God in that He told me weeks ago, that if I didn't rest some, I would explode. She talked about time being a gift from God, and how we need to use it carefully. **She actually talked about RESTING, and I got the message.**

Afterwards, a guy approached me, called my name, and reminded me that while I served as Chaplain to Christian Motorcyclists Association, we rode motorcycles, and he met me at a rally. The gent excitedly told me that he was starting up a Celebration Recovery ministry there. So, I told him about the mission of "In His Grip", and to my amazement, he called for his wife to hear what we did in ministry. As she turned the corner..his wife WAS THE PASTOR! She listened intently, and asked if I would work with their men who were struggling with porn. This was a divine appointment for sure, as I needed to hear the reminder message, and got to connect with another denomination for future ministry.

Now...the truck engine DID blow up, and so the next day I had to find A to B transportation, so I could travel to the many meetings that I am blessed to oversee...looked at Craigslist, went to look at a van, paid the man what I felt it was worth, but my greatest joy was to lead the man to the Lord! Another "Divine appointment"! What was so much more exciting was that the guy was a Catholic, and told me that I wouldn't understand his situation...DUH...I was raised in the Catholic faith, so I COULD relate. How is it that God so fine tunes his plans, that He even thought of that detail? God is awesome and so worthy to be praised! Pray for YOUR divine appointments and BE BLESSED as He uses you.

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In bringing you all up to date, I DID in fact get to Colorado Springs for the Conquer Series Leadership training. I was actually sent by a local pastor and the men that we meet with every Wednesday morning. In the process, I was blessed by a lady in church who had a cabin in the hills over the city. On the first morning there, I got to watch the sunrise come up over the mountains. **I always pray the Father's Prayer as my opening to devotional, this morning, I SANG it.**

From there I was able to go to a local motorcycle museum, then on to Pikes Peak! Yes...America's mountain. I hadn't thought through the decision and coming from sea level, I did get a bad case of elevation sickness which questioned my getting to the first meeting on time. Angry with Satan for this unexpected delay, I asked God's intervention, and after turning myself in to the EMTs, I got oxygen TWICE, and went on my way. I was able to make the meeting only 15 minutes late!

In the first session, Dr. Doug Weiss blessed us as Evangelists, Pastors and some Apostles to the ministry of helping men come out of porn. That so energized me because as a close friend and pastor recently said of the ministry...**"you guys are doing the heavy lifting"** for the body of Christ. It was spiritually uplifting, as the room was filled with 155 LEADERS, who all heeded the call to help men come out of the addiction. The meals were great in that none of us knew anybody, but felt comfortable jumping into a guy's running car announcing "I'm going to lunch with you!", which I did.

We all compared notes, as to what worked in our groups, had opportunity to add to our libraries with well written books on the matter, had time with all of the Kemosabes in the field, and dreamt big for our own ministries. We were blessed to receive diplomas for completion of the courses and got certificates acknowledging our Level one training toward our Men's Sexual Recovery Group Ministry leadership Training. Now, I'll bring this home and get creative in my ministry to men.

Immediate plans are to launch another Conquer Series meeting, and make a presentation to a conference hosted by "Man in the Mirror" ministries. There, I will present our ministry and pledge training support and leadership. I've also been invited to speak to a men's group at a Pentecostal church which according to the pastor, may open doors for other pastors to get their men going on the project. In sharing this new news with one of the many groups, one of the men declared that this was the best "MULTI Level marketing " program ever, because this ministry is growing so fast, through the efforts of the men involved. I am also proud to announce that a local Sister in Arms, Becky Durr, has come up alongside the ministry to provide support and counseling for the wives who have been "tsunamied" by their husbands being stupid. She comes to us with ten years of counseling experience at a local church. We welcome her aboard!

I am so appreciative for the many opportunities that the Holy Spirit has been making available to us in this ministry, and ever so grateful for the men that stand by my side in this work, and to you who pray for and give to the ministry. As stated before..this ministry is like a business venture and all of us are partners. We'll all share in the "profits" when we get to heaven and gain another jewel for our crowns that will be thrown at the feet of Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In His Grip, Bill Tollis



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