

Finding My Own Self
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Dedication:

To all those who go through life each and every day wishing they knew what to do ahead of time so they won't make any mistakes. To all those who say they have it all figured out and are just fine. To all those who don't know God and are thirsty, to all those who wish to live a better life because they've made so many mistakes they feel they can't do anything worse. To those who see life as an unbeatable obstacle and have lost all hope in continuing. To all those who need a friend who won't turn them down when trying to make a choice for themselves To all those who wish to show love to those around them but don't know how. For all those who want to find out who they are. For those who are Godly and need something to praise God about to those who love poetry, to those who wish to learn and do as they learn. I dedicate this book to all of you.

Prologue:

Being a teenager who has gone through life harder than most others, I chose to write a book of what I've learned and decide to help others. I've had to go through things unthinkable to the natural eye. I've been able by the grace of God to live through it all and still live a somewhat normal life. I needed to find who I was. I felt that I was lost in a world of darkness and sorrow. I felt I was not meant to be. I felt many things that aren't true at all. I needed to figure out why though before I could move on with my life and be a successful individual. I needed to find out who I was and find out my purpose in life as a person like any other. I found that person because of God and he has brought me out through it all. He has also allowed me to write this book to help others out with what they are going through and to help them be able to find themselves as well. I'm doing this because I realize I'm not the only one who has gone through things so hard and everyone deserves to find out who they are and what their purpose is in this so called small world. There are others who go through the same thing each and every day and nobody knows about it. There are people who need help just like me but aren't getting it because they are in an even worse situation, which is very sad and I am planning to change things so that kids don't have to go through these things. They deserve to live a normal life and have the same chance everyone else does to pursue their dream in the world. I was blessed, I had people who cared about me and wanted to see a change. They went through a lot helping me to be who I am today. They had their own lives to live but took the time to help me with mine because they saw I needed help and as I do they thought that I deserved a chance for a change. My current foster family has a program called the Bishop J.C. Foster House and for his efforts in helping me and all others in my situation I have made a promise to him to give him 10% of all my online income to go toward any expense in his Future homes. Thanks to God I was given a second chance. I want to see every one have that same second chance. I want them to be able to say I had a chance to change and took it as if it were a piece of bread when I was starving. I want to see love and kindness brought into their lives just as it was brought into mine. I can't stand being free knowing there are still many others in the same situation as me. I want them to experience the greatness of God and the fullness their of. God is a merciful God and worthy to be praised.

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I could've been...but I'm not!

*Stranded, and alone in a dark room, naked, and cold
After trying to kill myself, I was stopped
Your crazy and never going to succeed I was told
My life was at a point where all my family sobbed
Again crazy, big men restraining me to the ground
As I cussed and screamed aimlessly at the world around me
Life was sorrow and evilly filled with each heart pump sound
Love was not in me or anywhere to be, that I could see
Anger filled my bones as I hit and kicked the people around where I was
I was said to be a hopeless child with no future or life ahead of me
Time went by as I continued to cuss and scream into utter darkness, for it's where I was
Life impacted me over and over like a stabbing knife, as I wanted to be free
From the hands of what I didn't know, I just wanted to be free to be...*

*People continued to say I was hopeless and never to succeed
Life was over for me, I wanted of it no more
I tried to kill myself over and over to be freed
So to the point I was of suicidal sore
Life was meaningless to me, why was I still alive I asked over and over
As time went by I seemed to be getting better at living life
I moved to a new place filled with things and people I never thought over
I found people who lived in continuous strife
Yet lived and desired to continue doing so
Why was I brought into this world I asked myself
Why must I be brought up so low to a great foe?
Why was I to not be put up on a shelf?
To combat evenly with all others
This thing we must live with all others*

*"He will never succeed," they said over and over again
There is no hope; we've done what we can
He'll never be a father or see his again
He'll just run like his ran
Don't let him hurt others by giving him a chance to be
He is hopeless and not worth the risk
Just watch and see he'll never be
Don't put your family at risk for his risk
Let him be and just move on for the good
Be not saddened by what you see
He is not of worthy blood
So sayeth those who are not truly free*

Life and Me

*I'm a 15 year old boy who wants to change the world
Each and every day I go through life trying my best
At times I hurt and mourn for my heart is trifled
Then sooner then I'd hoped I put it to rest for the best
People around me wonder how and why I do what I do
I tell them I do it because I love people and the lord
Even when I don't want to I must go and continue
My life is not in my hands but instead in the hands of the lord
I go through nights crying and tearing because of many things
Life happens and I'm one of its many victims
However we can't always be victims we must follow what our heart sings
Life is only a great but worthy symptom of our decisions
Time is a very precious thing and shouldn't be wasted for any reason
When you make a choice only time can change it for the good
God gives us all we need to go through the tough season
Never be the man or woman that could
Be the one who did, and is doing while praying
Being this person can be difficult but must be done to live fruitful
God is always good and always loving and forgiving
He is beyond delightful and wonderful
He is amazing beyond the human's comprehension
He cannot be figured out by compensation or the human's imagination*

Life Happens

*I once said if there is a God why would he let all this bad stuff happen to me
I was mad at the resulting conflicts and myself for the choices I had made
I began to blame God for everything that was done only by me
I had taken a 360 in life and blamed the one who caused me to be saved
My reasons were because I was mad and selfish, I was wrong
For those who have done this in their lives try and see what you've done
God loves and he does things for our good all along
They may not be what we might call fun
But they are needed for our making in his mighty will for his names sake
You are given a choice to accept his love; it's your decision
His mercy is a never-ending lake just for your mistake
He gave up his only begotten for your holy transformation
Some people don't understand but he allowed you too
He told you everything you need to know in his holy word
You know all you have to do for a chance to continue
You must ask for forgiveness to move forward
He'll forgive you for everything just ask and it shall be given
Ask and you shall be renewed with joy as your strength
Ask and come to him to be loved and forgiven
He has a plan for your life beyond your comprehension of length
Move forward in your promised prosperity and love
He has never broken a promise and promises he will not
Come and share the love from the one from above
He is one who will never be forgot*

People

*There are people all around me everyday doing their own thing
At times I wonder if they even know I'm driving by or walking across the street
They go on and live their lives like any normal person doing their own thing
I watch as I cross the street and see kids playing in the park across the street
At times I wonder do they see me, do they know me
Then I realize they are like all others doing their own thing on their own time
I walk daily seeing people all over town doing their specialty
Doing everything they can to make the last dime
Working, playing, walking, talking, living life
Each day I see the same thing, yet they're all different people
Living their lives, so willing to sacrifice for the gift of life
Some get into trouble, some think the unthinkable
Others wish and wish, while never actually receiving
People talking, people jogging, people being people for others
Do we ever consider these massive amounts of people living and not receiving?
Not receiving what only a small fraction of them actually have to give to others
Millions of people, big people, small people, hurt people, happy people,
People who don't know because of so called loving people of God
We all have a job, tell the people; God is for the people
They need to know he is their provider of love and their guiding rod
They need to know, but do we? Do we do our job and tell
All these people, so little time, we see them everyday but choose to remain silent
Why is it? God picked us up when we fell and started to yell
Shouldn't these people have that same chance to not be as trivalent?
We must be that opportunity giver and witness to a loving God of wonder
Jesus told us to go and tell all the people, will we listen?
Or will we be selfish and receive it all ourselves and hope to prosper
NO we must tell the people, give them all a chance to be forgiven
Let them receive the love of God and his everlasting mercies
Let them be happy for the right reasons and be able to share his love as well
Let them experience God's many ways and mysteries and testimonies
Give them the chance you were given, give them a chance to stay away from everlasting
hell*

Why choose God?

*Some people don't want to choose God because of many different reasons,
Some believe he is not real, some believe he is not worthy, some believe why should I give
up my life,*

Some believe it's not worth it, some say why do I still have to go through seasons,

Some want to but think they can't, some think its to good to be true for real life,

Some watch and see what God can do and still say he's not real,

Some live long and say I die so I die what's the difference with God in my life or not,

Some say why should I believe something always knows how I feel,

Some just don't want to talk about it because they think they have been forgot,

*What ever the reasons are that you think you shouldn't there is one thing you should
consider*

*What if I did try God, what if he is real, what if he does know how I feel, what if I can be
happy,*

*What if I could be forgiven, what if I'm wrong, what if he does love me, what if he will
forgive me like any other*

*What if, is the main question, the bible says taste and see so you may find out who God is,
Taste and see*

Try the spirit by the spirit, try and find out, what do you have to lose?

Just think about it and begin to choose what you choose.

Dreams and nightmares

*When sleeping forget not who is in complete control of everything
God, is in control of each and every day and night
Before laying your head into a deep sleep and begin dreaming
Ask God to shine his light bright upon your mind so dreams may take flight
The devil comes like a thief in the night, so ask God to be your security
Fear not the serpent that spits evil thoughts into your mind upon this simple request
For when God is your protection you shall not need fear in you, you are free
At times you may wonder what is the purpose of the dreams you have, put those thoughts
to rest
If God gives you a dream of importance he will provide you with scripture and
confirmation
God is not a God of confusion Mistake your self not for his voice, but ask for his way of
confirmation and wisdom
For the devil is a liar and comes to destroy, when ye have dreams of evil without God's
confirmation
Seek the lord to free you from this temptation of the devils ways of evilsom*

Patience is a Virtue

*Wait upon what you want and you shall see the over all value improve
Without patience no one can have love for another
Patience will bring you through anything the world can put on you
Life will be your only way to go and prove
That you have patience and a reason for living a life for God
God is full of patience for his people all over the nations
In order to love God you must retain patience
God will be your source of patients and your guiding rod
Wait upon the lord and ye shall prosper
Wait upon the lord and ye shall be happy with the results of thy labor
Wait upon the lord and you shall have truly proved your faith
Wait and ye shall be truly favored by another*

Willingness to live through it all

*As life must go on so must we in life around us
We must live on through daily hardships and joys
Life is filled with each but yet we always seem to dwell on the hardships
We need to learn to just move on without a big fuss
When things happen they happen
But when we choose we receive based on what we chose
We must have willingness to live
To live through the pain we are given
To live through the nightmares as well as the dreams
We must continue to have this willingness
To live no matter what happens
To live through it all*

Ways to live

*There are many ways of living
Good ways bad ways all sorts of ways
Some are of giving some of just receiving
There are lustful ways as well as deceitful ways
Every one of these ways is ways to live
What you choose is up to you
Yet can affect all people around you
People you care about, people you need to forgive
When you decide to make a choice remember
Remember those around you, remember you
Remember who you want to be
Remember what all that you want to see
Remember... Remember... Remember...*

Stars

*There are stars all around us as we walk upon this earth
Stars big and small, Venus as well as big yellow
Michael Jordan as well as Michael Jackson
All have their own spirit as well as their own self worth
They sit high above us as if they are better and of higher ways
Each one is created from small bits of organic matter we call choices
Each one makes their own decisions according to what they want
They do what they need to do to be stars as always
They may help people they may hurt people
They do what make them a star in the eyes of those so called smaller
Each one is different for we are all different
We are all our own we are all individual
We are our own stars just as they are
We must choose whom we want to be and just let others see and be
People go by what they see, you go by what you want and feel
Do so and I promise you will be a star in God's eyes beyond any other star*

Love never leaves you

When the one you love goes in the wrong direction, love

When the one you love goes for another, love

When love hurts when love seems to turn to sorrow, love

When you love, always love, and love will leave none there of

Love through pain, love through sorrow, love through it all

Love through debt, love through death, love when one tends to fall

Love when everything goes wrong, love when all is too tall

Love when you are in the middle of a war zone, love through it all

What everyone needs

*Everyone needs something to survive
Everyone needs love, hope, and joy
Without each of these life becomes an endless strive
Without each of these you're the victim of the devil's ploy
Learn what everyone needs to survive and you shall also
Learn what everyone needs to survive and your children shall be happy
Learn what they need and they shall live life with a decent flow
Learn what you need and you shall see your complete destiny
Don't forget the most important thing everyone needs
Everyone needs the love of God, and his everlasting mercies
Don't think because you show love give hope and spread joy doing good deeds
Your godly, you've got to have the God of love, hope, and joy to receive heavenly mercies*

I Shall Live To See Another Day

*I picture that day to come
So sad, full of tears, full of doubt
I see papers in the air, people going home
Futures coming to pass, mine full of doubt
For each tear I shed, now a thousand are to come*

*I picture it so vivid and real
People with a reason to be happy
As I do nothing but cry without conceal
I just want to scream and then flee
Its come, I now see the ending seal*

*Papers flying, people laughing, she's leaving
Success soaring, people rejoicing, she's leaving
Love is ending, hope is receding, and she's leaving
Love is still there, she is not there, and she is nowhere
Love is not fare, Life is so unfair, and she is nowhere*

*My life must go on, I must live on
My life will go on, for it is my life to live
I shall move on, I shall be okay I shall go on
I shall wish to see another day I shall begin to love
I will live on I will move on, I shall see her not gone*

See The Truth

*When your dreams are your reality
When your dreams seem so real
When your life is so full of prosperity
When you begin to not feel the pull of lives deadly real
Don't give up and say I'm dreaming
Turn life into what you want but be reasonable
If you do otherwise you'll just end up failing
To a point where it might be unfixable
Watch those around you and observe
They say what they want to happen
Then they don't get it because they do nothing but conserve
They conserve dreams and say they are with no explanation
Decide to live for what you want and yearn for
And you shall always have hope for the future
When you get it, go ahead and let yourself begin to soar
Don't listen to the your failing lecture
Do something about it and find what you want
Work for it and watch it come
I promise you this, do it and you won't be called a taunt
Try it and see where I am coming from*

Watch God Work

*You see things happen in your life everyday
You see people leaving, casualties occur, and wishes turned down
You see love brought to shame, hope torn down by another bad day
You see all sorts of things going on in lives of the people that make you frown
You see everyone else having good things happen in their lives
You see things happening for them but not for you
You see all that is happening before you, yet he lets you be the one that survives,
Survives to see all that happens, to see all things that were once new,
Survives to see a wonderful plan he has for your life,
Survives to see a watchful eye protecting you each and everyday,
Survives to see the love of God helping you along,
Survives to live a long bountiful life*

Parents

*Parents are willing people; they do their best for the best
They do things we don't like at all because it doesn't fit us
They make you mad in all the things they put to rest
They do what is best even when we want to make a fuss
A father protects his child from things that are hurtful to him
A mother does the best thing in emotional situations
Parents who join together do the best thing for their child to reach the bountiful rim
Parents are meant for us to be able to get through life situations
Parents are a gift from God to us as his children
We are to obey our parents so that way we can follow God correctly
Parents are our example to what has been
Parents teach us to live the right way, heavenly*

Faith Is Crucial

*When you seem to always be failing at everything you do
When those around you start to give up
When you see yourself going on with out a clue
When you have drank your last hope cup
When you see all things going down the drain
And you can't do anything about it yourself
When you are walking in this world and always tend to complain
And you just want to put the book of life on high shelf
When this happens have faith and don't give up now
Faith will get you through it all
Faith will allow you take a vow
"I am not going to fall"
When you have faith you shall persevere
When you have faith you will retain joy longer
When you have faith you will start to look back at your rear
You will see that God is an eternal giver
Giver of all, giver of life, giver of faith
Seek God for your everlasting faith and hope, and love
God is the provider of faith
Faith can only be given from God of Gods above*