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"My brother was very sick in the hospital, which was especially upsetting because I knew he didn't have a relationship with Jesus. I called Daystar for prayer in the hope that the Lord would open a door for me to share the Gospel with him. Today, I am praising God because I was able to lead my brother to Christ just before he peacefully passed! Thank you, Daystar!"

Lauren from Ohio

GOD'S PLAN & A GLORIOUS FUTURE

WITH DR. BILL WINSTON

Q: Dr. Winston, many know you as a pastor through your program on Daystar, but you were a decorated fighter pilot serving in the U.S. Air Force prior to entering the ministry. Tell us about that.

A: I served for six years as a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force and flew over 200 missions during the Vietnam War. I completed my military service at the rank of Captain. My military training taught me many things, including discipline and teamwork, and to seek excellence in whatever you do.

My flying abilities earned me the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal for performance in combat, and the Squadron Top Gun Award.

Q: What role did the historic accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen play in your decision to become a pilot?

A: They greatly influenced my decision. When I was growing up, most of Tuskegee centered around the military. We saw black aviators, like Chappie James, living in our community. I had the privilege of knowing many of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen because their sons and daughters were my classmates in elementary school. These men were larger-than-life heroes.

I remember my first airplane ride was with Mr. Charles A. Anderson, affectionately known as "Chief Anderson," who was an instructor for the Tuskegee Airmen and was also the pilot who flew Eleanor Roosevelt for an hour-long flight when she visited Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) in 1941. After my first plane ride, I knew I was destined to fly.

Q: In 1985, you left a successful career at IBM to go into full-time ministry. Describe why you felt led to make that decision.

A: I had planned to make a career at IBM, to one day become president of one of its divisions. I had done quite well at the company. But God had other plans. I had a call on my life. I knew God had called me into full-time ministry, but I did not have the strength, at first, to step out and leave my good-paying job at IBM. Oh, I had tried several times, but until I could SEE my future, I was stuck in my present. Then, I heard a man of God teach on seedtime and harvest. Out of that, God gave me a seed (scripture), Mark 10:29-30. I began meditating on this scripture and in a very short time, Pow! Light came! I saw myself preaching the Gospel to 10,000 people-not going broke. I saw myself leaving corporate and serving God full-time in a successful ministry. I saw what I call "a glorious future" and was able to let go of IBM.

Q: You're known for having an uncompromising commitment to the Word of God. How has the Bible influenced your life and ministry?

A: The Bible helped me to clearly see two kingdoms and my responsibility to bring people out of that demonic kingdom and bring them into the kingdom of God. It also imparts a revelation of God's plan to me so that I can develop the faith to overcome anything to the contrary.

Q: Share a brief personal story where you've applied the Word of God in faith and seen the Lord work supernaturally in your life.

A: In the early days of our ministry, when the church was located in a very rough part of Chicago, a woman came rushing into the church while some of us were praying before service. She asked to see the pastor because she had a desperate need.

I said, "I'm the pastor. How can I help you?" She explained that drug dealers had taken over the street where she lived, selling drugs most of the day and night. Now all the residents were terrorized and afraid to send their kids out to play. I told her to join the prayer circle and let's pray. I didn't know how or what to pray, so I prayed in the spirit (tongues), which the Bible calls "speaking mysteries" (1 Corinthians 14:2). Then I prayed that I might interpret (1 Corinthians 14:13) and, by faith, I received the answer.

The Lord spoke to me saying, "Take this bottle of anointing oil, bless it, and tell the woman to pour it down the middle of her street." She gladly received the instructions and carried them out to the letter. A few days later, she came back and testified. She said the drug dealers came back the next day, stayed for about an hour, then left and never came back. Praise God!

Q: As believers, what are some practical ways we can connect with the power of God's Word to experience victory in our everyday lives?

A: First, we must understand that for every problem we have, there is a "Word" solution, which is a scripture in the Bible that is the source of the faith you will need to be delivered. Second, we must know that faith is now and is based on something that God has already done, not going to do. And third, God's Word is the only source of faith. Acting on God's Word in faith makes all things possible.



What happens when you obey God against all odds?
Read more of Dr. Winston's story at
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