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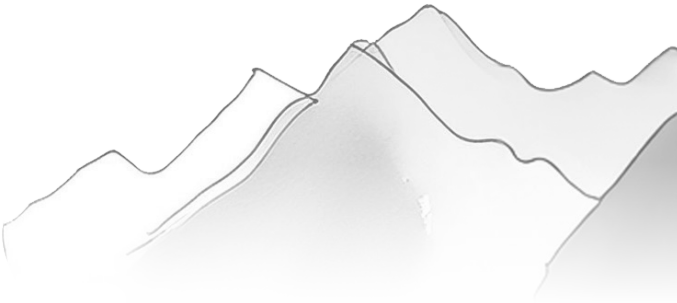
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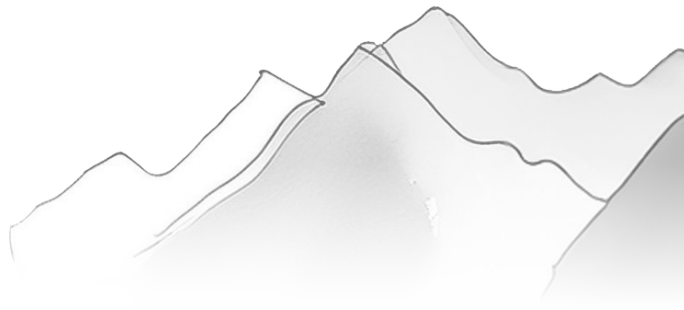
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FOREWORD

BY THE AUTHOR

I know this is unusual, but I'm writing my own foreword—not because no one else could, but because it needed to be said. You see, I wasn't appointed to write this—I was sent. Not by men, but by the King.

This book doesn't need endorsement. It needs release. And it carries the kind of word that only comes through fire, not filters.

So, if you're holding this in your hands, you weren't marketed to. You were invited.

Not into agreement, but into alignment. Not into performance, but into presence. Not into striving, but into sonship.

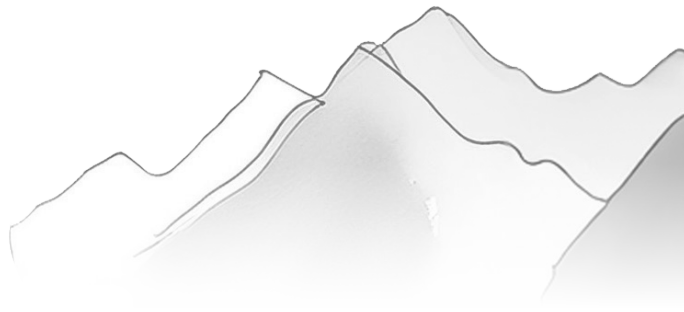
This is a Kingdom call. For every ambassador who's gone quiet. For every reformer who's been buried. For every sent one who thought they were alone.

This is not a foreword of man. It is a *forward motion* in the Spirit.

Let the reader understand: This isn't a warm-up.

It's a **release**.

—*John Himmelberger*



INTRODUCTION

WHY THIS CALL MATTERS

This book wasn't born in a vacuum. It wasn't written from behind a desk alone. It came from a burden—a deep ache in my spirit to call the Church back to who we are.

I've watched too many believers get swept up in the noise—culture wars, self-promotion, endless debates about theology or politics, and religious striving that looks holy but leaves people hollow. All the while, something core gets forgotten: we are ambassadors of Heaven.

We weren't saved just to survive until Heaven. We were born from above to represent a Kingdom that is already breaking in. A Kingdom not of talk, but of power. A Kingdom where love looks like something. Where grace carries authority. Where transformation is not only possible—it's expected.

This book is a call to remember.

To remember who you are.

To remember why you're here.

To remember what you carry.

You may have come to faith because you needed rescue—but rescue was just the beginning. You were reborn with purpose. And that purpose isn't just about finding peace or staying moral. It's about releasing Heaven's reality on Earth.

In the chapters ahead, we'll explore what it means to live from our new identity, to carry Heaven's culture, to walk through formation, and to live sent—anchored in Presence, not performance.

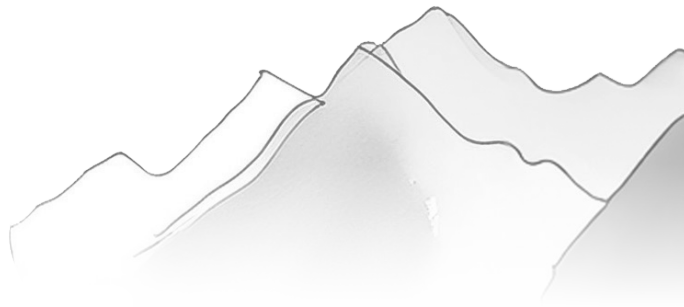
This book isn't about theory. It's about living. It's about becoming so aligned with the heart of God that your life naturally carries the fragrance of Christ into every place He sends you.

If you've ever felt like you were made for more...If you've felt the tension between the systems of this world and the stirring inside you...If you've wondered how to actually live as a citizen of Heaven on Earth—

Welcome. This is your Kingdom call.

Where have I settled for survival instead of Kingdom representation?

Holy Spirit, remind me why I was born again—and what I am meant to carry.



HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

WHY THIS JOURNEY MATTERS

This book was never meant to be read and shelved. It was written to be **lived**.

Before you begin, take a moment to recognize what this is: not a manual, but a companion—a voice calling you deeper into the life you were born to carry. Don't rush it. Transformation rarely happens in a hurry. This is about building a rhythm, not checking a box. Let each chapter mark a step in your journey, one that's personal, practical, and rooted in Heaven's perspective. You can approach it in a few ways:

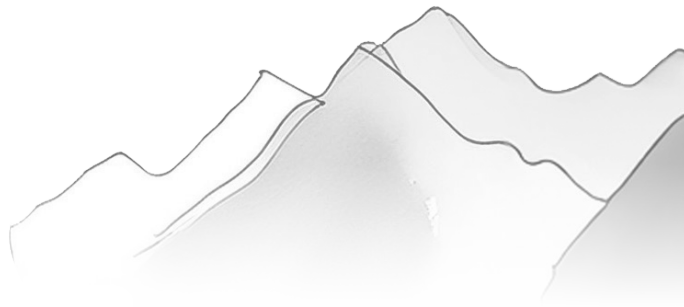
- **Front to back** — as a full journey from identity to mission.
- **One chapter per week** — giving yourself space to reflect, pray, and apply.
- **In community** — with a small group, ministry team, or leadership circle.

At the end of each chapter, take time to reflect:

- What stood out to me?
- What challenged me?
- What needs to change in how I live or think?

Keep a journal nearby. Invite the Holy Spirit to speak. Ask God what *your* next step looks like. And then—take it.

You weren't called to absorb truth. You were called to **walk it out.**



DECLARATIONS

WHEN TRUTH FEELS DISTANT

Not every truth will feel true right away.

You might declare, “*I’m a new creation*”—but still feel like the old you.

You might say, “*God is with me*”—but feel alone. That doesn’t mean you’re a fraud. It means you’re in formation.

There’s a difference between **truth** and **facts**. Facts are shaped by what’s happened to you. Truth is shaped by who God is. Facts describe your experience. Truth defines your identity.

When there’s a gap between the two, don’t panic—**speak**. Scripture says faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17), and the one who hears your voice most is *you*.

So speak truth, even if it trembles out. Say what God says, not what fear says.

Declare the reality of Heaven until your soul begins to believe it.

Every time you speak truth aloud; your mind is being renewed. You're rewiring old patterns. You're confronting unbelief.

You're anchoring yourself in what's eternal, not just emotional.

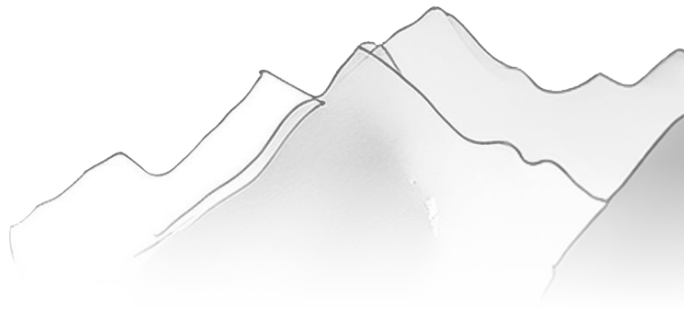
So if today you don't *feel* it—

Say it anyway.

Say it especially then.

Because Truth isn't waiting on your feelings to catch up—It's already true.

And the more you speak it, the more you'll see it shape your life.



AWARENESS

A NOTE FOR WHEN THE WEIGHT HITS

At some point in this journey, you might realize you've been believing a lie.

Maybe it's about God.

Maybe it's about yourself.

Maybe it's something you didn't even know was shaping your life—until now.

And when that realization hits, so can the weight.

Guilt. Shame. Regret.

That sinking feeling of *"How did I not see this?"*

Pause. Breathe.

Here's what I want you to know:

Don't load up on guilt or shame.

It's okay if you found yourself here—just don't stay here.

Conviction is a gift, not a punishment.
It's not God pointing a finger—it's Him opening a door.

So in that moment, ask:

“Holy Spirit, what's the truth You want to exchange for this lie?” He loves doing that.

This journey isn't about getting it all right. It's about being made new, one exchange at a time.

So don't run. Don't hide.

Just trade up.

Let truth do what it always does—**set you free.**

Example: Trading Lies for Truth

Lie: “I'll never be enough.”

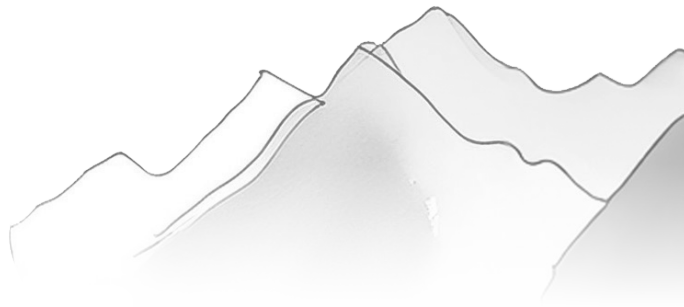
Truth: “In Christ, I am fully loved, fully qualified, and already accepted.” (Ephesians 1:6)

Lie: “God is distant and disappointed.”

Truth: “I am His beloved, and His Presence lives in me.” (Romans 8:11)

Ask: “Holy Spirit, what's the truth You want to give me in exchange for this lie?”

**YOU WEREN'T SAVED TO CARRY LIES.
YOU WERE REBORN TO CARRY TRUTH—
AND WALK FREE.**



QUESTIONS

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

As you enter this journey, pause and ask yourself...

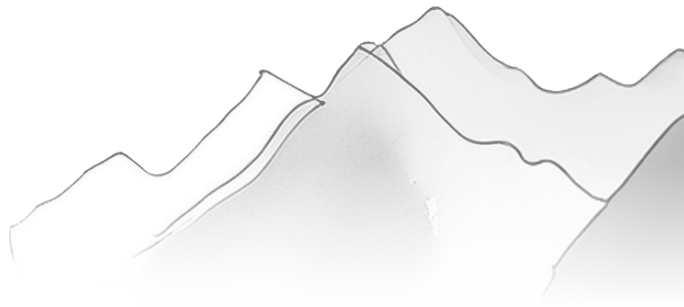
- Have I settled the question of who I am?
- Do I truly believe I was born from above—or just saved from something?
- Am I living as a son or daughter—or still trying to prove I belong?
- Do I know what Kingdom I represent?
- Have I been shaped by Heaven's culture—or the culture I was raised in?
- Have I traded Presence for platform?
- Am I walking in power—or surviving on principles?
- Do I understand the assignment—or am I still chasing approval?
- Do I carry the fragrance of Christ—or just a Christian brand?
- Have I gone through the process—or am I trying to skip to the outcome?

- Am I more in love with influence than with intimacy?
- Do I know what I carry?
- Am I filled with the Spirit—or just full of good ideas?
- Have I made peace with the cost?
- Do I really believe I'm sent?

These aren't questions to answer once and move on. They are a diagnostic—and a daily invitation.

Keep them close. Not to shame—but to remind. You weren't just saved.

You were **born again on purpose.**



PRE-CHAPTER REFLECTION (ACTS 2 EDITION)

Someone heard a man walked on water and asked, “How deep is the water?”

But when you’re walking on it—
the depth doesn’t matter.

It’s not about how deep the water is.

It’s about the One who called you to step out. And once you’ve stepped out, you’re never the same.

This book is short—but not as you suppose.

It carries the kind of fire that doesn’t need a long sermon to burn. Because transformation doesn’t come through volume—but through encounter.

And when the mind is renewed, what once looked like obedience starts to feel like desire.

So read slow.

Chew long.

And if you start to feel a little drunk, don't worry—**they said the same thing in Acts 2.**

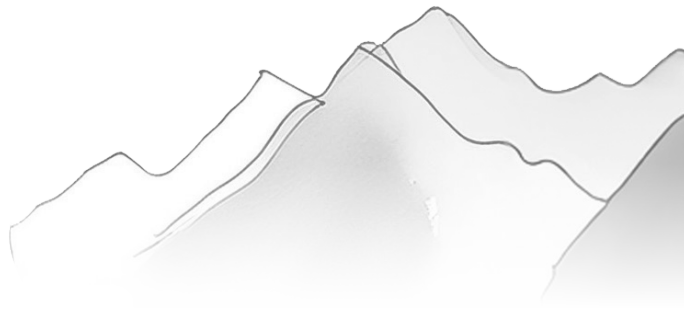
It's not as you suppose.

(See Acts 2:13–15. They thought the disciples were drunk, but it was the Holy Spirit.)

PART I

Identity And Citizenship

*You are not here to escape –
You are here to represent.*



CHAPTER 1

BORN FROM ABOVE

NOT JUST RESCUED, BUT REBORN

Somewhere along the way, the gospel got reduced to rescue. We've preached salvation like an exit plan—an escape from hell, a ticket to Heaven, a spiritual insurance policy. And while rescue is part of the story, it's not the whole story.

Not even close.

You weren't just pulled from something.

You were **born into Someone**.

Jesus didn't come merely to deliver you from sin. He came to give you **a new nature**, a new identity, a new citizenship—and a new family.

That's what He told Nicodemus:

"Jesus answered him, 'I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless a person is born again [reborn from above—

spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified], he cannot [ever] see and experience the kingdom of God.”

— John 3:3 AMP

That phrase—*born again*—has lost some of its bite in our cultural context. It’s become cliché, a label we toss around without grasping what it really means. But the original Greek carries something fierce and foundational. It means *to be born from above*.

Not resuscitated.

Not upgraded.

Not improved.

Reborn. From another realm.

YOUR NEW BIRTH WAS A TRANSFER

The apostle Paul puts it like this:

“For He has rescued us and has drawn us to Himself from the dominion of darkness, and has transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...” — Colossians 1:13 AMP

Notice that phrase: *transferred us to the Kingdom*.

It’s not just about being taken **out** of darkness—it’s about being placed **into** something entirely new. That’s what rebirth is. It’s **a transfer of allegiance**,

a relocation of citizenship, and a rewriting of DNA.

You are now a citizen of Heaven. (Philippians 3:20)

Not metaphorically.

Literally. Spiritually. Legally.

THE IDENTITY SHIFT MOST BELIEVERS MISS

Here's where it gets wild: most believers still live like they're citizens of earth hoping to visit Heaven someday. But the gospel reality is the opposite. You are a **citizen of Heaven**, sent to influence Earth.

You weren't just forgiven—you were **made new**. Not patched up. Not slightly better. **New creation. New heart. New Spirit.**

And when that's true, the question isn't, "*How do I be a better Christian?*" The question becomes, "*How do I live from who I already am in Christ?*"

That's the shift most of us miss. We're not trying to get to Heaven. Heaven has already come to live in us.

FROM SURVIVAL TO REPRESENTATION

When you realize you've been born from above, you stop living for survival and start living for representation.

You begin to see your life differently:

- Not as someone holding on until Jesus returns...
- But as someone **sent**—on purpose, in power, and with authority.
- Not just to live holy, but to live whole.
- Not just to stay safe, but to change atmospheres.

You don't just attend church.

You **carry the Kingdom**.

FINAL THOUGHT

This changes everything.

If you've been living like you're barely making it, let this truth settle deep:

You're not a spiritual orphan trying to earn your way in.

You're a reborn citizen of Heaven, placed on Earth with purpose and power.

And this isn't about striving. It's about surrender.

Surrendering to the truth of who He says you already are. You were born again on purpose.

Thank you for reading

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