My *PURPOSE* is *GREATER* than my struggles

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to all those individuals like me who wake up every day not wanting to just exist but to live with a purpose. Who honestly and wholeheartedly want to please God by following their God-Ordained purpose but, knowing that they struggle in particular areas, and don't always feel worthy to do what God called upon them to do. But be of good cheer children of God, because I've learned the things you struggle with may be the only thing that's powerful enough to ignite (your anointing) which is the greatness that's inside you, always remember your **PURPOSE** is **GREATER** than your struggles!

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Introduction

One day, as I slept God showed me a vision. In that vision he was standing on the top of a mountain and all around him, was all this stuff (power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing) and on top of which, was my name and I heard him say "this is your inheritance." So, I did what any other person would have done. I went to retrieve what was mine But as I started walking, I seemed to be walking in the same place and wasn't getting any closer to the top. The vision faded away/or/ went away? went away. The same vision appeared the next day and again God was standing at the top of a mountain and all around him was all this stuff, and again I started to do what any person would. I went to retrieve what was clearly mine. Once again, I seemed to be walking in the same place and wasn't getting any closer. When I looked in front of me to find that there was a person who had his arm on my chest holding me back, as I took a closer look I saw that he had something tattooed all over his body and when I look carefully which read "This is your struggle." I felt saddened (because I knew I had those struggles). The next moment the vision was gone.

The same vision appeared the next day and again God was standing on the top of a mountain and all around him

The same vision appeared the third day. The same sequence followed.

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But this time God told me to look over my shoulder and as I looked over my shoulder, I found that there were 10 people behind me with their hands on each other's back leading all the way up to my back. Their tattoos read **"This is your Purpose."** I asked God what this vision means to me. He answered, **"Your PURPOSE is greater than your struggles."** No matter what you may have gone through in your past life, no matter what you may be going through now, or in your future, your purpose is greater than all of this.

What struggle do you have today? Is it a sickness? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it fear? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it other people's opinions? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it drugs? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it an identity crisis? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it non-belief? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it sin? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it loneliness? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it gambling? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it prison? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it molestation? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it rape? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it rejection? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it pornography? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it insecurity? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it debt? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it prostitution? Your purpose is greater

than that. Is it alcohol? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it crack cocaine? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it heroin? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it anger? Your purpose is greater than that. Is it Satan? Your purpose is greater than that.

What you are about to read in this book are; principles, teaching, and things that the Holy Spirit revealed to me in regards to purpose. You can and will glean some much-needed truths that will help you as, as you seek to follow and walk: in what God created you to do before the foundation of the earth. However, you will have to read the chapter and verse from the bible that I give you in order for you to glean the principles in that verse for yourself. This book was written for others to use and to teach on purpose. God always calls us out of something into something and that something is your purpose and your purpose is greater than your struggles. (Deuteronomy 6:23)

Chapter One

My PURPOSE is greater than my struggles #1

Here are some keys I gleaned from **1Timothy 4:12-16** that you can use in regards to your purpose!

12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word; in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 15Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, so that your progress may be evident to all. 16 Take heed to you and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

1) You must always be the Example. V-12

2) You must give attention to and devote yourself to reading (The Bible & Other books). V-13

3) Don't neglect the gift (Purpose) that is in you.

The company Apple has an image, but before Apple puts its image on any product they make sure the product has everything **to be successful, to succeed and to be productive** in it in the same way as the bible says: God made us in His image (Genesis 1:26) but before God put His image on us He made sure that everything that we needed to be successful, to succeed and to be productive in life was already in us, it's what God calls **"An Inside Job."**

V-14

4) Make time (Take Time) to Meditate on your Purpose.V-15

- Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you, how to get the most out of what He already put in you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you, how to transfer what's inside you to your outside life.
- Ask the Holy Spirit, what's hindering you from receiving all of his benefits.

5) Take heed of you/yourself (Worry about your anointing 'purpose'). V-16

- It's more important to develop your character than your anointing. Cause if your character is not developed your anointing will get you in trouble. How? Because you're anointing attracts people both good and bad.
- Neither Man nor Woman can tell you exactly what your God-ordained purpose is, they can tell you some things about it, but to get the full details, you'll have to ask the person who created you.

George Washington Cater being a godly man, prayed that God would reveal the secrets of the universe to him. In answer to his prayers God replied, "Little man, you're too small to grasp the secrets of the universe. But I will show you the secret of the peanut." Noticed that he went to God for one thing but, God directed him to his purpose. The key was him going to the person who created everything.

Purpose Study Verses:

- Job 23:13-Once he has made his decision, who can change his mind? Whatever he wants to do, he does. NLT.
- Psalm 33:11- the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. NIV.
- Isaiah 14:26, 27- This is the plan determined for the whole world, the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can stop him. His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back. NIV.
- Isaiah 46:10-Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish. NLT.
- Acts 5:39-if it is of God, you will not be able to stop or overthrow or destroy them; you might even be found fighting against God! AMPC.

- Hebrews 6:17- God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised; he confirmed it with an oath. NIV.
- Proverbs19:21-Many plans are in a man's mind, but it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand. AMPC.

Chapter Two

It's not strong ENOUGH!

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But **he was not strong enough,** and **they lost.... (Revelation 12:7-8 NIV).**

If a war broke out in heaven, then why are you so surprised that a war broke out in your marriage? If a war broke out in heaven, then why are you so surprised that a war broke out in your finances? If a war broke out in heaven, then why are you so surprised that a war broke out in your children lives? If a war broke out in heaven, then why are you so surprised that a war broke out in your business? If a war broke out in heaven, then why are you so surprised that a war broke out in your body? If a war broke out in heaven, then why are you so surprised that a war broke out with your flesh against your spirit? If a war broke out on God's turf, then why are you so surprised that a war broke out on our turf? I don't care what may come your way, I don't care what devil, demon or dragon tries to stop you. **"It's not strong enough."**

Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace **seven times more than it was usually** heated. He spoke and commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace. "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." (Daniel 3:19-20, 25).

This verse is powerful; it said that the enemy heated the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated and it said that the men were bound, but after all that it said that they were loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they were not hurt. Now I'm not even going to say anything about Jesus being right by their side through it all. Again, I don't care what may come your way, I don't care what devil, demon or dragon tries to stop you or how high he turns the heat up. **"It's not strong enough."**

Whenever things around you get dark and you feel the devil is about to overpower you, remembers this: You have the Light of the world in you, and try as they may, all forces of hell can't put it out!

Even when you're at your weakest, even when you feel like the light within you is small; the devil's darkness is not strong enough. (Matthew 5:14, 16) Kenneth Copeland. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one." (John 10:27-30)

Again, I don't care what may come your way, I don't care whichever devil, demon or dragon tries to stop you or whatever tick they use to get you out of God's hand. **"It's not strong enough."**

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you face many tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, and undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you. (John 16:33 Amplified).

Again, I don't care what may come your way, I don't care whichever devil, demon or dragon tries to stop you or whatever power they try to use to harm you. "It's not strong enough."

Every day after the day you purchased your car it depreciates, which means the car is losing its value, but our anointing (purpose) never depreciates; it never

loses its value! No demon, devil, sin, or dragon can make it lose its value.

You'll be built solid, grounded in righteousness, far from any trouble—nothing to fear! Far from terror—it won't even come close! If anyone attacks you, don't for a moment suppose that I sent them, and if any should attack, nothing will come of it. I create the blacksmith who fires up his forge and makes a weapon designed to kill. I also create the destroyer—but **no weapon that can hurt you has ever been created (Isaiah 54:17 Message).**

Again, I don't care what may come your way, I don't care which devil, demon or dragon tries to stop you or no matter what weaponry they use. **"It's not strong** enough."

I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and **nothing shall in any way harm you. (Luke 10:19 Amplified)**.

Again, I don't care what may come your way, I don't care whichever devil, demon or dragon tries to stop you. "It's not strong enough."

Revelation 12:7-8says that the enemy was not strong enough; it also says that they fought back, but **"they lost."** Why? Cause the same God back then is the same God now. **Your purpose is greater than your struggles.**

Chapter Three

My PURPOSE is greater than my struggles #2

Each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment). (1 Peter 4:10 Amplified)

- You have to annihilate your self-confidence. How? Your infirmities will do it (Something you're weak at). Your infirmities are one of the greatest things to help you develop your Godordained purpose; your infirmities mean more to you than you think. Why? Because it's the thing that will annihilate your self-confidence, don't trust in you. ReadLuke 18:9, Jeremiah 17:5, 7, Jeremiah 1:12, Romans 4:20-21.
- 2) Our job is not to achieve our job is to receive!
 Read: Isaiah 55:11, Mark 16:20, 2 Corinthians
 6:1, John 14:10, 12, Revelation 5:12
- God always calls us out of something into something. Exodus records how God led his people OUT of bondage, while Joshua tells us how he led his people TO blessings Read: Deuteronomy 6:23.
- 4) Don't panic when a crisis arises, Why not? Because you'll always be a great way off

(unprepared) from your God-ordained purpose. David wasn't prepared for his level of anointing. Read: 1 Samuel 16:10-12, Luke 15:20

- 5) Never try to qualify for your God-ordained purpose, you're already qualified. Read: 2
 Corinthians 3:4-6 Amplified.
- 6) It's all a process (Journey) sometimes we may be developed in one area of our God-ordained purpose, while God is developing other areas, the KEY is to not neglect the developed area, and not lose hope. **Read: Isaiah 14:24-27**
- 7) Remember you didn't choose him, he chose you!Read: John 15:16, 1 Peter 4:11

God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.

(Romans 11:29 Amplified)

8) Make sure God called you to do it, not your parents. Why? Due to the many adversities faced in ministry, it is a great mistake to become a minister, especially a pastor, unless you have received a specific call from God. No amount of education from a Bible college or seminary can ever compensate for its absence. By Dr. Dale A. Robbins. **Read: Acts 13:2, Hebrews 5:1-5, Matthew 10:1.**

9) You have to mature spiritually. How can you test your own spiritual growth? A lot of us pray and ask God to take away our greatest struggles, but our greatest struggles are a direct response to what God put in us, in order for God to take away our struggles he'll have to take away what he put in us(The Word)!It's an "Inside Job."
(2 Corinthians 12:9, Acts 5:41, Mark 4:16-17)

I know that you can do everything, And that **no purpose of yours** can be withheld from you. **(Job 42:2)**

Chapter Four

Make it LIGHT Lord! 2 Kings 6:1-6

In 2 Kings 6:1-6 There was a man that went to the man of God and told him that the area where they were staying was too small, so he asked for permission to enlarge his territory. The man of God granted his request. As they were cutting down the trees to make room one of the Iron Ax heads that they had borrowed fell in the water, Knowing that they were going to have to pay for it and didn't have the money they went back to the man of God and told him what happened. The man of God didn't panic he simply asked, "Where did it fall?" The bible says that he cut off a stick from the tree and threw it in the water where the iron ax head had fallen making the drowned iron piece float. Now you don't have to be a spiritual juggernaut to understand this revelation. You know that the only possible way for the iron to float on the top of the water would be, by making it light. I don't know what your particular purpose is but I do know that you can say; make it light Lord, make it light Lord, make it light!

I Decree that everything that appeared heavy, will suddenly be made LIGHT for you! (2 Kings 3:18 Amplified Classic)

Jesus said His burden is LIGHT! (Matthew 11:28-30)

Make it light Lord! Make it light Lord! Make it light!

New International Version This is an easy thing in the eyes of the LORD; New Living Translation But this is only a simple thing for the LORD, New American Standard Bible 'This is but a slight thing in the sight of the LORD; International Standard Version And this is the easy part for the LORD. God's Word Translation The LORD considers that an easy thing to do. **English Standard Version** This is a light thing in the sight of the LORD. **King James Bible** And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD. New Heart English Bible This is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD. **Darby Bible Translation** And this is a light thing in the sight of Jehovah:

God knew that once we were focused on trying to follow our purpose, things would start to appear heavy to us. So, in his wisdom, he made us **"partakers of everything"** which in turn would make anything that tries to stop us or gets in our way, light! **2 Peter 1:2-4-** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature...**

If we are PARTAKERS of his divine nature then we are PARTAKERS of EVERYTHING!

- Philippians 1:7- you all are partakers with me of grace.
- Colossians 1:12- thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance.
- 1 Timothy 6:2 KJV-they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit.
- Hebrews 3:1- Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling.
- Hebrews 6:4- For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit.
- I Peter 5:1- The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory.

- Ephesians 3:6-that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel.
- I Peter 4:13- but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings.
- Hebrews 3:14- we have become partakers of Christ.

If we are PARTAKERS of his divine nature then that means we are PARTAKERS of EVERYTHING. If we are a partaker of everything then we have the ability to declare and decree that everything that appears heavy will suddenly be made LIGHT for us!

Make it light Lord! Make it light Lord! Make it light!

As PARTAKERS of the divine nature, believers do not have to follow the nature of sin anymore. At salvation, our old nature is defeated, and we receive a new divine nature that desires the things of God.

As PARTAKERS of the divine nature, believers are made part of the family of God (John 1:12), and this results in a changed life. By giving us His nature, God makes us His sons and daughters and conforms us to the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 6:18) Yes indeed, it won't be long now. God Decrees. "Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look blessings! **(Amos9:13-15 MSG)**

Chapter Five

My PURPOSE is greater than my struggles #3 (Acts 20:17-24)

There are nine different things we can learn from the Great Apostle Paul in regards to our Purpose in Acts 20:17-24.

17 From Miletus, he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. 18And when they had come to him, he said "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials that happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; 20how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, 21testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.24But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

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- God will always call you or tell you about your purpose the same way the Apostle Paul called for the elders to tell them about his. (V-17)
- 2) You still must come to God about your purpose so you can hear what He has to say, the same way the Elders came to Apostle Paul to hear what he had to say to them. (V-18a)
- 3) Always live the same way while you're following your God-ordained purpose. (V-18b, Hebrews 10:23)
- 4) Always serve the Lord with all humility, through your tears, through your temptations, and through the plots of others while you're following your Godordained purpose. (V-19)
- Always try to teach someone the lessons you learned from your failures while you're following your Godordained purpose. (V-20, Luke 22:31-32)
- 6) Always testify to everyone while you're following your God-ordained purpose, not just to the ones you think will receive the gospel. (V-21)
- Realize for your safety God won't reveal some things to you while you're following your God-ordained purpose. (V-22, Acts 1:7

- Don't let this shock you, but chains and tribulation await you while you're following your God-ordained purpose. (V-23, John 16:33)
- Lastly "Don't allow anything to move you" from following your God-ordained purpose. (V-24)

Chapter Six The LORD'S Release

All-Debts-Are-Canceled—God says so. Deuteronomy 15:2 Message Bible

- You will never receive an abundance of money from the Lord until your money has a PURPOSE!
- Today, the Holy Spirit will enlighten your spirit, soul, and body to the PURPOSE of your money.
- Large sums of money always come with instructions.

The purpose of the **RELEASE** of the abundant finances that's coming to you is for you to give the body of Christ some **FINANCIAL BREATHING ROOM** so that they can walk fully in the area where God called them. Most of the faithful tithers and sowers know what area God called them to, but they aren't able to walk fully in it because they are spending most of their time working, some two and

three jobs just to maintain finances. So, are you to just give the money to anybody? No, God will tell you how much to sow and who to sow it into. Do this and he'll keep using you as DEMONSTRATORS to the rest of the Body of Christ. (Romans 12:3, 2 Corinthians 9:8 Amplified Classic, Exodus 36:1-7, Matthew 28:12-15)

The SEED is controlled by the Holy Spirit

Ecclesiastes 7:10-12, 10:19 Message, 11:1-6 Amplified, Zechariah 8:12-13, 1 Timothy 6:17 Message, Nehemiah 9:10, Deuteronomy 8:18, Genesis 14:23, Genesis 31:14-16 NLT

- If God didn't want us wealthy why would he give us the power to get it?
- Many of God children are struggling financially because they aren't making a demand for something that's really theirs.

Chapter Seven My PURPOSE is greater than my struggles #4

8 – Purpose Driven Principles in (Ezekiel 2:1-8)

1 And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you."2 Then the Spirit entered me spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. 3 And He said to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. 4 For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.'5 As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.6 "And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 7You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious.8 But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

- Always follow the voice of the Lord; never follow the applause of the people! (Psalms 49:18) Accolades should be appreciated, but never required!
- 2) Train yourself to hear the voice of the Lord in the midst of a crisis! (John 8:13-14) When God tells us what He wants to do through us, we will face a crisis of belief. What you do reveals what you believe about God, regardless of what you say. When God speaks, it will always cause a crisis of belief. (Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God By: Henry T. Blackaby)
- 3) Pay attention to the so-called "unpopular places" God sends you, the same way you pay attention to the so-called "popular places"!
 (Matthew 6:18, 2 Chronicles 6:34)
- 4) Only say the things God has said! (Lamentation 3:37, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Acts 17:11, Numbers 24:13, Isaiah 8:20)
- 5) Understand that some people may not agree with your purpose, but they will know and cannot deny that you were created for that purpose! (Some people will be mad and jealous of you), (Roman 8:14-16, John 7:16-17, Acts 4:13-16)

- 6) Never fear opposition! Opposition is always your confirmation either way! (1 Thessalonians 2:18, Acts 16:6-10)
- 7) Remember it's only your job to speak Gods words; it's His job to perform it! (John 12:49-50, 2 Corinthians 4:13)
- 8) If you're truly hearing the voice of the Lord you should start to see what He's saying! (Psalms 29, Deuteronomy 28:1-2)

Chapter Eight It's an INSIDE job!

Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink! He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, from his **innermost being** shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water." (**John 7:37-38 Amplified Classic**)

A boat doesn't have a problem with water, unless the water starts to get inside the boat that's why God instructed Noah to make himself an ark of gopherwood; and to make rooms in the ark, cover it both *inside (First)* and *outside (Second)* with pitch. (Genesis 6:14)

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that to say this, the bible says God made us in His image (Genesis 1:26) but before God put His image on us He made sure that everything that we needed to be successful, to succeed and to be productive in life was already in us, it's what God calls "An Inside Job."

1 Samuel 16:7- It's an INSIDE job!

- Psalms 5:9- It's an INSIDE job!
- Psalms 51:6- It's an INSIDE job!
- Proverbs 20:27- It's an INSIDE job!
- Matthew 23:25-28- It's an INSIDE job!
- Romans 2:4 AMPC- It's an INSIDE job!
- I Corinthians 2:11-12 (Romans 8:16) It's an INSIDE job!

God only expects from us what he has supplied. (Deuteronomy 16:17)

- 2 Corinthians 4:16-It's an INSIDE job!
- 2 Corinthians 11:10- It's an INSIDE job!
- Ephesians 3:16, 20, and 4:17, 18- It's an INSIDE job!
- 1 Timothy4:14- It's an INSIDE job!
- Philemon 3-6- It's an INSIDE job!
- I John 5:10-It's an INSIDE job!

Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Muhammad Ali's bike was stolen from him when was 12 years old and he started boxing afterward. Those things had to happen to them, why? Because it was the only thing POWERFUL enough to ignite the greatness that God has placed inside of them. It's an INSIDE job!

Luke 17:21- The kingdom of God is within you." It's an INSIDE job!



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Nowadays, however, he's married, an eight-time published author, a Substance Abuse Counselor Intern for Cumberland County Department of Alcohol & Drug Treatment and the founder of The Minor Adjustments Program and The Minor Adjustments Sober Living House.

Minor Adjustments is dedicated to preventing and reducing crimes. Their primary purpose is to teach men and women how to make the "Minor Adjustments" that are necessary for their lives, which will allow them to obtain and maintain a productive lifestyle after incarceration and or rehabilitation! Their motto is "Anywhere but backward."

Mr. Williams is a dedicated advocate for those who are struggling with addictions or criminal lifestyles, mainly because he struggled with those same barriers. As someone who has successfully transitioned back into the community despite his former life, he is a firm believer that we need to help people change the way they view society and more importantly themselves. Believing that just because you have a criminal history that you can no longer be successful in life is false. Believing that just because you have an addiction you cannot succeed in life is also false. Mr. Williams primary purpose is being the change that he wants to see within his community.