



My Testimony: 20 December 2021

Since 15 May 2019 God has been guiding me through quite **an intensive, continuous process of healing and deliverance**, which included dealing with the major aspects of my past. This process involved several deliverance sessions, as well as personal periods of the Holy Spirit led healing, cleansing and purifications in the privacy of my home. I was convinced that I had finally and completely **DEALT with my PAST** and with the effects that it had on me.

On 29th July 2021, God clearly instructed me to **declutter** my house. In obedience, I attempted to do just that, but I was very selective and held onto certain items, which I have already been dragging along for years. I somehow felt dissatisfied after my unsuccessful attempt to clear my house properly.

For months afterwards, God kept on nudging me about clearing my house thoroughly. To me there were other important spiritual things that needed my time and attention.

Over the next few months I gradually slipped into a difficult time period, finding it hard to cope and to function effectively. I was aware of demonic forces influencing me and attacking me in severe ways, day and night, leaving me feeling physically and mentally sick and drained. I could not, however, pinpoint the source of those heavy attacks.

Then, on the 6th of December 2021, while I was desperately consulting with God for answers, He revealed to me a massive **thorn apple plant** (olieboom in Afrikaans) in my soul dimension, that needed to be destroyed. This thorn apple plant bore the fruits of the effects that my **past** still had on me!

In the presence of the Holy Spirit, this plant was brought to light and it withered and died. True to His promise in Song of Songs 2:15, Yahshua and I pulled it out together! Very relevant that the thorn apple is also known as a **“devil’s snare”** or **“devil’s trumpet”**! For years Satan had been using my past to literally trumpet lies into my spiritual ears, and because I believed it, I was caught in his snare!!

God lovingly invited me to revisit my past with Him. For another two full days, the Holy Spirit revealed to me a long list of various roots and thought patterns, connected to the thorn apple plant. Their origins came from my childhood, my past as an adult, and my bloodline. I was very surprised, and also upset, because I could not imagine that those things were still part of my life!

During this time travel visit to my past, God led me to repent of these roots and thought patterns. It was a very intensive and detailed process and the experience was very liberating! God cleansed my soul and delivered me from the power that those roots had over me!

Afterwards I had a very satisfying sensation that I no longer had a past! But, once again, God reminded me of the stuff in my house that needed to be cleared out, as He had instructed almost five months ago! He said that only after I had done that, would **my past be erased**.

He revealed to me that I possessed many things that were proof of my **own attempts and successes in life**, called **dead works**, and also many things that **carried memories of my past** as a scholar and student, as a teacher, as a business owner, as a married woman, and as a divorced woman. Although these items were mostly packed into boxes and hidden away in hardly-ever-opened photo albums, God showed me that they held me captive to my past!

We tend to believe that we should remove only demonic items, connected to witchcraft and false religions, from our houses, but none of the items God showed me were “wrong” in that sense of the word! They were demonic nonetheless, since they attached me to past memories and dead works and were in fact available to demonic forces to be used against me!

While I was joyfully getting rid of my past, I could identify with Paul’s statement in Philippians 3:8 that **“To truly know him meant *letting go of everything from my past and throwing all my boasting on the garbage heap (As I literally did!). It’s all like a pile of manure (rubbish, dung) to me now, so that I may be enriched in the reality of knowing Jesus Christ and embrace him as Lord in all his greatness.*”** TPT and VOICE

For four days straight I filled rubbish bags and boxes to the brim! I gradually experienced a definite weight being **lifted off of me**, and heavy elastic cords that kept me tied to my past, being cut from my ankles! The relief was immense!

I realized that God was doing an amazing work of deliverance in my life! I deliberately and thoroughly cleared out everything that **represented my own efforts and all items that were connected to memories of my past.** medals, photo's, complete albums, jewelry, handmade artworks, craft supplies, gifts, music sheets, clothes, etc. I was no longer "afraid" to let go of these things, but I was rather "afraid" of keeping it!

Although I had always thanked God for any talents or achievements, He revealed to me the self-effort, subtle pride and satisfaction that was hidden behind it. He also showed me that, since I had lost many things over the past years, I had unknowingly been holding onto past successes, experiences and items to make up for the recent loss of material things, loss of abilities, loss of my marriage and the loss of my self-worth.

On the second of these four days, I asked God if there was any scripture verse that He perhaps wanted to share with me to back up this process that I was going through. True to His amazing character, He revealed it to me! And not in any ordinary way!

On that same day a friend phoned me to inform me that a specific scripture reference in a book that I had edited, was not correct. I quickly looked it up and found the correct verse, namely **Joshua 7:18**, which tells of Achan, who had kept possessions for himself, against God's will. It immediately captured my attention!

I decided to read the complete chapter to get a proper background. While reading, God highlighted, in bright neon yellow, the following two verses:

Joshua 7:13 *"There are items among you that were **supposed to be destroyed as I commanded** (There are accursed things in the midst of you). You will not be able to resist your enemies unless **you remove the banned items from among you.** (You cannot stand [victorious] before your enemies until you remove the things... from among you.)"*

(Combination of the VOICE and AMPC.)

These were the enemies that had been attacking me, since I had disobeyed God's instruction to properly clear out my house! These were the evil forces that kept coming at me in an arrogant way, no matter how hard I practiced warfare, no matter how fiercely I resisted them, no matter how persistently I rebuked them! They, in fact, had legal right to attack me, because of the items I unknowingly treasured and because of my disobedience to God! They were basically clinging to these items, as the items belonged to them!

Although I had already previously dealt with the major issues of my past and I did not deliberately hold onto the past any longer, **THE PAST FIRMLY HELD ONTO ME!** By clearing out my house, **the**

demonic forces were defeated and lost all their power over me! Without any weapons and legal rights, they became like puny, disappointed figurines.

Joshua 7:21. *"They are **buried** now (hidden) in the ground inside my tent..."*

Just as Achan's items were hidden, so were mine hidden in albums and boxes in my closets, from where they had the power to keep me captive. **Nothing that is hidden can be blessed by God!** Although I did not deliberately hide them, they were hidden nonetheless! God convinced me to dig into those boxes and closets and photo albums to bring those items into the Light of His Truth, so that He could set me free!

These verses were the final conviction I needed to diligently finish this radical process through which God was leading me! He is a radical God, after all!

Luke 9:62 says that no person who puts his hand to the plough and keeps looking back (at his past, past memories, past hurts, past experiences), is fit for the Kingdom of God. The lies and bad memories of the past will simply speak too loudly!

The voices coming from the darkness, inside the boxes and closets, have been silenced! The visions of rejection and hurt have been shut off, like you would simply switch off a television screen! The false satisfaction of any past success has been overwhelmed by the knowledge that the true value thereof is a total zero!

For quite some time now Yahshua has been challenging me to not only get out of the Babylon system, but to also **get Babylon out of my own system!** Overcoming the latter is the more challenging of the two! The Babylon system involves worldly successes, worldly rewards, worldly satisfaction, damage afflicted upon us by trauma and bad experiences, because of a broken world system. During this process, because I was willing, God removed Babylon from my system, in this specific regard!

"To him who overcomes, I will grant...."- Revelation 2 & 3 Hallelujah!

The results of the process that God gently led me through, are:

- I now have the ability to focus on my future, without distractions from the past.
- I have a new commitment to the ministry and to the Kingdom of God.
- I have a new passion for souls to be set free!

I now understand why God was so serious about me clearing my house! Because He loves me, He wanted to deliver me, although, at that stage, I did not even realize that I was held captive by my past!

I am now indeed free from my past! In fact, I do not have a past any longer! I have no desire to refer to my past or to past experiences. I do not desire to ponder over even the good memories of my past life! There is silence in my mind, concerning my past.

I greatly value my Deliverer for His excellent work in my life!

I praise God with the words of a song I have been singing for years:

♪ Our Lord is wonderful in counseling, He is wonderful!

Excellent in working, He is excellent!

Mighty to deliver, He is mighty!

Glory be to God for evermore!!!



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