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Introduction

Real life. Real experiences. Within these pages unfolds one plan of redemption. One common denominator exists with abuse and addiction: enemy lies and wounds. Enemy lies and accompanying emotions fail to define our Christ-like identity. Exchange defeat for victory, hatred for love and lies for God's truth.

Finding Purpose after Abuse fills the pages with God's Word. He promises total healing, total forgiveness, total restoration and total peace. Souls must cling to God's Word for courage on the journey of healing and freedom. Within these pages, a message of hope and truth unfold, packed with personal experiences, prayers and insight. With Father God, our walk of faith teaches us ways to conquer and overcome life's challenges and struggles.

For readers longing for freedom from the pain of the past, this book attempts to unravel the mystery behind pain and repeat abuse. Hope and freedom show the way to move forward in life. The book answers questions such as "why me?" and "why does this keep happening to me?" Take comfort in the experience and knowledge offering companionship along the journey. Deliverance and freedom begin as one chooses to believe and activate the faith of Jesus Christ. He reveals His love and healing power to redeem and restore every life to its full potential.

God's adversary attempts to destroy lives through many forms of abuse—sexual, psychological and emotional. Abuse is rarely apparent in those we meet. The human soul (mind, will and emotions) remains satan's target. Sexual, verbal and emotional abuse open the door to rejection, deception, lies and arrested development. Emotional underdevelopment often extends

into adulthood. Learning disabilities attempt to cripple and block one's maturity. Individuals who suffer with this malady think and process information differently. The ability to communicate with others challenges the wounded soul.

Sexual abuse discloses one of the vilest works of darkness in today's world. Satan and his strongmen lurk behind spiritually open doors to target the very young, weak and unprotected. Satan's army comes to kill, steal and destroy innocent lives, to distort or destroy a believer's true identity with God and one's ability to trust others. This abuse specifically attempts to create a breach in the Father-child relationship with God.

For readers living as prisoners within their circumstances from sexual abuse, rape or molestation, domestic violence, alcohol or drug addiction, these cruel and wicked behaviors are not okay or acceptable. For souls disgraced by others and held captive by fear, the good life may seem nonexistent. Recognizing the enemy becomes one important factor to obtaining freedom and life with purpose.

These written pages expose satan's army and lies, unveiling the truth of God's Word. For those harboring mental anguish and scars of abuse, past or present, these pages offer a healing journey. Learning to recognize enemy tactics used to destroy humanity becomes necessary. Discover ways to live in freedom by learning ways to eliminate guilt, shame, fear, torment and unforgiveness.

Deliverance ministry aids followers of Christ suffering from physical, mental or emotional challenges. The emotional well-being of a person's soul becomes equally important. Arrested development describes the condition or stunted growth of an individual's emotions.

To conquer deceiving spirits working in the human soul, godly counsel with spirit-led deliverance ministers offers the best choice. The deliverance process brings healing and freedom for which Christ suffered and ultimately paid the price. Often, words spoken by parents over children turn into a stronghold, creating a life of struggles and challenges. Through deliverance, believers renew their minds through the Word and Spirit of God.

Revolving doors and poor choices exist for most individuals. Rather than confront the problem, believers ignore or disguise the root causes of abuse or offense. As said, it often stems from a childhood experience or abuse that people choose to ignore. The child of God whose development has resulted in mental and emotional weakness will find a supernatural cure through the redemptive power of salvation and the price paid at the Cross. *Every person can find and walk in God's love, wholeness and freedom.*

Life progresses in the Kingdom of God. Therefore, the journey lacks chronology, but reveals the struggles and choices made to release the abusers, release feelings, reject enemy lies and release past hurts. Our goal must align with God's plan... to receive all that He has prepared for His children, now and in the future.

May every wounded child of God pray for an open heart to allow God's truth, through personal experiences, poetry and prayers, shed light unto the dimly lit and unknown path. Every wounded soul can find freedom from the darkness of rejection, fear and unforgiveness, to the light of Truth and Love.

With God's help, we can grow together, flourishing in life with purpose. So, take His hand and come along with me to discover that special place reserved for you... in God's garden of life!

With this marriage still on shaky ground, boldness grew in me, as did my relationship with God. At the time, I thought, *If my marriage is going to end, fear and lack of the unknowns will not have power over me.* Believing in faith comes easy while living in a house with food, clothing, some money in the bank and a car outside. It's quite another matter when we lack these things.

To lessen the power of fear and lack, effective praying causes believers to speak to spirits aloud.

The sender gives them power; the prince of the air sends them. Concur with God's Word and refuse to agree with these evil spirits of fear and lack. Spirits from the enemy oppose God's love, truth and provision.

Material things seem important when living without them. With ugly and cruel behavior before me, I used my spiritual authority. Jesus in me stood up to my husband and spoke, *Devil, you are not taking me to the pit of hell with you.* He stared at me with disbelief of my spoken words, though my body had been standing right in front of his face. Then I quickly walked away. Jesus spoke to apostle Peter in Matthew 16:23 and said, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me." Personal revelation from the Lord has since revealed this truth: ***We empower the one to whom we speak.***

Emotionally reacting to verbal attacks with harmful words only gives the adversary an open door and power to use against us. Failure might come with early attempts, but determining to focus on a big God over disheartening word warfare brings good results and peace. Ephesians

† *Spirit of fear,
you are powerless
over my soul. I
am covered by the
Blood of Jesus.
I live by faith and
belong to God, so
loose me now! You
are forbidden from
crossing the
line of Blood.
In Jesus'
Mighty Name.*