

Series: John 10:9-16

Serving God with Winning Soul as a Good Shepherd

Heavenly Father,

Help us and people in our families dealing with tribulations

Help guide us with pure heart to be able to escape our tribulations in our life by strengthening our faith in God and being dependent on God and heaven.

Help us understand that living in suffering and poverty is a good thing so we can depend more on God and the kingdom.

Help us serve God with a winning soul because you are holy and merciful

Help us praise God with a winning soul by being obedient to your Word and we can be able to get passed the brazen altar to Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle.

Help us focus on God and ourselves while on earth, so we do not have to worry about what people say about us daily as a good shepherd to God.

Keep us away from mammon to focus us on God as a good shepherd until we die on earth.

I ask you to strengthen our spiritual virtues and brotherly love for one another wherever we are

Thank you for this message I will give today to increase knowledge of this flock

I ask you to save and guide more homeless men and women to say no to drunkenness, drugs and alcohol to repentance to start treating their bodies as a temple to live a longer life on earth.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Romans 12:10-13

Romans 5:1-2

1 Peter 2:20-21

2 Thessalonians 1:4

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Acts 5:40-42

Luke 10:20

The main scripture for this sermon today will be built around the preaching of Romans 12:10-13. I decided to preach on this scripture because you do not see people being kindly affectionate to one another. You see people have marriage and relationship problems that they are dealing with right now. My mother and step-father are having problems right now after being married for so many years. The relationship between my step-father, mother and sister have been falling apart for ten to eleven years based on what I hear from mother and other family members when I talk to them. That's why I said in my previous messages and sermons that people need to take their time to get to know one another in this society. People in this society are so shallow, including children and young people. Our children and young people need to stop being so shallow today and start accepting people for what they are and getting to know people better. I believe the reason why LGBT and homosexuals deal with tribulations that lead them to their sexual

orientation as being gay because people act shallow in today's societies. When LGBT individuals were straight they probably were dealing with tribulations during today's society. We no longer live in the times that our parents and grandparents were dating in the 1930-1970s.

I want to pass this information on from the person that was my case manager at the Star of Hope Mission. He asked me to do a brotherly love log to show how I am showing brotherly love to others, family members, friends and people you meet on a daily basis. Do not be too brotherly to people that cause you to become LGBT and homosexual. Do not be too brotherly that leads you to sin. Say to the person next to you: I will not put myself through stuff that does not make sense. Married couples need to deal with their tribulations, instead of being separated and/or divorce by doing the following:

1. Talk and communicate with each other to keep your marriage strong for years to come. It means talking to each other to talk over your flaws and/or disagreements. I oppose family separations and believe families need to stay together and united.
2. We need to prevent broken families because we do not need to see and find out families being so distant from each other. It is not good to see families not speaking to each other starting a grudge in their families.
3. I want to say we need to take advice from a person I knew from the Pacific Garden Mission named Mr. Franklin in July 2011 to March 2012 when he encouraged homeless men and women at homeless shelters to call their families to reunite with their families. He always said every morning after he greeted us and said being in a homeless shelter is not the place we want to be. I ended up at Pacific Garden Mission because I could not stay in my dorm room at DePaul University in Lincoln Park. I still haven't forgave family members for that time and let me struggle. When I look back at that time, I get really emotional because I hate my family members for letting me struggle trying to get my higher education. My homelessness situation started at that time because I end up in our of homelessness at homeless shelters since 2011. I wanted to use this information in my testimony when I commenced in October 2023 at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. I talked to another client at Star of Hope Mission in Houston about that while I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program and told me that I should use that in my testimony, but the case manager did not let me because he said my testimony only had to be 350 words.
4. When children come out publicly with their sexual orientation as gay, you do not need to be kicked out of the house to cause them to be on the streets and homeless shelters. Parents still need to still accept their children for what they are by loving them.
5. Do not be lazy in the household and start pitching in around the household to avoid relationships and marriage later. Relationships and marriages are supposed to be 50-50 and help each other, not be lazy and have one person in the marriage and relationship do all the work. I want to say a happy relationship and/or marriage in the household is when two people help each other out equally, both parents must have jobs and support the

household and each other. It should not be one parent paying all the bills and earning income in the household. That is 100% fact.

I talked to Sunday school teachers to encourage members and children to start a brotherly love log like it was told and taught to me when I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. When you and I read Romans 12:11 in the New Testament, we were supposed to show love for one another by showing warmth to each other. I want to tell you a true story about my family and childhood to explain to you what I explained in my testimony in October 2023 at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. I did not grow up in a christian household because my mother and step-father were not enthusiastic about the Lord. My sister and I went to church on Easter as children, but it stopped when we were about 10-12 years old. My mother and step-father were not fervent in spirit in the household while my sister and I were children like it says in Romans 12:11. My mother and step-father did not want to serve the Lord while my sister and I were children in the household. My mother and step-father are still the same type of people now and that is why my mother's life is crashing around her today. I believe my mother's life is crashing around her with current marriage problems after so many years. When I read Acts 5, I think about how Jesus was beaten and whipped carrying the cross because a group of unbelievers did not believe in him and nailed him to cross. At the time Jesus had a winning soul because he made the sacrifice and died for our sins and rose again in the tomb on the third day. When I think about the scripture Luke 10:20, I think about my mother and step-father marriage problems after so many years. My mother and step-father are having marriage problems after so many years because they do not live by Luke 10:20. They do not rejoice in God during their marriage for many years. I encourage all couples to do that if you are thinking about getting married to your soulmate. Make sure the two of you will honor Luke 10:20 throughout your marriage because this will avoid family separations and divorce. Divorce is a sin because men and women are supposed to stay married for eternity because it says that in the bible. Men and women that file for divorce or family separations are breaking God law and covenant.

Another scripture I will include in this sermon is Isaiah 32:17, people with winning souls for God are the people that trust and praise God the way. People that believe God created all human life on earth have 100% winning souls for God and like living God's way. Women who support abortion do not have a winning soul for God and go to hell after they die on earth because they do not believe God created all human life on earth including babies in the womb. That is 100% fact. Life is precious on earth and babies in the womb deserve to live a full life on earth that God intended for them. Women that get abortions and support abortions do not understand that and that is why they are going straight to hell after they die on earth. Again, that is 100% fact. People that support gay rights, LGBT community and same-sex marriage do not have winning souls for God and kingdom. That is 100% fact. I will be 41% unaffiliated/Independent, 35% Republican/conservative and 23% Democratic according to my average voting going back to 2002. First Lady Jennifer informed me she will vote in this election in Chicago at the polls. First

Lady Jennifer says she will be voting for a third party candidate because she is not voting for Joe Biden for a second term either. She explains to people she supported bringing the nation together like other voters and she says Joe Biden has not done that. I support Robert Kennedy, Jr 48%, Donald Trump 27%, Cornel West 16% and Joe Biden 5%.

We need to be patient in our tribulations because God will give you a breakthrough after he sees it in your heart that you are patient. It is like what was said in the Tyler Perry movie Meet the Browns that we do not need to get tired of doing the right thing and living righteous to God. When God gives you a breakthrough in your life, it means he still has hope for you in your heart and soul. When I pray for homeless men and women at the Philly House on Mondays in person, I still continue to provide distant prayer for homeless men at the Philly House and prayer continues to be with them after what I put on their prayer cards that is given to me on Mondays. I pray and place 25-40 prayer cards on homeless men beds every Monday as a volunteer for the prayer team at the Philly House. As ordained Bishop, it is my pastoral duty to continue to pray for homeless men at the Philly House. I pray to God for homeless women that eat breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Philly House because I call on God to provide them with his grace and glory on them to guide them through their tribulations daily. In April 2024, I would have prayed for 108 homeless men total as a volunteer for the Prayer team at the Philly House in Philadelphia.

Say we have peace with God through our faith. We get our faith with God through his grace. Do not let no one tell you something different. You need to believe in your heart that we live under God's grace to eternal and everlasting life in heaven. I want to say Romans 5:2 is a good scripture to know and learn because we need to know that we have lived by God's grace with our strong faith in God. When you read 1 Thessalonians 5:17, it says pray without ceasing. When I read this scripture, I believe this scripture is telling us not to end our prayer life to God and keep our prayer life to God. Say to the person next to you: do not end your prayer life to God. Serving God with a winning soul is having a strong prayer life to God by praying to God daily to ask for things through heaven.

Take notes on this because this is information you need to know while you are dealing with tribulations in your life daily:

1. Follow Jesus' steps to stay away from sin like it says in 1 Peter 2:22. Peter was one of the apostles in the New Testament speaking to the servants about Jesus' steps about how he did not sin. Peter was speaking to the servants in Galatia, Pontus, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia.
2. Follow Jesus' steps while you are suffering because you will get a breakthrough.

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:4

Read Acts 5:40-42

Another scripture to read is Philippians 2:3 because I previously preached to you all on Philippians 2:3.

Love one another, contribute and be a cheerful giver for God with thanksgiving and give to God while God is praising you in your life with breakthrough, live peacefully and try to stay away from sin and temptation, let God guide you through your tribulations in your life on earth, let God dwell in you, serving God with good purpose as a good shepherd to God with gladness, live your life in the image of God, not the devil and the world. When I first learned from deacons after I got baptized on September 4, 2011; I learned that people lose a lot of their possessions and deacons said as well that they knew as facts that people lost their possessions after they were baptized and born again. When I read the scripture 1 Peter 2:20-21, I understand the scripture is saying that we struggle for reason as Christians and disciples because it is time that we must depend on God as our source and depend on getting things from heaven, not the world by using our freewill God created us with the wrong and unrighteous way. When I think about and read 1 Peter 2:20-21, it is more people rejecting Christ and listening to sinners and the world and politicians like the Democrats. For example, abortion, same-sex marriage, legalizing marijuana and allowing federal funding for abortions, living their life by mammon. My family members live their life by mammon because they are takers and do not do anything spiritually to help and give to the poor. My family members hate on me for being a cheerful giver and helping the poor and homelessness. People willing to live a winning soul for Christ Jesus have to be willing to suffer and live for God. When you read 1 Peter 2:20-21, I look at homeless people that try to get out of homeless shelters too fast and not letting God guide them on their path to righteousness. I think about people that were former clients at Star of Hope Mission in Houston when clients did not want to stay in the programs to commence and decided to leave the program before God actually blessed them. I am happy that the case manager talked to me about staying and finishing the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston, so I do not have to end up in another homeless program in the future. I was able to stay at the Star of Hope Mission in Houston to work out my flaws and weaknesses to strengthen my faith and walk with Christ. I am encouraging homeless men and women anywhere to take on this method and enthusiasm that I did at Star of Hope Mission in Houston to let God guide you all the way and not make decisions by conceit, trying to rush and leave homeless shelters. Homeless men and women that make decisions by conceit at homeless shelters always end up at homeless shelters months later. Homeless men and women need to think to themselves, do you want that? More homeless men and women at homeless shelters need to study 1 Peter 2:20-21 to do what I did to remain in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston and let God guide me and bless me along the way so I do not end up back in a homeless program later in the future. If you are an active volunteer like I am in Philadelphia, you want to educate homeless individuals at the homeless shelter to tell them to let God guide them in their tribulations to have a 100% winning soul for God and study 1 Peter 2:20-21 daily. Homeless people want to be blessed by God to end

up with their own permanent housing in a better living environment, not living in a shared room. I am not saying shared room housing is bad, but why do not want to share space with a group of people paying rent for a room and you can have your own permanent housing. Homeless men and women living on the streets daily need winning souls for Christ because they need God to direct them and go to homeless shelters to be blessed with free hot meals and a roof over their head like the Philly House or Hub of Hope in Philadelphia. Turn to the person next to you and say build more endurance and motivation to God.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this message today and provide us with hope to use this message in our life going forward to keep us on the path of righteousness and keep us away from sin.

Guide and lead more people around to start receiving God in their life, so we can stop being dependent on mammon.

Guide us and strengthen our faith so we can keep our trust in God.

Help guide us daily to eliminate any distractions we have to keep us from following Christ Jesus.

Guide and lead us to follow Christ Jesus and unattach us from the world

Guide us and help prosper spiritually in our daily life

Guide and let us encourage the wicked to follow God and Christ Jesus as the rock of their salvation.

Save the wicked that are dealing with mental health and anger management.

Keep us away from trouble at all times in our life.

Help and guide homeless men and women dealing with homelessness find a church home.

Guide and help us dealing with daily tribulations to let people have more hope and trust in God to get them a breakthrough in their life along as they have patience with the kingdom.

Help us become better disciples and pray for our enemies that like to hate, act envy and evil, and live in bondage.

After this message today, help us and pray for people around us that are dealing with stuff, hate, envy and burdens that do not make sense.

Help us and guide us to have more confidence in you going forward after this message.

In Jesus name, Amen.

If you like this message and apply this message to your life, I encourage you to continue to worship with us by seeking a church home that we dedicate ourselves to pray for you daily. You can call our prayer line during the week or you can talk to our prayer ministry at the end of the service, so we the Prayer Ministry can keep you in their prayers and help you seek God in your life. Let us pray for you. We pray for people and you because we love you as a child of God, brother and/or sister. It seems like my number will go up this month as part of the prayer team at the Philly House in Philadelphia. If you are still dealing with ungodliness and sin in your life related to the message, call our prayer ministry number (332) 333-1973. I will be in NYC on my birthday later this month and I will be 41 years old.

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