

John 10:9-16

God in the Past and Present

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the opportunity to give this message to this flock.

Thank you for the opportunity to give this message, so our hearts can grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

Guide us to better manage our freewill given to us by you to keep us on the path of righteousness to heaven.

Keep us away from sin and the flesh outside of church.

Keep us away from the sinful world and enemies that want to destroy our salvation to your kingdom.

Thank you for what you have done and give us and living another day on earth.

Although we may have sinned in the past I ask you to forgive us for our sins and look forward to serving fully in my heart and soul and your kingdom for our gift of eternal life in heaven.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Jeremiah 29:8-14

1 Chronicles 10-12

John 6:45-71

God has blessed me and given me the wisdom to preach on this topic and message today because I want to involve sharing my story with you that encourages me to become a man of God and person you see today. During my childhood, I had anger management issues and got disciplined for them in the household. It is like the devil was more in me during my childhood to do more sin. I have started to overcome that when years went by and I started to seek God in my life as the rock of my salvation. I have to admit during the time that my mind was not in God's kingdom because I was listening and taking in too much sin. Another way I can say that I am doing sin and taking in too much baggage. After so many years went by in Chicago as a Chicago native, I overcame that. I only get anger management or any type of mental health/skizophrenia less than five percent of the time. I expressed this in my twelve steps at Star of Hope Mission in Houston and got good feedback for it. When I think about this topic and scripture, I think about the times I lived in Chicago as a Chicago native and used to be highly-motivated to help the homeless and poor on the streets of Chicago and on CTA trains. I do not mind giving my personal money to the homeless and poor on the streets of Chicago struggling to find out where their next meal will come from. I hate when homeless men and women think about where their next meal will come from. I hate to see people walking by homeless men and women on the streets asking for money for food and saying nothing to them. When I travel back to Chicago, I always get the highly motivated spark about me to help the homeless on the streets of Chicago and CTA trains. I built my congregation starting on the Westside of Chicago to help the homeless when I started the personal grassroots project called Pastor Hobson Homelessness Initiative in 2010-2014. Pastor Hobson Homelessness Initiative is on the church website: ljccbc.yolasite.com. I like to help the homeless in Chicago to give them hope by implementing the Homelessness Financial Relief Program, Emergency Assistance Program, Down Payment Assistance Program and community nights on Wednesday at 6PM. I had good and bad memories in Chicago as a Chicago native. My bad memories in Chicago were my family members on my mother's side of the family when they let me struggle with homelessness, poverty and getting my higher education at DePaul University. My biological father's side of the family is the only family that is able to help me financially

and economically, but my mother's side of the family always said negative things about them saying they never did anything for me in my life. My mother's side of the family always called my biological father's side of the family cheap. My mother's side of the family did not want to help me get a student loan with a consignor to help me pay for my college education at DePaul University and my homelessness started at Pacific Garden Mission in 2011. I have to stay at Pacific Garden Mission and Olive Branch Mission while I pursue my higher education. My mother's side of the family caused me to lose my student housing at DePaul University in Lincoln Park because they did not want to help me pay for my college education. My financial aid only paid half of my tuition at DePaul University and needed extra financial help to pay and obtain my high education at DePaul University. Of Course, I found God and God found a way for me to continue my college education. My mother controlling my SSI income was another memory in Chicago because my mother did not obey case workers at the Social Security office that my benefits are supposed to be used on me for affordable housing and living expenses. My mother used to give me very little of my SSI income and used it as an income stream for her and sneaking money out of my SSI income for herself to pay her bills. She was too controlling as my representative payee for SSI income not to try to get permanent housing in Chicago, so I had to transition the congregation out of state and took my SSI benefits with me to get permanent housing for the first time. My mother is struggling today with no income and has to reserve whatever money she does have until she gets money from other family members on some basis. I had some good memories in Chicago as a Chicago native, such as getting my calling to preach and become a pastor because I believe Pastor James Meeks motivated me to get my calling to preach and become a man of God. I started to become highly-motivated in church until I decided to make Salem Baptist Church of Chicago as a loyal home church in 2013. I still call Chicago my hometown and Salem Baptist Church of Chicago a church home because it is where it all started before I got my calling to preach and become a pastor at the time in Chicago. I still call Chicago my hometown because it is where I went to school, highly-motivated to give back to communities and help the poor for spiritual purposes to improve my cheerful giving towards God and Holy Spirit, serve and seek God as rock of my salvation. My sister's hometown is not Chicago because she was born in Northwest Indiana. When I travel back to Chicago, my childhood neighborhood brings back memories and has not changed that much. I attended Morgan Park High School on southside of Chicago and graduated in 2002. People call me a former Mustang because the high school mascot is the Morgan Park Mustangs. I grew up in the Morgan Park and Roseland neighborhoods on the Southside of Chicago. I had good memories in Chicago because I started to reach out to other churches and pastors in Hyde Park-Bronzeville and Englewood as a new ordained pastor. My spiritual journey started with Psalm 146-150 from mentoring of deacons and religious leaders in Chicago including Salem Baptist Church of Chicago.

I encourage you to follow my footsteps on my calling and start to seek God in my life. I was willing to make sacrifices to go through the transformation to serve Christ Jesus as my personal savior and rock of my salvation. I was willing to sacrifice myself, mind, body and soul to stop living conformed to the world and mammon. Turn to the person next to you and do not let the devil play tricks on you. Read Jeremiah 29:8-14. After reading the scripture, the scripture is saying what we need to do to make promises to God to continue to grow our hearts as a mustard seed to heaven. One way we need to keep our promises to God is being sure of ourselves with contentment to God. We need to remember the devil wants us to be conformed to the world and be unsure of ourselves. Say to the person next to you: have strong contentment to God daily. Another way to keep our promises to God is to remember God is in us and our hearts because we are made by God's image. Women say stuff that no one can tell them how to treat their

bodies during medical procedures and abortion. Women have to understand and realize that their bodies are not theirs to say that. I ask you to take note and write these questions down to remember them daily. When you get home, I need you to post these questions in your house so that you can remember to look at them when you enter a room, so it can remind yourself what you need to do to live and continue to be obedient to God. If you are homeless and live in a homeless shelter you can post the questions in your locker if you have one or put it in your bible to remind yourself of the questions and ask yourself daily.

1. What difficulty are you facing today?
2. How is God showing himself faithful?
3. What task God is calling you to carry out?
4. In what areas can you pray for his guidance?

When you read 1 Chronicles 10, we must understand and learn the lessons from God to let the Holy Spirit guide us to get to the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle. It was what Jesus did on earth when he let his father known as God to guide him through tough and all situations. I encourage you to watch the life of Jesus movies and Son of God. We need to take lessons from God when we use our freewill and let God guide us with our decisions in good and bad times. I want to share something with you about case managers at homeless shelters. Case managers at homeless shelters are at those places to help people with their well-being, but I want to say to homeless men and women at homeless shelters to put God first while speaking to case management about anything that applies to your life. Homeless men and women need to ask themselves what God wants you to do to help you with your life and tribulations. God is the only one that can answer your prayers and provide you with a breakthrough in your life from the throne in heaven. I want to tell case management at homeless shelters to read and memorize Galatians 1:10 daily and post it on your desk somewhere so you can look at and see it daily when they assist clients. Clients at homeless shelters need to rely on God to answer their prayers and seek God first in their life decisions. Turn to the person next to you and say God is the breakthrough for your life. Organizations and businesses in this nation need to stop being about mammon and put God first to guide their success. That's why I provide good testimonies about my time at Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the Spiritual Recovery Program because the program helped me more to improve myself than other shelters in the past. I want to say Son of God was a good movie about the story of Jesus.

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