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A short biography of my journey to faith and my call and my walk in the ministry. I suppose in reality I am uniquely unremarkable. My only merit comes from the salvation I have in Y'shua HaMoshiach (Jesus the Christ)

As far as history goes as a youngster I was brought up as a Roman Catholic. In those days when your father was Roman Catholic so where you. Mind you that I did not believe any of what I heard or saw and looked at the gaudy must filled churches I was dragged to as sheer torture chambers. I had no use for any of it and watched as those same Sunday morning smiles turned into Sunday afternoon filth. How one could say they were G-d fearing from the pulpit and have a mouth full of profanity and a cable box full of porn still baffles me.

I learned to drink and drink heavily I was a full blown alcoholic by age 18 when I became legal to drink. I think some of that came from a desire to self anesthetize myself and part because I am an addict by nature. Certainly drugs were a part of the scene as well as other trampish behavior. Too many girls too many drinks too many joints too many everything. I had no desire to hear about G-d though I suspected He existed and that His name was Jesus. Or so I had been told.

The miracle is this that Y'shua never gave up on me. He kept sending witnesses again and again. Mine is not a story of hearing the gospel one time and then falling to my knees. Oh no I had a harder heart than Pharaoh himself. But G-d is persistent. Again and again people would tell me about Jesus or hand me a tract or be preaching on the street. There was even this one old lady who kept pestering me at the post office, always when I was at my lowest point there she would be smiling and inviting me to come to church with her. She stands out most of all for her courage and tenacity.

My world crumbled one day when my mother passed away. You don't expect these things I know I did not. It was a long tear stained drive to Arkansas to bury her. I am pretty certain that my mom knew I mean really knew Messiah when she died. And I knew that I did not! The fact was my mom went to heaven and I was headed to hell and I knew it.

When I returned home things just were not right. A fellow I knew said "George I am going to give you the advice you give everyone else when they are in the dumps like this - 'Go to church any church'" So I went the next Sunday to an Assembly of G-d church. Once again I heard the salvation message (please don't ever neglect doing this if you are a preacher) I liked the pastor he was a man of integrity and I went back the next week.

Somewhere I got a copy of the Left Behind book. Love it or hate it I don't care. I got to the part where Rayford realizes that the rapture of the church had occurred and I began to cry. I knew if that moment was right now I was not going to heaven and I was going to die in my sins. I knew I needed Jesus and I begged him to save me I begged him to take the sin away. I was on the floor in my office just weeping as those sins were lifted from me and when the spirit had released me I knew that I was saved. I was not perfect nor am I now perfect but I was surely saved.

I took to the faith and to evangelism like starving man at a buffet. I could not tell enough people about the L-rd I even carried bibles with me and gave them out all day long. Before long

I found myself in Bible College at Berean University as an extension student. The fire burned within me and I took to preaching on the streets of NY City. I have never lost that passion for evangelism.

Some time in late 2000 I met up with Full Life Ministries via Pal Talk. I entered in to the Bible College that they offered and began doing ministry with the youth. I also began doing nightly Bible reading and commentary at midnight eastern on Pal Talk. I accepted after 3 days of prayer and fasting Licensure as Pastor.

I was permanently Ordained by the imposition of hands and the anointing of oil in Hendersonville, NC September 26, 2003. I currently serve as the Senior Pastor of the Nehemiah Center for Worship as well as being President of FLMILW. I hold a second Ordination as M.Roeh through the Coalition of Torah Observant Messianic Congregations and currently serve as a Senior Elder with that organization.

I have a very active ministry both locally and online always looking for a single goal - To bring Glory to Messiah Y'shua and to proclaim His coming kingdom to a lost and dying world.