

Powerful Testimony Shows How God Tore Off Witchcraft and Generational Curses

Twenty-four-year-old Lindsay Smith wanted absolutely nothing to do with Christianity. Her experience with Christians did little for her as a child because she had the ability to see into the spirit realm, and the Christians she encountered ignored this particular ability, not realizing she was actually seeing demonic principalities.

“I was seeing, like, in the spirit realm,” Smith says. “I was seeing ghosts, I was seeing stuff I would tell my Christian family like this is what’s happening to me; I’m literally being able to see in the didn’t know this was a demon, I didn’t know I could rebuke it in Jesus’ name.”

In her interview with Delafé Testimonies, Smith shared how this inability from the Christians in her life to explain to her what she was seeing or help her led her to believe that she simply didn’t fit the mold of Christianity and that she must then be better suited for a different religion.

“I was seeing all these spiritual things and I didn’t would just tell me it was my imagination. They had no explanation for me and so that kind of made me think in my mind, ‘okay, well, my answer is not in the Christian church. My answer has nothing to do with Christianity. I must be a different religion.’”

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From here Smith turned her back on the idea of Christianity altogether and found herself into anything and everything that

might potentially have filled her soul. From astrology, crystals and sage to an addiction to marijuana, Smith tried everything that might potentially bring rest to her soul. She even attempted a confusing LGBTQ relationship. However, none of these things ever lasted. Smith said that one of the biggest issues she didn't realize she was dealing with was generational curses.

"The root of it was depression. If we're being really honest, the root of it was depression, generational curses, trauma, fear..." Smith says.

Another grip that the enemy had on her was discipleship from a warlock who sought out to teach her about stars, astrology, natal charts and more. It was around this time that Smith was invited to a Bible study. While she still had a great uphill battle to climb, this would be the beginning of Smith's introduction to Scripture. Eventually, she desired to know that if Jesus was real, He would help clear up her mind to understand what the Bible was saying. God did exactly that, but Smith still struggled with tarot card usage.

"He spoke to me 'astrology is not in the Bible. Just throw away the cards,'" Smith recounts. "I knew it was Jesus instantly this time. It was different because I was praying and He spoke back...[I] went on YouTube [and] instantly searched 'Jesus.' [I] saw hundreds of new age to Jesus testimonies."

After spending a week watching testimony videos, Smith decided to turn her life around once and for all. She threw out her witchcraft books, sage, crystals natal charts and marijuana.

"I was like repenting crazy," Smith said. "I was like, 'Jesus, you're real. I didn't think you were real this whole time and now you're so real to me now.'"

There really is a spiritual world all around us, and we have the choice to choose either light or darkness. Just as Jesus turned around Smith's life, He is still after the next

generation to be fully whole and set free. We saw a glimpse of that during the Asbury Revival as it spread out to the nation.

One of the key elements to truly gaining freedom in Christ is experiencing deliverance from the spiritual traps that so many are held in bondage over. Imagine if a Christian had actually explained to Smith the kinds of demonic spirits she was seeing years prior; what pain and suffering may she have been spared from?

That's one of the reasons why deliverance ministers like Greg Locke and Alexander Pagani are experiencing a surge of people coming to them for deliverance; they see the needs of those who find themselves stuck in the darkness, trapped by demonic spirits and other bondages. They know that only the truth can set the captives free. The church is in desperate need of more people who are willing to preach the gospel with effective discipleship and deliverance. {eoa}

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and Jews

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Jordan Peterson: The ‘No. 1 Thing’ Americans Need to Accomplish Goals

Without vision—apart from obedience to all the Lord has commanded in Scripture—the thread of our lives quickly unravels. Missteps and mistakes are, more often than not, the result of a failure to plan.

Clinical psychologist Jordan Peterson recently spoke with author and talk radio host Dave Ramsey about the value in and importance of financial planning—something many Americans fail to do.

“I’ve had lots of clients who were much better off when they had no money at all,” Peterson said. “Those were often people who had addiction problems, because, as soon as they had any money at all, they were in the bar and into the cocaine until they were face-down in the ditch. So there’s all sorts of causes of poverty and certainly one form of poverty and one cause of poverty is absence of a plan.

“You need to develop a vision for your life and that makes delaying gratification, for example, and not engaging in impulsive momentary pleasure worthwhile because you’re building toward something you actually want to attain,” he continued. “We’re very bad in our society—appallingly and miraculously bad—at helping people develop a vision.”

The Canadian professor and renowned speaker chastised the school system for failing to teach children how to effectively plan for their futures, calling the number of people now living in poverty a “miracle of stupidity” that could have

been avoided.

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“Our school system was set up to produce mindless, obedient workers,” he told Ramsey. “We haven’t updated our notion of what schools are for 140 years.”

A failure to plan, Peterson asserted, is a major reason people in the U.S. end up trapped in poverty. In fact, choosing to plan—in any area of life—seems always to improve one’s quality of life.

Peterson claimed those who use “future authoring”—the practice of taking time to map out with a pen and paper one’s future goals—improve their grade-point averages by 35% and decrease their dropout rates to 50% below the national average.

“It’s the No. 1 thing we should be teaching people—and we don’t do it at all,” said Peterson. “Who do you want to be and why? What do you want your life to look like in five years?”

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Unveiling Dark Secrets: Are You Playing with Spiritual Fire?

In a recent Charisma News interview with Pastor Mike Shreve, the dangers of engaging in practices like astral projection and mantra chanting are brought to light from a Christian perspective based on specific chapters in the Bible.

It is essential for Christians to understand the spiritual risks associated with these activities and how they conflict with biblical teachings.

Astral Projection: A Deceptive Spiritual Realm

Pastor Shreve shared his personal experience with astral projection during his time as a yoga teacher. He described spending long hours in meditation, chanting mantras and attempting to explore the supernatural world. He explained that he had left his physical body and entered a spiritual realm.

This experience led him to a profound realization: there is a realm that exists between the heavens and Earth, a realm never explicitly addressed in Scripture. This realm, often overlooked, is described as the second heaven. The Bible explicitly refers to Satan as the “prince of the power of the air.” This implies that Satan operates in a spiritual realm that is subtly higher than the Earth’s physical atmosphere. Any pursuit of supernatural experiences outside of Christ opens the door to satanically inspired deceptions.

In Pastor Shreve’s understanding, this second heaven is a domain dominated by angelic and satanic activity. It is a realm where spiritual battles unfold, and demonic influence is pervasive. Attempting to penetrate this supernatural world

through practices like astral projection inevitably leads to deception, as the realm is ruled by Satan.

Mantra Chanting: A Misguided Path

Chanting mantras is another practice that appears harmless on the surface to many who practice it. However, Pastor Shreve draws a parallel between mantra chanting and the Bible's warning against "vain repetitions." In Matthew 6:7, Jesus specifically cautioned against using empty, repetitive words in prayer, as the heathen do.

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The core of the issue with mantra chanting is the belief that it can control an impersonal force or power. This practice treats God as if He were a machine, responding to the right code or incantation. However, the Bible teaches that God is a personal being, not a force to be manipulated.

When we pray and communicate with God, it should be a dynamic, creative expression of our thoughts, needs and worship. God is not swayed by monotonous repetition; He desires a genuine, personal connection with His children.

The Biblical Way: A Personal Encounter with God

Pastor Shreve emphasizes that rather than attempting to penetrate the supernatural through astral projection or manipulate divine forces through mantra chanting, Christians have a unique and true path to God.

When one is born again in Christ, the Holy Spirit enters their heart, bridging the gap between humanity and divinity. God's longing for a personal relationship with humanity is evident, as stated in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him

should not perish, but have eternal life.” This highlights His unwavering love and desire for an intimate connection with us.

The dangers of astral projection and mantra chanting are clear when viewed through the lens of biblical truth. These practices can lead to spiritual deception and undermine the unique, personal relationship Christians have with the living God through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible warns against engaging in occult practices and emphasizes the importance of seeking God in the way He intended, through faith in Jesus Christ. {eoa}

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Gen Z Evangelist: How Do You Know When It's Genuine Revival?

Pastor Nik Walker is a traveling evangelist, and at the age of 25, he's been involved in many extended revivals during his short time in ministry.

But when it comes to extended revivals, Walker says, kingdom leaders must listen to the voice of God to know exactly when to end them. What's the cutoff point? When is it enough?

That, Walker says, is always a challenge, but it has a lot to do with repentance, but also with how long the church itself is prepared to keep the revival moving forward.

“For me, that’s the hardest thing to do, to know when to go,” says Nik Walker, founder of Nik Walker Ministries in Tennessee and a protégé of Perry Stone’s. “We always leave that decision up to the pastor and I don’t recall ever having a revival season come close to where the pastor and I didn’t come to an agreement on that.

“It depends upon the church and what they are ready for. If you have, for example, maybe a revival meeting where 200 people get saved in two weeks, the church now has the responsibility of discipling perhaps 200 people. So, is this church ready for that? Is the church’s nets ready for that catch of fish, so to speak, without the boat sinking?”

Walker says that the church where he had just held a revival that lasted 16 days—New Life Church in Sandusky, Ohio—they were ready for what they experienced during that three-week period. There were about 130 people baptized and most of them were rededications. Revelation 2 would tell us that if you have left your first love, you can return to your first love by doing your first works over again, which is repentance and water baptism as referenced in Acts 2. So, the Lord gave this church what it had been praying and fasting for.

Walker’s ministry has experienced extended revival in the past. Earlier this year, meetings in West Virginia were scheduled to last a few days but wound up lasting 15 weeks, with multitudes getting saved and healed in a depressed area of the state where a great deal of hopelessness abounds.

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But Walker says sometimes it’s difficult to know the difference between a series of good meetings and genuine revival. The answer to that question is, he says, “revival is always filled with repentance.”

“That’s the essence of revival because the dead are coming back to life and the sleepers are being awakened,” Walker says. “That’s always how revival is referenced, whether it’s a series of three services or three weeks of services. You saw it earlier in the year at Asbury, where there was no preaching and there were no real services. It was just 24-hour, 24/7. I got to go experience one of those.

“So, revival comes in all shapes and sizes; whatever the church is ready for, He will bring to them. I’m grateful to run with pastors and leaders that not only hear the Lord’s voice, but they know when to quit.”

In Sandusky, there was no need to quit. A powerful move of the Holy Spirit overwhelmed New Life Church, and Walker says it was filled with repentance.

“I will usually bring a little horse trough with me in a trailer and we just perform spontaneous baptisms,” Walker says. “That’s a big part of evangelism ministry. We always put it right at the front of the pulpit and give a call to spontaneous baptism, rededication and repentance.

“I was telling the pastor here, Dustin Ours, that [we] saw more families get into this horse trough at this revival than any other revival. We baptized nine or 10 families of four at a time. So, the Lord really did some amazing things with the family unit.

“On a Monday night, we had a woman who brought her infant child who was less than a year old, but was born at 26 weeks. He has had a feeding tube since he was born and had a hole in his heart. They came that Monday night and we laid hands on this baby. They came back later as we were baptizing people and the baby’s aunt got in my ear. She said that she had the baby that day, and they went to the doctor to run some tests and they were supposed to put a permanent feeding tube into the child. ... Not only did they take the feeding tube out, but

the hole in his heart closed. So, we saw some really wild miracles at that revival, including a woman who turns 90 this year that received physical manifestations of healing.

“The Lord is just demonstrating in this generation that He can touch the things we have called untouchable,” Walker says. “There’s a reason why revivals come about it, and you saw them [in Sandusky].” {eoa}

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