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## THE AUTHOR, PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

On November 4, 2009 my father and best friend completed the human component of his life and simply passed away in his sleep. This would be routine enough except for the life he led prior to this moment. For almost 30 years he fought Crohn's disease, a destructive disease affecting primarily the colon part of the digestive system. On several occasions doctors did not give us much hope of his survival with the first occurring when I was in early grade school. But each time he would "miraculously" continue on. Most people he interacted with would never have guessed he was consistently sick and in pain. He was determined to eliminate selfish activity from his life. Although not always perfect and many times hampered by a "religious" background he kept his intentions strongly in favor of following Jesus' command to Love God and Love People. In the end, many said he was someone who was very close to walking as Jesus walked, yet he would have denied it knowing his own faults.

For years he and I would discuss the topic of personal sin and its effects. We would analyze the devastating consequences and the "whys" to people's choices to allow sin's control in their lives. When some great leader would be "found out" for their discrepancies we would again ponder the strange attraction to sin and its nagging force in all of humanity.

For myself, I have always struggled with perfection and the need for acceptance. So I did not know how to properly love others. As I look back over my life, it pains me the missed

opportunities to invest in those around me. Sure, there are many who would say I took time for them and helped care for them when they needed it. But I know my inner heart and the forces that have controlled me. Somewhere down the line the need to receive approval from others in order to feel good about myself was fostered and it grew strong in my life. I was raised by well-meaning parents and authority figures, yet much of those early years were during a more legalistic religious time period in our culture. All of these factors skewed my concept of life.

During my college years these temptations within me grew to an almost lethal controlling force. Although somewhat popular due to my need for the limelight, my inner man was falling apart. I struggled to prove others wrong and establish my supremacy in intellect and quick wit. Many conversations would lend themselves to selfish stories and gain. I quickly established my place as arrogant and self-centered. My talents for singing, acting and amazingly enough, listening, were the only things keeping others interested. Eventually this created a void in my life (When I am focused properly I have a gift for listening to others and helping them find answers to whatever they are grappling with. But the war within would too many times win in the wrong direction.). I would find myself using sin as an outlet to obtain a release from life. That is where I became addicted to pornography. On the outside, I appeared to have most things together but this sin established a deep control point in my life. The legalistic viewpoints ingrained in me brought about deep guilt and shame and the pattern of sin, shame, repent, sin, shame, repent began to gain momentum. I had been raised in a Christian atmosphere and knew all the “dos” and “don’ts” of religion. I even had points where I worked hard at having a relationship with God. It was expected of me to have the right answers because I was the

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leader of my Youth Alive program in High School, the Assistant Leader of my Youth Group, the first born of many grandchildren and then a Pastoral Ministries major in College. But there was still something missing and I found myself over and over again returning to the familiar sin that would entrap me day after day. This carried on for years and God's great goodness still allowed me to help many other's lives even though mine was still in such disarray, although I hope those individuals will grasp the contents of this book like I have and truly be set free.

My dad and I discussed these events on different occasions and with new revelation as we both sought to understand our place in this world. He "arrived" much sooner than I and laid the groundwork that would later help lead me to these answers. He would eventually master the talent of servant hood and assist many through his teaching, counseling, leadership and love. We spoke of the things and past sin he would change if the chance presented itself and I was left in charge of eliminating those things for the next generation.

The deep pain my sin has caused those around me and its disregard for the greatness of my God finally sent me on the journey to write this book. I went through a terribly dark season in life where I could not hear the voice of God whatsoever. This lasted for years and helped bring me to the end of myself. During this time I questioned all things holy. I never gave up on God but knew I did not want anything that was false anymore. I learned how to obey His ways because it was the right thing to do and not out of some need for acceptance or fear of consequences. This led to obeying out of a desire for having a relationship with Him and thus the need for Sinful behavior lessened. I never felt good enough for God yet wanted to be Godly so every time I would fail, sin was my coping mechanism.

But I did not remain there. That same determination for perfection, when used properly led me to the answers found right in front of me all along in the Holy Scriptures written so long ago. Somehow our religious culture had fostered a love/hate affair with sin and our focus has been on it instead of its cure. I do not claim to have totally arrived in my personal battle with sin but I now have the tools necessary to combat it at the root level. My battle is now on the offensive and I am no longer defenseless to its schemes. My hope is that you too will find freedom to be all you were created to be as you ponder the revelation in this book.

During the final days before my dad passed, he developed dementia, a side effect of the drugs he took to combat Crohn's and Parkinson's. Even in this he became sweeter and I watched as he finished this life winning in spite of his body shutting down. There was one night in particular where I was given a chance to talk with the "real" him. He had experienced a rather traumatic episode and feared for his life. As I sat with him at the ER (he had been brought there for his safety), I listened to the "reality" he was experiencing and was just the friend he needed. He was having trouble going back to sleep but when I held his hand he was just fine and returned to peace. I had accepted the fact that the man I knew and loved might never return but God had a special gift for me that night. As I sat there I began to nod off and eventually turned on the TV to keep awake. It was about 2:30am. I turned it on and flipped a couple channels to "The Princess Bride". I was astonished. When I was young my Dad and I would show this movie to most anyone who stayed at our house and we would all laugh together. We must have seen it 30 times or more. Dad suddenly woke up and I mean really woke up. We watched about a half hour of it together reminiscing about old times and sharing in perfect detail those precious memories. Soon he went back to



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sleep. Right there I laughed and cried at the gift I had been given. I never saw that man again.

Sometimes I wish he was still around and especially to share the victory of this book and the freedom it represents for so many. But I am thankful to his legacy he gave me of striving to live a Godly selfless life.

Recently I had my resolve to follow my own teaching put to the test. An old childhood friend and I had reunited after 20+ years. I reached out to him to apologize for who I had been many years ago and we began again. I told him of my hard work to eliminate sin and help others to do the same. It wasn't long after that an accelerated movement of God occurred in his life. In the events that followed, there were some intense nights involving his immediate and extended family. They were right in the middle of a spiritual battle. In my attempt to assist the situation I did all I knew that was right to do by him. But, unbeknownst to me at the time, my efforts backfired at the very crucial moment he needed me the most. Because of the pain I had caused him as a teen he immediately felt as though there was no change in me and I was still the arrogant, selfish know-it-all of the past. Weeks went by and I tried to keep touch with him but he told me God hadn't released him to do so. Finally I asked for the two of us to meet face-to-face and catch up. He agreed and upon entering conversation it became utterly clear I had deeply wounded him. He told me the meeting, for him, was to sever the friendship for good. I was devastated and after some discussion asked for his forgiveness and the opportunity to start over again (Mind you most of the subject matter of what you are about to read had already been written. My journey to success is still in the works.). I realized my relational toolbox was still missing some of the essential tools and he and I are working together as an encouragement to each other on our quest to be less selfish and more like God.

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If I had not already gained the answers written in the coming pages, I would have missed another opportunity. It is my hope that you too can start building your relational toolbox both with God and your fellow man. My perspective on Sin is to abolish it and cease the sensationalizing of it. It is merely a result of a much deeper, stronger issue that once dealt with... well, you will see...



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