

Recent Success Story From an ex-Pentecostal who Escaped a Bondage Teaching Pastor

"I use to belong to a Pentecostal church for 6 years, and I've been out now for about 12. And yes, you cannot see the bondage you're in until AFTER you're out of there. It's like the bondage itself binds the believer. I believe that Satan's new strategy is 'allowing' people to get saved and defeat the purpose of their salvation by leading them to churches of a legalistic nature. There is much Shephardism and legalism going on in those churches. And you know, I believe some of the pastors teach it ignorantly, while a great many of them are going along with the flow - you know, don't want to be 'kicked' out of the organization or anything, so they willingly preach these legalistic lies keeping the people of God bound.

In my old church, we confessed to the pastor about EVERYTHING (like he was the high priest on earth). He often compared himself to Moses and us to the "ignorant and stubborn" children of Israel and that God speaks to him and NOT us. So, when I first got saved - the Holy Spirit led me into fellowship with the Father - from developing a prayer life - a relationship was established. Spiritual gifts started to flourish - prophecy, word of knowledge, etc. They started operating fluently after the relationship which was about 4 months after I was saved. I would run out of excitement - being only 18 years old (now 35) to my pastor to tell him what thus said the Lord. God was speaking to me, and it was AWESOME! I wanted him to be happy for me. Well, he asked me how did I know certain things I knew and that he didn't tell anybody - and he would shun me and tell me that God doesn't speak to babes - instead the devil was talking to me. That use to hurt me so very badly. I looked to him as a child would to a father being that I grew up w/o mine.

God use to tell me the topic and the sermon he would preach a whole week before he would, but I learned quickly to keep my mouth shut. He even told me about this lady who had cancer - that he would heal her - but b/c of the pastor's decision - she died instead - that saddened me. He would tell me what was wrong with people who stood in the healing and delivering lines, but I just silently bowed my head and prayed for them - telling no one. Many things were between me and God. Couldn't tell no one else in my church b/c no one I mean no one - went against anything the Bishop said.

Once during a service, I was speaking in tongues in a way that warranted interpretation and the pastor noticed (we were all

at an altar call). He asked (for the FIRST time ever), "Is there an interpreter?" No one answered and then sadly he commented, "Well, I guess we have NO NEED for that then". Boy, was I SHOT down many, many times. And for just 18-23 yrs old in that church - it felt like I was around a whole lot of tongue-talking Pharisees or worse yet, at times, Devils!

Anyway, there was a sister who went to the pastor secretly and told him that she was the only one hearing me in English - God said to the people there "Repent, turn my people, turn, turn!" But the pastor never did tell the congregation b/c it would have meant "HE WAS WRONG!!!!!! This is one major act of PRIDE that these kind of church leaders allow to dominate them a whole lot!

I'm gonna quit now - I was reading your article and just had to make a comment to tell your readers that you are RIGHT about ALL OF YOUR ARTICLE! And I really appreciate your COURAGE to enlighten people. I hope more people read your article and it encourages them to SEEK and do RESEARCH for the truth and most of all COME OUT of those dead man dens. Surely, many of them are the ones whom the Bible speaks of when it says, "You will say, have not I cast out demons in your name...and I will say, Depart from me I know you not". It saddens me to even think that some of my brethren are in such great error - let's just continue to pray for them that their eyes will be opened, b/c as it stands for now - the many unsaved people I've heard talking about religious issues, have more 'sight' than them and they go to church nearly EVERY night!

Oh God, all of the rituals they practice (staying in church a lot), praying during the noonday, fasting, attending church conferences, Revivals, and etc., and they're STILL BLIND! They are the exact replica of the Pharisees. Remember the Scriptures said that they cleaned cups on the outside so PEOPLE could SEE that they were CLEANED, but the inside was MESSED UP! These churches dress up Christians by laddening them down with "WORKS" (calling it the Christian thing to do) in order to PROVE to the world that they are saved when God said the way his people would be known is by the LOVE they have for one another - WHEW! WHY DID THAT VERY SIMPLE SCRIPTURE JUST FLY TOTALLY OVER THEIR HEADS?

God bless you, and keep up the good work."