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FOREWORDS

Firstly, congratulations Shaun for such a great detailed writing of your testimony and the application of scripture aligned to it. This proves that Jesus has met you every step along your journey and that you have, "*Hidden His word in your heart*".

To those of you who will read my part in the foreword of this book, this is my testimony.

Firstly, knowing Shaun as I do, I know his intention in writing this book is to not only glorify Jesus for what He has done in his life, but that his testimony to the reader will encourage them to discover what Jesus can do in any life. His desire would be that upon reading this book, you will come to a place of surrender and let Jesus make the changes and receive His ever-present Holy Spirit help, in-spite of your life up to this point. I am sure that you will conclude that it is Holy Spirit who makes these changes and will give you a powerful testimony to share as well.

From the very first Thursday night that Shaun and I started to meet more than 11 years ago, I watched Jesus take this man, who was marred by a sin consciousness, and "*Turn him into another man.*" Every Thursday night we would let the Holy Spirit have His agenda. Holy Spirit never failed to make His presence known and show to us His willingness to make changes to over-come past and present difficulties, even though at times the process of change and the pain was almost unbearable. Time and time again, Holy Spirit showed His willingness to meet with us to overcome present inadequacies and feelings that can consume us. We would

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then discover His amazing desire and purpose to project us into future possibilities.

We would constantly have our hearts captured by the Holy Spirit as He propelled us into every day, God possibilities. We have been on assignments of the Lord together and came home rejoicing having watched Jesus work miracles and change lives.

Shaun is ordained as an Evangelist, but he also carries a strong prophetic anointing that can speak into individual lives, and direct people and churches into the Father's heart for this hour.

Shaun is a present-day prophetic voice who will capture you with Jesus love and will present you with a future tense message, and present-day testimony of Jesus' grace and power.

Ross Monk

Itinerant Minister and prophetic writer of: My Father's House.

I have known Shaun Hickey for a number of years and have been privileged to observe his growth in Jesus Christ over those years. Shaun has written a very good and honest book on his life, his battles and his victory he has found in Jesus Christ. All who read this book with an open and honest heart will find help, encouragement and answers to the problems that life and sinful living throws at us.

May we all come to that place of full surrender to Jesus Christ so we can prove His love and commitment that He has for us. He is no respecter of persons. He loves you as much as He loves Shaun and myself.

Well done, Shaun.

Rodney W. Francis

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Forewords

Shaun Hickey is absolutely a man after God's own heart!

I first met Shaun in January 2006 when I was appointed Corps Officer (Pastor) of The Salvation Army in Tawa, New Zealand. Having already heard of Shaun's recent conversion and testimony, I was eager to meet this 'Trophy of God's Grace'. From our first handshake I recognised Shaun as a man set apart for God, a man with an obvious call of God on his life. That's Shaun!

Four weeks after my arrival in Tawa a 24-7 Prayer week was held. This involved seven days and nights of non-stop prayer at the corps Prayer Room. The week was set in one-hour slots and people prayed at their chosen time....168 hours of continuous prayer! There was an air of expectancy around the place...people were excited about prayer! I remember Shaun arriving for his early morning prayer time after me. Before I left the Prayer Room we prayed together and to this day I remember the powerful, faith-filled prayers this new believer prayed. Shaun had chosen to pray in the early morning, two hours each day and later told me he wished he'd signed up for more! Shaun always attended the prayer meetings, his faith and prayer developed in leaps and bounds! James 5:16 gives accurate description of Shaun..." The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." That's Shaun!

As a result of that 24-7 Prayer week God planted dreams and visions in people's lives. One of those visions was to extend our faith as a congregation and commence Healing meetings. The Holy Spirit has blessed Shaun with spiritual gifts of faith, prayer, preaching and healing and it was obvious he was God's man to lead those meetings. Being new in the faith he was hesitant to accept leadership, but the Holy Spirit set his seal of approval on Shaun and significant spiritual and physical healings occurred. That's Shaun!

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During my time in Tawa a Hindu couple started attending our Sunday services and made a decision to accept and follow Jesus. Having come from the Hindu religion the couple wanted to be water baptised as a symbol of their cleansing from the old life and beginning of their new life in Jesus. While organising the baptism ceremony, I sensed the Holy Spirit nudging me to be water baptised. (In The Salvation Army we believe and preach the Baptism of Fire by the Holy Spirit.) Shaun had already agreed to officiate at the baptism and I'll never forget his shock (in a good way) and excitement when I asked if he'd also baptise me. I'm grateful to Shaun for making it a sacred yet joyous occasion. That's Shaun!

Shaun's workplace was 5 minutes' drive from the Tawa Salvation Army and often I'd ask his wise advice on a variety of topics or situations. I never thought of Shaun as being young in the faith as he was determined to pursue God with all his heart, mind and soul. That's Shaun!

I've attended meetings where Shaun has preached and never cease to be amazed and blessed at his insightful teaching of the Word. That's Shaun!

Since our retirement, David and I have met occasionally with Shaun, Yvonne and family and been blessed immeasurably in fellowship together. Yvonne is truly God's woman for Shaun and shares his passion for ministry and mission. That's Shaun and Yvonne!

In these days of global uncertainty, fear and plague the world desperately needs another 'Elijah' to fearlessly preach God's salvation and holiness. I strongly believe Shaun has a powerful prophetic word for today's world. God has indeed chosen him, empowered him with Holy Spirit Fire, and given him His Divine

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Word: *“God is going to cleanse you of everything you have ever done, and then He is going to fill you with high octane power and fire; and nothing by all means will hold you back.”*

As I have helped edit Shaun’s book, I wholeheartedly recommend *‘Turning Wine into Living Water’*...a powerful personal testimony and perceptive Scriptural teaching on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. As you read this book earnestly pray, “Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus” - and you will!

Major Judith Bennett (The Salvation Army)

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“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.¹⁴ And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”

(1 Timothy 1:12-14 NKJV)

I had a steely determination and was going forward no matter what. My first step was the hardest, but as I pushed past those sitting next to me the chains started to break off - this was it - I had crossed the line of no return. I caught everyone off-guard as I marched forward, but this was no time to stick to the format, I needed help; I needed God.

This public march seemed to take forever, and as I kneeled with my head in my hands at the mercy seat of the Tawa Salvation Army my insides were trembling. What was God going to do to me? How was He going to punish me?

Only days earlier I was like a “*dead man walking*”; lost in the torment of demonic darkness where years of alcoholism, drug abuse, anxiety, internal wounds, and a volatile personality had destroyed any hope of a life worth living. But glory be to God, because I had found the truth - the redeeming power found only in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

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As I kneeled in public surrender to Jesus Christ (I couldn't care less what anyone was thinking), God's presence started to envelop me, and I was quickly drawn into a place of serenity. I was waiting for His rebuke, but He is a God like no other, and as His grace poured over me I had a powerful vision and heard the distinct voice of God speak, "*There is going to be a move of My Spirit, and then the end will come. It is up to the people to get on board, or they will be left behind.*"

I had never heard words like this before. They were *living* words being released deep within my soul, and as I received them, they started burning in my heart and constantly spoke of *revival in the nations*, and the powerful move of God that is coming from heaven.

The only problem... I had no idea what revival is, let alone why the Holy Spirit would choose to speak to someone as destructive as me. But with these burning words of Jesus branded in my heart I rose to my feet in excitement. It was time to walk forward in the new and redeemed life that was ahead of me; I had a mission to fulfil for Jesus Christ. How quickly Jesus can turn a broken, directionless life, into a life of purpose. All things are possible!

Jesus called me into the ministry where God released His miraculous healing power, and many lives were transformed through the word of God and the power of His testimony. But God had shown me so much more than what I was experiencing. A *greater revival* burned in my heart, and I longed for the days to manifest where Jesus Christ would come with *great power*; breaking through the barriers keeping people locked in a life of darkness and setting them free.

Unfortunately, and frustratingly so, much of what I had seen in visions and dreams, and the words of *revival* Jesus had spoken seemed to evade me, and I desperately cried out for more.

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God sees all things, and I knew that regardless of what could be seen by the natural eye - the miraculous healings, and powerful preaching - there remained a constant undertow of wounds and afflictions from my past dragging me backwards through the enemy's paralyzing fear. And as much as I prayed and hungered for revival there remained a solid wall blocking its path. Partly because deep down I feared the *revival of God* breaking forth as I didn't want all my weaknesses and insecurities that robbed me of absolute freedom to be exposed.

“But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.’”

(1 Samuel 16:7)

Nothing can be hidden from God (See Hebrews 4:13). He saw the deep fears, insecurities, and excessive baggage I was carrying around that hindered His revival power in my life. So He brought me to a place where there was no longer going to be a route of escape. It was now time to pass through the *“baptism of fire”*. A *fiery baptism* to bring about complete breakthrough in my life, with the purpose to equip and prepare me for the *sanctifying, fiery revival of the Holy Spirit* that is coming from Heaven.

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”

(Matthew 3:11)

There are many references made to the *baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire*. I have seen many social media video clips of ministers marching around the pulpit screaming out, *“Fire, fire, fire!”* over

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congregations and seeing visible manifestations breakout. I've heard countless sermons referring to the "fire of God", and I've stood shoulder to shoulder with warriors of Christ in vocal roar singing, "We need another Pentecost, send the fire today!" But when it came down to it, like many others, I lacked personal revelation and experience as to what the *fire of God* was.

This all dramatically changed through a prophetic word God brought me: "God is going to cleanse you of everything you have ever done, and then He is going to fill you with 'high octane' power and fire; and nothing by any means will hold you back."

I was then led by the Holy Spirit on a five-year journey through "the baptism of fire". I encountered Jesus Christ and received powerful breakthroughs and healing as the light and liberty of Christ broke forth in my life; empowering me to smash through barriers the enemy placed before me and the restraints man had tried to bind me up with. Through this *baptism of fire*, I became empowered by the living flames of Jesus Christ, enabling me to defeat the powers of darkness, and run the race set before me; no longer looking back.

"It's time to prepare yourself and rise up in the power of the Holy Spirit and fire."

Today's popular Christian message speaks of abundant grace in Jesus Christ, but unfortunately it is void of the *sanctifying fire and holiness of God* that's imperative to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have also been deceived by the enemy, and lukewarm preachers who have not passed through *fire*, that the *level* we are functioning at in the Church today is the highly anointed level of God. This is far from truth!

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But things are about to change, as I strongly believe the next true *revival of God* will be one of *Holy Spirit fire*, where the Body of Christ will be *sanctified and purified*; made ready for the return of the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.

“Prepare yourself and arise...”

(Jeremiah 1:17)

If you have a deep desire to serve Jesus Christ in power, then you cannot deny the *baptism of fire* in your life. But what is this baptism that's so often referred to?

Many people cry out for the *fire of God* in desperation to be empowered to heal the sick and cast out demons. But when the *fire of the Holy Spirit* does come upon their life, they end up struggling with demonic attack that comes from the enemy and lack discernment why their past is still sitting at the doorstep and knocking on their door. Through constant affliction and lack of understanding many become defeated and give up, rather than enduring this gruelling process of sanctification that leads to rich fulfilment (See Psalm 66:12).

You may be asking yourself these questions:

- Why am I suffering such great affliction?
- Why can't I find liberating freedom?
- If there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus (See Romans 8:1), then why do I feel so undone and condemned?
- Why are my relationships always falling away?
- How do I become empowered with the Holy Spirit?
- Will I ever fulfil my purpose?
- Is Jesus still with me? Does He even care for me?

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In *“Turning Wine into Living Water”* it is my purpose to explain and lead you through an honest journey of what the *baptism of fire* is, and awaken you to Kingdom principles that will dethrone the enemy’s tactics and hold on your life; allowing you to break forth in Holy Spirit power. It is my heart to encourage you to persevere through hardship and trial, and help you discern between good and evil, so you can see the promises of God established in your life.

“I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!”

(Jesus Christ - Luke 12:49)

Your day of breakthrough is here, so bow down before Jesus and allow Him to minister to your heart as you read through this timely book.

Don’t give up! It is of no coincidence that you’re holding this book in your hands and I pray that you will be impacted and empowered with all God’s goodness and love in the days ahead. God bless you!