## **Goliath Opened my Eyes**



#### Goliath Opened My Eyes: Who Are You?

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## **Introduction - My Perspectives**

Before I get into my perspectives, I would like to define perspectives based on three areas which are the dictionary (Lexico), God's word (the Bible & the Concordance), and my personal definition (Self).

- 1. **The Dictionary Meaning:** "the art of drawing solid objects on a two-dimensional surface so as to give the right impression of their height, width, depth, and position in relation to each other when viewed from a particular point, and a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view" (Lexico).
- 2. God's word: The word of God's "Perspective" is not in the bible concordance, but I could find the synonym of the word "Perspective" which are also the words view, stand, angle, frame of mind, and interpretation based on God's will and promises.

  The scripture that illuminated was: Romans 12:2 states, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what

God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will"

(NIV); and "Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand** your ground, and after you have done everything, to **stand**" (Ephesian 6:13, NIV); and "Let this **mind** be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5, NKJV).

3. **My Personal Definition:** My definition of perspective is based on my frame of mind, position and attitude before, during and after my experience with God. Perspectives are accurate based on viewpoint and the state of mind the person is in at the time. Perspectives can change which means people can change.

I couldn't find perspective in the bible concordance, so I look for the word that was a synonym which were the words outlook, **view**, viewpoint, point of view, standpoint, position, **stand**, stance, angle, slant, attitude, **frame** of **mind**, frame of reference, approach, vantage point, and **interpretation** (Lexico). The bolded words are the ones that I could find

represented in the word of God. When I did my research,

mind had the most scripture references, interpretation was

next, then stand, view, and angle.

The Holy Spirit illuminated the word **mind** to compare with perspective. The scripture that was brought to my remembrance were said to me in the words, "Do not conform to this world", "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus", and "When you have done all you can in Christ, just stand" is another scripture that was said. These defining words led me to my perspective which is based on my belief and my current stand (perspective) with God, and not with man. If I did not transform my mind daily, my mind would have remained in a carnal state (perspective) and not evolving with the spirit of God. In seven years, I have evolved, and my perspective has shifted based on God so I can serve Christ.

Prior to my first perspective, I had a worldly perspective that was self-driven which edged God out of my decisions. My perspectives were based on the foundation of how I was raised, the people that influence my life, my education, my experiences, my mindset, my emotions and

my interpretation of my life based on the information I had at the time. Everything was about me. I walked through my first 31 years using my natural eyes, but when God opened my spiritual eyes on January 14, 2013, I began to see another world operating alongside mine. This was my first perspective to who I was to God. I could look at life as someone owing me something or I could see it as taking up my cross and walk through the experiences so I could mature and grow in the Lord. Since I didn't know the Lord, my life was driven by my experiences after I turned eighteen. Although I was born into a system that was an image of God, unknowingly, I still had to find the path of survival. I was born an American citizen and a native of Atlanta, Georgia so my experience is centralize to this state. Through my perspective, I was treated like a foreigner in my own state and country unless I bowed to a system that enslaved me to its culture. I will explain how I came to this perspective of reality. I have endured unprecedented experiences in Georgia in three different perspectives based on my experiences. These experiences have inspired me to

encourage, educate, equip, empower and engage myself to develop in the Lord.

The first perspective was in the system for 36 years. The second perspective was transitioning out of the system for 7 years. The third perspective is God's which I am in the process of him molding and transforming me. My perspectives continue to evolve as I grow, develop and learn the lessons God put before me. Everything in my life is a lesson and has fruit to be harvested from the experiences.

## Chapter 1 - My 1<sup>st</sup> Perspective "The System"

My first perspective was in the system, so I made decisions based on my instinct and not on knowing the character of God. I believed everything and trusted everybody. When I heard the living God on January 14, 2013 say, "the battle is not yours, its mine", I didn't realize that I was in for a battle, but I did not know the details. I worked hard to make a living within the system and do the right thing, but I continued to struggle and fall on hard times. Why? I continued to struggle because I lacked knowledge of who the living God was in my life. I was selfish and everything was about my ambition, my education and becoming successful. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was unknown to me although he was with me. I did not know his character. I did not know his statues and ways on how I should operate in this world. I followed religious ways which was a cycle. I was able to test the word and activate my faith through the start of a medical diagnosis of fibroids and incurable cancer, but those were not my Goliath's. Once

I had the encounter with Goliath in 2013, I began to realize who I was in Christ over a period of seven years. I began to understand the purpose and mission of Jesus Christ to preach the Kingdom of God. I began to understand my role in the kingdom, but I had to endure a seven-year process to cleanse me from the ways of the world and be set free from sin to enter the second perspective that opened my eyes. When my eyes opened, I saw a mirrored image of God's Kingdom and the Kingdom he was redeeming from in 2013. I created an image that I called, "The System". It is located at the end of this book. The image was a picture of what I saw that I could draw the best way I could to depict the image. I was born into "The System", and the only way out was my belief in Jesus so I could receive the Holy Spirit who directs my life like a GPS system that provides direction.

## Chapter 2 – My 2<sup>nd</sup> Perspective "My Belief"

I am grafted into the lineage of Judah through believing in the blood of Jesus Christ by faith, but like Joseph I experienced enslavement. According to the word of God, Abraham's descendants would be enslaved in a foreign land for 400 years (Genesis 15:13). It is no coincidence that I received this revelation in 2019. He had to shut me down for seven years and hid me so that he could teach me his ways through the Holy Spirit to serve Christ. My enslavement was physical, mental, and emotional. After having a dream on January 14, 2013, I shared my dream with my superior, but after seven years of service, I became the enemy. I could relate to Joseph, but it was in the reverse. Joseph was sold into slavery after he told his dream. I was already in mental and emotional slavery, but I was pushed out of slavery and set free by Christ after I resisted the enemies request. The enemy thought they were killing, stealing and destroying me by terminating me when they were really being used by God to put me on the path to abundant life (John 10:10). When I saw the unfairness at my job, I spoke up in defense of the law and myself because it was wrong. I have always read and watched movies about discrimination, but to experience it and encounter it for myself was like sitting on the bus with Rosa Parks and taking a stand for what I believed.

#### God Was With Me

This defense backfired on me and caused me to be a target and ultimately terminated from my job thinking that the law was on my side. I love my job and I loved what I was doing as a leader. Those who loved their life will lose it (John 12:25). I was walking through the scripture while experiencing adversity. I did my job unto the Lord, but this is when Goliath came against me. I felt like Moses and David at the same time during this adverse action. I was terminated for speaking up and exercising my rights, but it was also like throwing a stone at leadership in the government. They had no choice but to get rid of me. I was shining a light in the darkness, so my light had to be put out by dismissing me from employment. This dismissal caused major problems in my life, but that was part of taking up my cross and walking because no matter what I was experiencing, God was with

know Chris which is where the problem is created.

I walk through all the levels of justice that was affordable to me. During this process, the book of Esther came into my spirit when I filed my case against the state government in 2016. I continued to fast and prayer as I walked through this journey. This process was a conviction that I had to do. I did not have an option. I couldn't eat or sleep unless I did what God asked me. I had to follow the course that God had commissioned me to do at the time. While the wall of Jericho was falling around me, I was being protected and covered in the wilderness. I experienced financial hardship after divorce that left me without a home, multiple job terminations, unable to afford my car note and experienced repossession, having to ride public transportation, faced with paying child-support, unemployment, food stamps, no medical insurance and unable to find employment matching my background and

experience. I was unable to find suitable employment
because I had sound leadership experience, education, but
when I used my last job as my employer on my application
most companies wanted to know why I was dismissed from a
government job. This happened for each job I applied for
through the unemployment office. That was a red flag for the
government not to hire me, but if I left the job off the
application and not reported the dismissal it would have
been lying. So, I was stuck in a hard place and a dark spirit
was hovering over me even with the God present.

Also, after applying for jobs, I would get as close to an offer, but it would fail. I would not hear back from the hiring person, and I received no follow-up letter. So, I had to reinvent myself which landed me into positions that did not match my experience or education, but I did what was offered regardless of the pay because God opened the door. I had to constantly defer student loans that at this point in my life served no purpose to me because I could not land a job using my past job experience or education. I took up my cross and walked through the hardship and took the hits because I knew it was my faith in Jesus Christ that was

being put on trial. It was my level of thinking and work ethics that demonstrated my ability to perform beyond my job title. God allowed each job within the seven-year timeframe to terminate me because he was doing a work in me. I was also being taught how to allow Christ into the situation while unfair treatment was occurring. Companies knew how to treat me to not appear as discriminatory. They also knew how to treat employees and get away with their business practices based on the non-accountability checks and balances in the system. They knew the loopholes and grey areas. It was never about the job or the problems I experienced. It was about coming into the knowledge of God for the advancement of his kingdom to serve Christ. Once I realized that, those companies will continue to operate in that fashion because that is who they are on earth. They were operating from spiritual wickedness in high places as the scripture details in Ephesians 6. In the meantime, my job was to see the problems and pray for God's mercy and justice in the situations. My role was not to change them. It was to change myself to match the future of what God was showing me.

#### I Was Redeemed

In order to begin fulfilling the promise, God redeemed me so I could do his work through righteousness. This reminded me of my prayer in 2015 for God to send me a righteous man. He sent me a righteous man in 2017 to allow me not to focus on a job, but to focus on what God gave me to fulfill. God used him as he processed me through redemption. During this time, I felt like Ruth. I met him on the job God asked me to apply for in 2017. I started the job February 13, 2017 and left the job in agreement with him August 3, 2018 to take care of our son. How can two walk together unless they agree (Amos 3:3)? He was a husband, provider, protector to me before we got married December 21, 2018. He took my burden upon his shoulder and helped me. He provided us with a place to stay. He covered all the bills including my child-support. He wanted me to focus on what God said, and not to worry about the struggle because he would take care of it. He did not want me to worry. We had 6 attempts to get married in 2017 and 2018, but it was God's timing that led us to the Rockdale court house. This reminded me of the scripture, on this rock I will build my

church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). After I got married, the word of God started to flow like water. God was doing a work in me that he was blessing through our union. I was free in the spirit so that I could understand how to submit myself to Christ while walking with a God-fearing man. He did not believe in the formality of the church. He believed the church was within us as individuals before we partake in church functions, and we have the choice to be involved with the church organization. He feared God, and stated to me, "you are my destiny" and "you are the one that I will die with". He knew this before he married me. I saw him as God's provision for me to become the Proverbs 31 woman that I admired and respected in the bible. She had no name or face, but it was a process because I could never become that woman without God's stability, Christ's example and the Holy Spirit's guidance. I needed the Gospels, the good news and salvation to come forth in my life like a rushing wind that swept me off my feet and carried me into Gods promise. The rushing wind was God's way of showing me in his spirit I was redeemed through this marriage union. God redeemed me to resurrect

my life to be like Christ and to be his disciple for the
restoration of the Kingdom. My awakening to God was
miraculous. I couldn't repeat anything in my own strength. I
could only move by the power of God's authority.

# Chapter 3 - My 3<sup>rd</sup> Perspective "Awakening to God"

There are so many experiences I could use to explain what my awakening felt like. What it looked like or what did I see when my spiritual eyes opened. I just know it was like a veil was lifted and I could see in the spirit realm. I can compare it to Alice in the movie, "Alice Through the Looking Glass"? My new life was already created. I could see it through the lens of heaven, but I had to go through a process to transform into the looking glass. I had to walk through the process. It also felt like Neo in the movie, "The Matrix"? I was going to take the blue pill or red pill, but either way a decision had to be made that launched me into another world. Since my eyes were opened by God on January 14, 2013, I believe that the movies that people see as entertaining have all been preparing the world for the coming of Jesus Christ. Most people believe it's just entertainment, but there are messages in movies according to the move of God. We can also see this move through music, art, science, and nature. For example, when the

movie industry released the movies, "Passion for Christ" in 2004, "The Bible" in 2013, "Son of God" in 2014, "Noah" in 2014, "Heaven is Real" in 2014, "God's Not Dead" in 2014, "War Room" in 2015, "Risen" in 2014, "God's Not Dead 2" in 2015, "Breakthrough" in 2019 and "Overcomer" in 2019. Of course, these are just a few, but they were signs to me along with music artists that released anointed songs for this time. Nothing just happens and everything happens for a reason. Have you ever had an experience that reminded you of a character or story in the bible? Have you ever had an out of body experience? I have experienced all of these when God called me. I was shocked. I wanted others to see and feel what I felt, but it didn't happen.

God was redeeming me through the blood of Jesus Christ, but it happened at a decision point with Goliath. I thank God for snatching me out of darkness and opening my eyes when I faced my Goliath in 2013. I was operating in my true passion which was leadership when the encounter with Goliath opened my spiritual eyes and ears to hear the voice of God and to follow his command. I detailed the encounter with Goliath in my book titled: "My **Faith** in the Cross

through **Salvation**.... The **2 keys** that unlocked the Kingdom of God". My eyes were opened to a system that created doublemindedness and unstable thoughts which caused my emotions to be unstable. I was all over the place with no balance. I moved and talked fast. I was not serving the true living God, but I was serving many different idols that kept my mind on other duties other than serving God and Christ. I didn't have rest or peace. I did not know I was serving idols until the Holy Spirit identified them as I went through my redemption process. As a young adult, I thought I needed to get a job, possess a home, car and achieve a degree so I could earn a position of status to pay for my possessions and make a living in America. After I turned to God, all those things were stripped from my life starting with the job. He said seek the kingdom of God and all these things will be added. I realized when all those things were removed from my life, I really did not need any of them. They were idols that were causing me to be doubleminded and unstable in all my ways. I would have made better decisions if I had a relationship with God as a young adult and allowed him to add those things based on my maturity level. If my thoughts

were transformed through Christ, I could have saved time and money on over a \$150, 000 in student loans for my education which profited nothing for me in the system because I wouldn't submit to authority that was broken and operating on status quo, quid pro quo, money and a slave mentality. The system is broke, and it can't fix itself because the foundation must be uprooted. Christ pulled me out just in time before the world I knew collapsed without a way to recover. The one decision I made as a child was salvation, and after 31 years it was worth keeping my soul with the Lord. God commissioned me to be here to say what is on his heart for his people. Serve him and no other God. We serve a good God. He will never place us in a position to harm us. He gave me many times to serve him, but I was embedded in idolatry which I thought I needed to survive. Idolatry was set up in three levels for me, and I had to shake each one of them to fully submit to the authority of Christ. I had to fight through systems, possessions and my own will as I experienced my transformation. They were all set up to continue to glorify itself or myself to get more achievements, more money which provided more power. I found myself on

the poverty side of economics once I challenged the business practices of Goliath. Therefore, my foundation was uprooted. I was doubleminded trying to serve the true living God who is life versus the image of God who mask itself as life and light. The narrow path I had to endure in order to build on the foundation of God and structure my life according to his word which renews my mind daily. This also allows the Holy Spirit to illuminate my path daily.

#### My old world started dying

Although I was going through this battle with Goliath, I documented my situation through the corporate prayer line at church from 2013 through 2016. My prayers were recorded in writing, but many of them were also read aloud during the prayer call. At the time, my flesh wanted someone to hear my call for justice and come to help me, but no one came forth. God needed me to walk through the system for me to know that his word kept me encouraged and walked with me through the battle. I was walking through the physical systems that had my spirit bound. I had to bind the stronghold physically through truth by faith to uproot the

enemy in my life. I could not walk by sight. I had to listen to the Holy Spirit to help illuminate my path to provide me with guidance. My life was not only about speaking, teaching, and praying the word, it was about the manifestation of the fullness of God's glory in my life. I allowed the Spirit to rest on me and change, purify, cleanse and prepare me for God's glory. Through my rest, I had to listen and be obedient to the Lord's call. I had to say yes to God and no to my flesh. He sent me someone who was all flesh but allowed me to posture myself for the Lord. He was a physical provider, protector, and stabilizer during my redemption process. God sent me a man that wanted to do right by him through his family, will and emotions. He was passionate about his family. He was helping me fulfill the finished works that God showed me. He was a true Boaz. I could not keep my old ways and claim I knew the Lord. I could not focus on others; tare others down because God was doing a work within me. People may not be how we think they should be, but all words uttered should be in love and not offense. My old ways submitted to the flesh which was why when I sowed to the flesh, I reaped from the flesh. My new ways submit to the

Holy Spirit, Christ, and God. I could not serve 2 masters because I would love one and hate the other (Matthew 6:24). The emotional disagreements that were in my relationship kept me in constant training to burn off irritations, strife, and frustration for peace to come into my heart and dwell. The spirit was killing my fleshly ways so I could successfully elevate to the next level for the kingdom of God. Until my divine encounter with the Lord on January 14, 2013, my world was driven by the flesh through passion and lust for what I wanted to do. When my spiritual eyes opened it shifted me into a new dimension that involved seeing the heart and mind of God. My old world started dying. Everything that was not like God was burned off on the threshing floor these past 7 years.

#### God invited me back into the Garden

My life was hidden until I formed a relationship with God and submitted to Christ. The enemy came to kill, steal and destroy, but Jesus came that I may have life and have it more abundantly. The enemy creates this deception by creating a false image of the true living God. Some people do not realize that they are serving the wrong God until it's too

late. God's people know the truth and it has set them free. This is what gave me joy. Jesus Christ set me free from this system before I was born, but I was living in unbelief. I am glad that God didn't allow the lawsuit against my adversary to proceed. It was dismissed so that victory could be won for Christ. I was trusting in my government to help me when the law was broken on my job, but I just lost money and received no justice. I was trusting in my education, but it didn't provide me with the expected job. I realized that justice is not built into the system so I was fighting a battle that could not be won by my own efforts. God had to intervene, but it took me 7 years to actively repent and turn my heart, mind, soul and emotions to God so I could follow Jesus Christ and be led by the Holy Spirit and my gifts. I could not be serving an idol and claiming Victory in the name of Jesus. I would have been unauthorized to use his name. Prior to 2013, my eyes were wide shut, but I wore a cross on my neck believing for the Jesus Christ that hadn't opened my eyes until faced with Goliath. I felt naked and unashamed when God spoke to me because my heart was operating towards him although I was in the enemy's territory looking like a grasshopper.

God put a hedge of protection over me. The circumstances on January 14, 2013 reminded me of Eve when she bit the apple and gave some to her husband and he ate, and both their eyes were opened. She didn't know any better. She was deceived through her thoughts. In my case, I didn't eat the apple. I threw it back at the serpent and hit him in the head. This time God invited me back in the garden. I was treated like the protocol son. He cleaned me up and placed me back in the garden to be covered and protected by him, Christ, and the Cherubim's. He can now communicate with me without interference. Thanks to my Goliath. God created structure in my life and the mind of Christ helped me create stability and steadfast thoughts. All the other things will be added but it's under the Lordship of Christ. I am grateful for my Goliath because it led me to the Almighty God and his kingdom.

If its not visible to the physical eye, the world calls it accusations or allegations that must be proven in a court of law. Most lawyers' hands are cuffed because they are part of the system. Taking the case will make them stay in the boundaries of the law plus they would be going up against

their god which will expose their sins. If you can prove your case without a lawyer, they will dismiss your case. This is the system. These are the spirits that must be casted down and the only person that can do this is Jesus Christ. These strongholds have been torn down and the walls must fall for people to see Christ. It is just timing that will expose the true enemy and the true Jesus Christ. This is what Goliath did for me. It helped me rightfully divide the truth and learn what battles belonged to the Lord.

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## "The System" Diagram

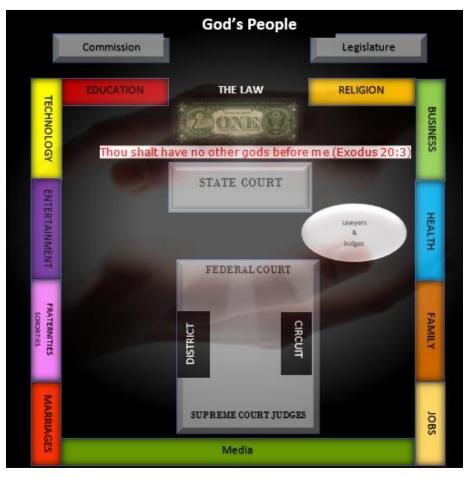


Figure 1: The System — This is based on a spiritual image of what the system appeared to look like when I saw my Exodus in 2020.