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Sergio's Itinerary

DECEMBER

Dec 1 Sat

Virtual Meeting

Tierra de Fuego, Arg.

Dec 3-5 Mon—Wed

Virtual Meeting

San Martin, Guatemala

Dec 5 Wed

Virtual Meeting

Fort Wayne, IN
Port St. Lucie, FL
Fort Wayne, IN

Dec 11 Tues

Virtual Meeting

Norwalk, California

Dec 12 Wed

Virtual Meeting

Forest Hill, Louisiana

Dec 19 Wed

Virtual Meeting

Loxahatchee, Florida

Dec 20 Thurs

Virtual Meeting

Houston, Texas
Talcahuano, Chile
Cordoba, Argentina

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JOSHUA: THE TRANSGRESSION OF PRESUMPTION

(Part 15) By Sergio Scataglini

Transgressions are sins or weaknesses that, sooner or later, pull us out of our Christian walk. They can bring defeat and disaster to our lives.

As we begin our journey with Joshua, we see that the transgression of presumption occurs when we believe we have heard from God, yet we have not searched our hearts and followed His commands.

Spiritual presumption is acting on the "Rhema" while forgetting the "Logos" of God. Rhema is the specific guidance from God. It may involve a prophecy or a word of knowledge. Logos is the written Word of God.



Joshua had a Rhema word: "Go and take the land." But he neglected the Logos, the laws of holiness established by God long before.

When we operate on presumption, our lives and ministries do not go the way we imagined.

There are Christians that are so deeply wounded by having presumed they have heard and understood God. When things turn out differently than they thought; they then feel they can never recover.

Joshua went through some steps that are common for those who are pre-

sumptive about what God is doing in their lives. These can help you identify whether you are relating to the Lord in presumption:

1) DEVASTATION WHEN THINGS DO NOT GO AS EXPECTED. (Josh 6:27-7:5) When the Israelites were defeated by their enemy, they not only regarded this as a temporal loss, but they lost confidence in the future. Their sense of trust and hope was broken.

I believe that we are in an age of melted hearts and insecure Christians. People are not even sure they should continue in their kind of Christianity. Sometimes they move to another type of church and attend there only a few months because they are never sure.

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"Stand for Something or You Will Fall for Anything"

Candy, costumes and children — sounds like something really fun. Yet when we dig into the origins of Halloween, we soon discover its occultic roots. The History Channel's website gives us this insight: *Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. On the night of*

October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. . .these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction

during the long, dark winter. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. (www.history.com)

We pray for increased discernment for all of us Christians and our families. (see Deut. 18:9). □



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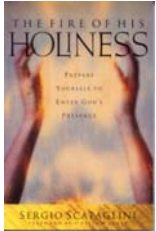
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Testimonies



I just wanted to write to you how much I appreciate your Book "The Fire of His Holiness", it has impacted my life like no other book. I felt the power of the Holy Spirit while I was reading it, yes it brought conviction but it was paired with tremendous hope. It brought so much clarity to some "confusing" moves of GOD in my life. May the LORD bless you richly.

Gerd, Germany

Our church, Acts 2 Worship Center, has given us the blessing to view you once a month on the Big Screen. Your book "The Twelve Transgressions" is a huge blessing to my life. I just finished reading chapter 5. Praise God for giving you His will and the words that are written in this book. The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart today. Thank you for your book. I pray that others will also be impacted.

Ivette, Florida



Pastor Sergio: I was in the virtual meeting that you had in the Rio Grande Baptist Church. Your message was very edifying to me.



Fabiana, Rio Grande, Argentina

NOTE: Pastor Scataglini's books, as well as other materials can be ordered at www.scataglini.com

Joshua: Presumption (cont.)

2) PERPLEXITY INSTEAD OF PURPOSE. (Josh 7:6) Joshua could not understand why the Lord would lead them into battle and then let them lose that battle.

We see churches and families stuck in the "Why?" stage of regret. When someone is in that stage, you might hear questions such as: "Why did I believe God so much and look now at the results? Why did I have this crazy dream that God was going to use me? Look at the embarrassment I went through, my life is amounting to nothing."

3) REGRETS--LAMENTING FOR HAVING FOLLOWED GOD TO THE NEXT LEVEL. (Josh 7:7) They thought, "If only we had been content

to stay on the other side of the Jordan."

Some pastors who have sought renewal for their congregation and are in this stage might be saying, "Why couldn't we just keep having church as usual?"

In other words, people go through a crisis and wonder what God is doing. They feel like he has led them and He has given them a word of direction. Yet after they take that route, it does not seem to work. Christians who suffer religious traumas come to church, have communion, do a lot of things, but at the moment when they need to step out in faith and do something big for their God, they stop.

As we study Joshua together, we will learn how to avoid this pitfall.

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