



Can't quite find the real you?

**FROM A LIFE AS NOBODY
I BECAME A CHILD OF THE KING!**

Destiny

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*"Come and hear, all who fear God, and
I will tell of what He has done for my soul."*

Psalm 66:16 NAS

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Introduction

This devotional has developed over quite a few years, 10 years actually, and is pretty much my testimony of God's amazing faithfulness and love. Were it not for God's intervention in my life I would not be here now. Because of my story, I used to feel, and sometimes still do, that my life has been wasted. But God regularly reminds me that because of my experience I am now able to hopefully, help you overcome the struggles you are having with the constant mess in your head of not feeling good enough, lacking confidence, always feeling lonely and wishing you were anywhere but here.

My struggle was a never-ending, repetitive, fantasy-fuelled life that ultimately left me socially inept, friendless, and lacking, in all areas of my life. If you are reading this book I want you to know that "TODAY is the day of Salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NAS) Today is the day to take that step to freedom. Don't wait until tomorrow, for you don't know what tomorrow may bring. Life can be stolen from us in one moment of time through unforeseen circumstances and, or tragic accidents. Today is the day.

As you read this book you will have the opportunity to

learn how to move on with your life. I am not a Psychologist or a Psychiatrist or even a Pastor or Counsellor. In fact not a recognized expert at all in this field, except for the fact that my soul has lived in the unreal, fantasy world that we will explore as we move through each chapter. I don't have any proof of this because I never sought any help, for it was not something that I particularly wanted to discuss with others, because of embarrassment and shame. In fact, I used to expect deliverance every time I went forward for prayer over the years, but none came. I actually didn't even want to let go of 'my friends,' but knew that at some stage I would have to do so.

I am not schizophrenic or bi-polar or anything like that, but as you will see, my pretend life began as a result of one year of great loss in my childhood. It started at age nine and ended at age fifty-two. That's over 40 years in the wilderness. Retreating into my soul realm for comfort, and role-playing what I wanted life to look like became normal for me. The fact is, that my parents did the best they could with what they had. But I do remember in my teen years, my mum saying to me that I would never achieve much in life because I was like her and not smart. No doubt, her

mum had told her that. Such negativity handed down from parents, cripples whole generations. When I was growing up, I learnt how to make chocolate cake, an appreciation for movies and musicals, how to discipline my new son, but nothing really about life. Our family life was very private and insular. There was no social life really, except with a few relatives and the odd neighbour around Christmas time.

I have known for some time the need to write this book, simply because so many people in these days are drawn into the glamorous, I-want-to-be-famous lifestyle, that we no longer can discern what is real and what is not. People wanting to make themselves more beautiful so that they can stay young forever, people who want to look like animals, fantasy characters, celebrities, and all sorts of way out there things. People who want recognition and fame, and to be seen with or become the rich and famous. Michael Jackson, Cher, Dolly Parton, Botched, Nip and Tuck, air-brushed perfection on every magazine cover. That is not what any of these celebrities really look like. Wanting a life better than the one we've been given, which is a gift, and we throw it back in our Maker's face, is vanity, shallow. The grass is always greener on the other side, is a lie, a

myth, a huge deception.

Such a deception in fact, that I suffered all my life from a case of mistaken identity. I believe that the devil is real and that he is our enemy, and that I made his job a whole lot easier by believing his lies. He worked overtime to keep me from seeing the real me, and God's truth ~ that I was indeed able through the Holy Spirit to defeat the lies and half-truths in my head. So instead of relishing who I really was, he kept me grieving over who I wished I was, resulting in insecurity and crippled by self-doubt.

So let's have a look at this pathetic story of mine, which without it, I could not be bringing to you now, God's amazing grace, mercy and truth. And through that I found me. I pray that the Lord will help you also find your true self within the pages of this book. All my love,

Angela



*Destiny - Predetermination -
The day I handed my life over to Jesus,
my whole life history changed from confusion
and nothingness, to purpose and destiny.*

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I sat down on the end of my bed, exhausted from the cleaning job I had just completed at Judy's place. Cleaning was not my favourite past-time, but the only skill I had to earn some extra money. I was tired. Tired of always feeling unhappy with my life, and life in general. As a Christian I knew I should feel more joy in my life, but could never find it. I had always felt this way for as long as I could remember. When I looked back over my life, I saw loss all through it, even though I'd had a very stable and loving family life. My parents were still alive and all my sisters and friends. I had not really suffered any loss at all, yet why did I feel this way? Sitting there, I began to think back over my life, as far back as I could remember, and asked God to show me where all had gone wrong. And at that point in time, in my life, sitting on the end of my bed, God began to show me the pattern that had determined the rest of my life to that day, and beyond to this very day, today.