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LITTLE BOY

A LessonsForLife Book

Introduction

Big Man Little Boy is about breaking free from your past in order to walk into your future.

For many decades in my life, I struggled with the death of my mom when I was age 9; then also the death of my dad when I was age 17.

I ran from God's calling on my life from the very day of my dad's death, for the next 17 years.

After things kept happening certain ways, with few if any positive outcomes, I knew that in order to free myself from the stronghold of anger and rebellion that had taken hold of my life, I had to surrender.

Feelings of abandonment, kept me in bondage to my past for 30 years.

This book, is for anyone who has never understood why certain things have occurred in their lives without any answers. And, for people who continue to hang on a negative past while trying to walk into a positive future.

I'm living testimony that you cannot live in the past at the same time you're trying to reside in the present. Enjoy reading this book, because I enjoyed writing it.

*“When I was a child,
I spake as a child,
I understood as a child,
I thought as a child:
but when I became a man,
I put away childish things.”*
1st Corinthians 13:11

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Chapter One

Adolescence

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Adolescence for me was the most ideal time of my life in my opinion. Why? Because I had a family with both parents, lots of siblings, and few problems. My parents were both medical professionals as well as entrepreneurs who owned a restaurant, etc. We owned a home in a typical south side of Chicago neighborhood. Our family was as close as one could get, and we didn't know what the word poor meant. We were fortunate to have the parents we did. And they were a Blessing to us in many ways. That all changed in 1972, when I was age 9, because my mom died. Everyone in the family went silent, especially me, and our family structure began to break down. My dad did his absolute best to try and hold on, but his health failed and he passed away 8 years later in 1980. The family unity completely broke down.

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As a dad of two grown daughters (28 & 22 at this writing), I made a commitment to raise my kids, so they never had to face or feel the pain, feelings of abandonment, and never-ending hurt that comes with growing up without a dad in the home. Not having my mom from an early age was devastating, but being a young man, raised in the gang infested community of Englewood on the south side of Chicago, not having a dad who would lead, guide, direct, and protect me from the wiles of the devil, the things of this world, and the many self-inflicted activities and actions that come with being fatherless at the age of 17, removed any chance I had in living what some would deem a normal life from that point on. Why? Because young men need their dads in their life, period.

THE CONTRAST

As a little boy, I lost both parents. They never saw me become a man. As a big man, I became what they never had a chance to be for me.



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God is the author of the Bible. It is meant to be our instruction manual, our roadmap home. Without it, we are lost. Use the information in these books to help you and others.

God destroys the darkness behind us, to direct us toward our destiny ahead. So whatever you do on your journey, never turn back. God bless you in your walk with Christ. Amen.

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