

CHAPLAIN AMERICA AND CHRISTIAN RISING

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ISAIAH 54:16 No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me says the Lord...Amen

It all started one faithful day as I was praying outside of the rooms at the VA Hospital. I was on the first floor and as I was praying outside of room 193 I noticed that the patient had a Charles Stanly devotional on her bed table so I looked in and asked if she would like prayer. At first she hesitated but then said yes and invited me to come in.

After we prayed she began to tell me her story, her name was Ciara Rising and she had been serving in Afghanistan for the past four years and during the withdrawal of U.S. forces in 2021 Ciara was helping to facilitate the withdrawal at Kabul Airport when an explosion occurred during an attack by the Islamic State and 13 U.S. servicemen were killed and over 120 people were injured. When the explosion occurred Ciara was blown to the floor, she got up and ran over to help save an airmen's life, she pulled him to safety and a wall of cargo fell on her. Ciara was crushed and knocked unconscious. She would eventually be sent stateside and sent to the VA Hospital in Phoenix AZ for treatment and physical therapy. Ciara had to have two operations and she was unable to walk at this point. The prognosis was good and it was very hopeful that Ciara would one day walk and run once more.

In the days and weeks that followed I would visit Ciara many times, Ciara was in her 30s and we seemed to have a lot in common. I began sharing and teaching the word of God to her and she was very receptive and encouraged by our visits. Then one day Pastor Shon the Holy Illuminator stopped by for a visit and I asked him if he would please come with me to anoint and pray for Ciara and that's how this incredible story began for the glory of God.

“Hi Ciara, it’s Chaplain John can Pastor Shon and I come in for a few minutes?”

“Hi Chaplain John, yes please come in.”

“Hi Ciara, my name is Pastor Shon; Chaplain John had asked me to come and anoint you and pray for you if you would like.”

“Yes, I would very much appreciate that Pastor Shon.”

Pastor Shon walked over to the side of Ciara’s bed and I walked around to the other side of the bed and held Ciara’s hand. Pastor Shon then proclaimed a blessing of healing and good health onto Ciara’s life and as he was placing the anointing oil on Ciara’s forehead it began happening once again, a brilliant white light began to fill the room then it felt as though a gust of wind hit our faces as the Holy Spirit’s presence, power, and love began to greatly manifest all around us. Then suddenly Ciara and I were transported back in time to the year 1862 during the American Civil War, we found ourselves somewhere in Tennessee deep in Confederate country and we needed to think fast on how to handle this situation. God had sent us here for a very special reason. The good news was Ciara was completely healed and God had given her some very powerful spiritual superpowers of her own, we just didn’t know it yet.

I had done a lot of research on the American Civil War and after looking around at our surroundings I suddenly realized we were at the Battel of Shiloh. The battle of Shiloh took place on April 6 and 7 1862 in Tennessee, this two day battle took the lives of over 23000 men. Pittsburg Landing was a small riverboat settlement. It was a few miles from the country meeting house known as Shiloh Church which was a little more 20 miles from the main Confederate force at Corinth.

The federal encampment surrounded Shiloh Church in the quite countryside with the peach trees blossoming. War and death seemed far away, on April 6th 1862 the battel of Shiloh began, the battel lasted until 4pm on April 7th 1862.

I was dressed as a Civil War Chaplain and Ciara was dressed as a field nurse of the time. We began walking around talking to the soldiers. It was Thursday which meant that the following morning would begin one of the bloodiest civil war battles to date. We were given food and water and a place to sleep, the men seemed to know us and greatly appreciate our service in helping the men.

I organized a prayer circle and we prayed for the men's safety and swift victory. Then I anointed the men who requested it and we had a Church service. I talked about the battle of Shiloh in the Bible and explained to the men what was written in Joshua 18:1 Now the whole congregation of the Children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh and set up the Tabernacle of meeting there and the land was subdued before them. I explained that Shiloh was a city in Ephraim 12 miles north and east of Bethel where the Tabernacle remained from the time of Joshua to the time of Samuel. Judges 21:19 I told the men that God was going to deliver a great victory for them for the glory of God.

The next day the gun fire began and things became very chaotic, then the cannon fire began. I saw Ciara in the distance and ran over to her and told her to stay close because all it might take to get back to our own time was to help one person. God has a plan and we just have to place our faith, hope, and trust in Him for He and He alone knows the outcome of all of this.

Ciara and I ran over to the Church of Shiloh as the wounded were being brought in from the battlefield for treatment. Ciara was given the knowledge of being a skilled field nurse as I stood by offering prayer and comfort to the wounded and dying. At one point as I was holding a soldier's hand I invited Ciara to pray with us and as I took her hand an amazing thing happened the soldier began to be healed for the glory of God right before our eyes. Everyone in attendance were totally amazed. Everyone raised their hands in giving God praise, worship, and thanks. We realized that God had sent us to the Battle of Shiloh to help heal the wounded and dying. Soon we would be healing five then ten then twenty then fifty soldiers at a time and within three hours these same men were completely healed and battle ready for the glory of God.

Still there had to be a very special person that we were sent back in time to help heal or lead to Christ. Then on Monday April 7 1862 General Grant came riding by and was hit in the neck by a round and fell to the ground, I and another soldier pulled him to safety, Ciara and I prayed for the general and then Pastor Shon showed up right out of nowhere and anointed the general and with a great FLASH OF WHITE LIGHT the general was completely healed for the glory of God. The soldier who was there couldn't believe his eyes, he fell to his knees with tears in his eyes in solemn prayer to our Lord.

General Grant sat up filled with amazement and gratitude and said,

"Thank you Chaplain, thank you to you all. Chaplain, at this precise moment in time I would like to give my life to Christ. You see up until today I had never really given my life to Christ, O I may have gone through the motions as in going to Church and all but after what transpired here today on this holy ground I have no doubt that Christ Jesus is the Lord of lords and the King of kings."

I invited General Grant to give his life to Christ by repeating after me as I led him in the prayer of salvation and right when we were finished Pastor Shon, Ciara, and I were engulfed in a powerful white light and we were transported through time back to the year 2021 and we all found ourselves back in Ciara's room at the VA Hospital.

We all gave God all the praise, glory, and honor then parted our separate ways. The very next day Ciara got a roommate by the name of Sara Marchsent who was in a very bad accident on the I17 coming down from Prescott with her boyfriend a few months back. I'm sure our Lord has something very special instore for her as well.

Psalms 31:1-5 Be of Good Courage

In You O Lord I put my trust, let me never be ashamed, deliver me in Your righteousness. Deliver me speedily, be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress. Therefore for Your name's sake lead me and guide me. Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me. For You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth...

John 14:6 Yeshua said to them, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me...Amen



John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 To everyone there is a season, a time for every purpose under Heaven.

A time to be born and a time to die.

A time to plant and a time to pluck what is planted.

A time to kill and a time to heal.

A time to break down and a time to build up;

A time to weep and a time to laugh.

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones.

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to gain and a time to lose.

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to tear and a time to sew;

A time to keep silent and a time to speak;

A time to love and a time to hate.

A time of war and a time of peace.

