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● PERSONAL DETAILS

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● PUBLICATIONS

- Inside War: From the Jungle to the Jordan (published by Bridge Logos Publishers, 21 October 2021)

● SPIRITUAL JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Experiencing Christ's protection during Ayahuasca ceremonies in the Amazon with the Shipibo tribe.
- ★ A life-changing vision of Jesus bringing freedom from spiritual oppression.
- ★ My baptism in the River Jordan.
- ★ Repentance, healing, restoration and spiritual deliverance at Ellel Ministries.

● BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

- Isaiah 61:1
- Psalm 91:14 - 16
- Romans 8:1 - 2; 28 - 31
- John 8:31 - 32; 10:27 - 30; 15:5; 15:16
- Matthew 4:17; 7:7 - 8; 11:28; 28:18
- Mark 11:24
- Ephesians 6:12

● KEY MINISTRY THEMES

- Redemption
- Repentance
- Spiritual warfare
- Freedom from addiction
- The power of faith to restore broken lives

● PROFILE & MINISTRY OVERVIEW

A journey from darkness to redemption

I was born in 1971 and had a happy childhood until I was 11 years old. After that, my life took a very different path. I experienced the pain of a broken family, was sent to prison at 19, spent two decades in organised crime, battled addiction, and went through intense spiritual struggles before finding redemption through faith.

My story is one of hope, redemption, healing, and discovering the truth that sets you free. Through radio, podcasts, YouTube, magazines, and speaking at schools, prisons, drug rehabilitation centres, and on the streets of London, I share how God's grace transformed me from a career criminal into someone God now uses to bring hope, healing, and freedom to others.

● MY FAITH JOURNEY

My upbringing (early life and childhood)

I was born in 1971 and grew up in Croydon, South London, on County Road in Thornton Heath. I was not raised in a Christian home. My grandparents practised Ouija boards, tea leaf reading, and Tarot cards. I believe these practices opened the door to evil in our home.

I had a happy childhood until my parents separated when I was 11. My mum began drinking heavily and later lived with a violent man linked to London's criminal underworld. At a young age I was exposed to crime, alcohol, drugs, violence, and family conflict. I lost interest in school and discipline and was drawn into the same destructive lifestyle around me. Although I hated the man my mum was with, I admired his wealth and power and eventually worked for him.

Descent into crime

In the late 1980s, I stole cars, burgled homes, and used ecstasy, cocaine, and LSD during the rave scene. I was sentenced to 18 months in prison for burglary. Instead of changing after my release, I continued my life of crime.

Over the next 20 years I became deeply involved in organised crime and built a cocaine trafficking network across the UK and Europe. I used fear and violence to survive, even though I lived with fear myself. In the criminal world, your reputation is everything. People must fear you if you want to get paid. Friends later told me they were terrified of me, especially when my eyes "went black" in anger.

Addiction, isolation and mental breakdown

I have four daughters from three different relationships. One of my greatest regrets is that I was not there for them while they were growing up.

By February 2014, in my early forties, I had reached my lowest point. My relationships had fallen apart, and I was living alone in a caravan above the cliffs at Peacehaven, East Sussex. I was mentally and emotionally broken. I felt completely hopeless and realised my life had no lasting purpose.

My criminal empire, reputation, money, influence, excitement, and status could no longer protect me from despair. Addiction, violence, paranoia, and spiritual emptiness took over. Chasing power and pleasure had slowly destroyed my emotional, mental, and spiritual health, while hiding my pain from others.

The Amazon journey and spiritual awakening

Feeling alone and suicidal, I desperately searched for healing and meaning. I travelled to the Amazon rainforest, where I took part in ceremonies using Ayahuasca, a powerful psychedelic drink, led by a shaman. During these ceremonies I believe we encountered demonic spirits and manifestations.

Terrified, I remembered a stained-glass picture of Jesus Christ I had seen as a child. I cried out, "Help me, Jesus!" I kept praying to Jesus to protect us during the two weeks we stayed with the remote Shipibo tribe while waiting for a boat to collect us.

Instead of finding enlightenment, I unknowingly opened myself to a hostile spiritual world that filled me with fear, torment, and deep psychological suffering. After returning to London, I experienced intense demonic oppression and spiritual attacks for about three years.

Encounter with faith and Christianity

One night, at my lowest point, I had a life-changing vision of a man wearing a crown of thorns praying for me. I immediately knew it was Jesus Christ. From that moment, the oppression stopped.

I knew almost nothing about Christianity. I didn't know any Christians and didn't even understand the difference between the Old and New Testaments. I started reading the Bible on my own and travelled to Israel to be baptised in the River Jordan. Although I spoke the words, I did not yet understand true repentance. When I returned to England, I still struggled with drugs, sexual sin, and spiritual conflict.

● AREAS OF MINISTRY

- Evangelism
- Prayer ministry
- Healing
- Deliverance
- Counselling
- Discipleship
- Teaching
- Preaching

● AREAS OF MINISTRY NEED

The ministry seeks to serve individuals who are facing challenges such as:

- Addiction
- Crime and incarceration
- Trauma and emotional wounds
- Occult involvement
- Mental health challenges
- Spiritual confusion and deception

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Deliverance, repentance, and transformation

I later attended a nine-day retreat at Ellet Ministries, a Christian healing and deliverance ministry. There I learned about repentance, surrender, forgiveness, and the freedom found in Jesus Christ. Through prayer, counselling, and deliverance ministry, years of addiction, trauma, spiritual oppression, and destructive behaviour began to break. I experienced deep healing and restoration. This became the turning point in my life.

During my deliverance, I felt something cold rise from the bottom of my spine and leave through the back of my neck. It felt like a serpent. At that moment I knew the Holy Spirit is more powerful than any evil spirit in the world.

The years that followed brought continued healing, discipleship, and spiritual growth. Instead of returning to my old life, I committed myself fully to following Jesus Christ. I rebuilt my life on faith, service, and truth. The little boy inside me, who had been deeply hurt and hidden away since childhood, came back to life. He was never evil—he had been trapped. Jesus set that little boy free and made him whole again.

● MY MINISTRY (*Proclaiming Christ. Restoring Lives. Bringing Freedom*)

Vision

To lead people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, where His truth brings freedom, His love restores lives, and His power transforms hearts.

Mission

To glorify Jesus Christ by faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, teaching God's Word, ministering through prayer, healing, deliverance, counselling, and discipleship, and walking alongside people as they experience redemption, restoration, spiritual freedom, and lasting transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ministry values

- **Christ-driven:** Christ is at the centre of every part of life and ministry. Every decision and action seeks to honour Him, reflect His character, and make Him known. (*Colossians 3:17; Philippians 1:21*)
- **Bible-based:** The Bible is the final authority for faith and life. Every teaching and ministry activity is firmly rooted in God's Word. (*2 Timothy 3:16–17; Psalm 119:105*)
- **Prayer-centred:** Prayer is the foundation of ministry. Every decision, challenge, and opportunity is brought before God, trusting the Holy Spirit for wisdom, guidance, and strength. (*1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; Colossians 4:2*)
- **Truth that brings freedom:** God's truth is proclaimed and applied, believing that people are transformed and set free through Jesus Christ. (*John 8:31–32*)
- **Love in action:** Every person is treated with Christ's love, compassion, and respect. Truth is shared with humility, gentleness, and genuine care. (*John 13:34–35; 1 Corinthians 13:1–2; Ephesians 4:15*)

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