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When I was younger I fell in love with spy movies. One of the first spy movies I watched was 007 James Bond with Roger Moore (but Sean Connery is the most famous actor to play that role) which was called *For Your Eyes Only*. My sisters and I would have to close our eyes or leave the living room for certain scenes, of course, but we were allowed to watch the majority of the movie. I found joy in watching him escape the impossible situations by outsmarting his enemies with gadgets, his overall wit and surviving when he should have died.

But before those movies there were real secret agents. There are secret agencies (good and bad) but for my first point let's talk about the most famous secret agent of all time, Jesus Christ.

I say Jesus is a secret agent because people still do not understand who he is really is – the only true GOD, our savior. It is not that he is being a secret because He hides himself from you. Just the opposite. He wants you to know who He is. Jesus Christ Himself commanded us to first seek the Kingdom of God before anything. Let's support this point by reading from **Matthew 6.33** "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." He wants us to have encounters with him.

Secret agents deal with the following: people think they are someone else or under an influence. In **John 8.49** Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me." **John 10.30** – I and the Father are one.

Give up your old life and leave everything behind. Jesus left his throne temporarily. Peter left everything behind to follow Jesus Christ in **Matthew 4.20**. They never really fully get credit of all the work that they do. **John 10.15** – Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. But they get assistance from other secret agents as well. Angels are actively involved in the lives of the people of God, and even in the affairs of people in general. They have a specific function and ministry in the lives of Christians. The Bible says in **Psalms 34.7**, "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them." **Hebrews 13.2** says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

"These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except for their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God" (**1Corinthians 2.10-11**). God gives His followers the Holy Spirit so that we may know Him better. Since the Holy Spirit is God's Spirit, He knows the thoughts of God and reveals those thoughts to believers. The Holy Spirit opens believers' eyes to the hope of salvation and the inheritance they have in Christ. Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power to carry out their mission to be witnesses to the entire world. Jesus told his disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (**Acts 1.8**).

Secret agents complete assignments and missions. **John 15.10** – If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. **John 19.30** – It is finished.

Paul was a secret agent, so much so that he didn't know that he was. Jesus knew who he was all the time. We know that before Paul was born, God had set him apart for his apostleship. He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles (**Galatians 1.15-16**). And we know that Paul became Christian-hating (**Acts 9.1**) and Christ-persecuting (**Acts 9.5**). His purpose, therefore, was to allow Paul to become the "chief of sinners" and then save him and make him the apostle who would write thirteen books of the New Testament. That one encounter with GOD on the road to Damascus is all it took.

Acts 7.9 – Joseph was sold into slavery because his brothers were jealous of him. He knew he was a secret agent but didn't know what he would have to go through in order to fully find out his purpose. His dream interpretation gift allowed him to become Chief Steward of the King. The main job of the Chief Steward was the detailed supervision of the King's personal agricultural estates which allowed him to save his entire family and Egypt from famine.

Acts 7.23 – Moses was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. **24** – And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. That was his activated moment. He led his people out of slavery, parted the Red Sea, encountered Jesus on Mount Sinai, granted the ability to give the commandments to the people, and had an encounter with the Father with evidence of his face shining. When you're a secret agent, you must be aware that you will be activated. Seven sons of a Jewish chief priest was casting out demons (**Acts 19.15**) And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul know; but who are you? When the time comes, demons will know you for your authority and power that Jesus has given you. But you need to make sure you have a relationship with Jesus Christ yourself and not rely on others' relationships with him to help you.

Secret Definition: Something that is kept or meant to be kept unknown or unseen by others. Perhaps GOD was hiding you for some seasons. There are times you are hidden in his secret place for safety.

Story about Canton House

Psalm 27.5 – For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

Experiences of Visions and Activation Declare and Decree:

We are activated by the name of Jesus Christ. We are not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. We have the boots of trampling warriors in battle that already have the victory. We take heart because GOD has already overcome the world. No secret agent gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since our aim is to please the one who enlisted us, Jesus Christ. We put and keep on the whole armor of God, that we will able to stand against the schemes of the devil. We will concentrate on our mission to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. We are now everything that GOD has called us to be. **Detroit is activated. Detroit will continue to be one of the most important cities in the nation.** It will change lives when people drive in the city, people move to the city, they will feel the power of GOD. They will become aware of who their true identities are in Jesus Christ. They will have supernatural encounters and be changed forever.