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BIO -'LIFE TESTIMONY'

Reverend Steven Carter was called to teach and preach the word of God in his youth but it was only in 1993 that he truly acknowledged and embraced the call. This call to teach and preach the word of God is based on Acts 1:8, "*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*" Steven has spent some time in preparation for the ministry. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Geneva College (Center for Urban Theological Studies (CUTS)), Beaver Falls, PA., and a Masters of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Philadelphia Biblical University (PBU), Langhorne, PA. In addition to ministry work, Steven works as a director at a federal regulatory agency in the executive branch of government where he effectively applies leadership principles and personal ethics teachings that have their root in the bible.

In furtherance of the call to ministry, Steven became licensed in April 2002 through Kingsway Fellowship International, Des Moines, Iowa, and was ordained on June 23, 2002 at Living Faith Community Church, Erial, N.J. Steven's life is devoted to teaching and preaching to believers and non-believers alike on how they should embrace the change [transformation, sanctification] process (based on Romans 12:2, "*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*"), and strive to have a close and intimate [loving, trusting] relationship with God [through the blood of Jesus Christ]. This based on Matthew 22:37, when *Jesus said*, "*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" and John 15:5, "*I am the vine and you are the branches, He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing.*" Without a close and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ we cannot grow as Christians, and without the Fear of the Lord, and the anointing of the Holy Ghost, we cannot walk this earth as God intended us to do.

Steven believes that leadership training is a crucial component in the development of godly men and women in the Body of Christ who are called to take on all the responsibilities of a 'Disciple-Leader'. He believes that the lessons of leadership, as provided in the bible, should not only have their application in the church environment but rather in all four corners of a Christian's life (e.g., church, work, community, and home). Steven is committed to teaching and preaching about leadership as he follows Christ, "*Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.*" (Mark 1:16-20) It is through the ministry of 'Developing Fishers of Men' that Steven hopes to reach people and share with them what the Lord has imparted to him about what is godly leadership and integrity. This ministry is an outreach ministry created to deliver the word of God in different venues (e.g., churches, conferences, training seminars, workshops, colleges, etc.) to speak on different issues that impact on the functionality of people in the Body of Christ. For over two years Steven served as an adjunct professor at New Beginning Bible Institute & Training Center, Philadelphia, PA where he taught leadership courses in a certificate program and an undergraduate program. Steven once delivered God inspired messages via a radio broadcast (on WNJC, 1360AM - Saturday evenings) where he and his wife Pamela labored in the vineyard to stir-up and encourage souls. The thirty minute broadcast was titled, "*It is time to Rise up and Build*"; based on Nehemiah 2:18, which emphasized the call for action.

Steven is husband to Rev. Pamela Bolden-Carter (M.S. in Christian Counseling), and father to two daughters who were raised in a home environment that was built on love, faith, and obedience. Steven and Pamela have built their marriage of over thirty three (33) years, as well as their ministry on the word of God, and in the Fear of the Lord. Marriage counseling, and singles and married couples training (via workshops) are also an important part of the ministry that Steven and his wife administer.