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Don't Turn Away

Pastor Ella J. Alexander

For a very long time, we heard how blessed we are in Christ and through Christ, Also, for many years we were taught and encouraged to go for our dreams and reach for the goal. If we take the time to research, we would find that many people held onto those words and tried to do exactly what was said, believing that they were going straight for the touchdown. Oh, how disappointed many because when they ran into obstacles. They lost their fire. Many put away or buried their dreams all because of obstacles, some form of adversity. Many turned away from what they were passionate about. When we read our Bible, which is the foundation of our pursuit, we find out that GOD is the beginning of all opportunities (*And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible – Mark 10:27*) If we read Matthew 9:23 we can see Jesus encouraging ministry (*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*) Here is the raw truth of the matter that was not shared with us in the way that should have been shared or told to us because when we give our life to Christ we only get half-truth, not the full truth. Here is the full truth found in Mark 11:23 – *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*” This scripture is dealing with a few things which are: 1) the individual, 2) a mountain (adversity or hindrance), 3)belief, 4)not giving up, and 5) achieving the desire of one’s heart. When we have a desire to obtain something there will be obstacles. There will be adversity. There will be things or people that would try to hinder us from going forward, but what do we believe? Are we determined that we have the will, the heart, the belief for the thing we desire or the place we want to go? Mountains come in different shapes, sizes, and colors. Every mountain is not brick, nor rock. Some mountains are doubt, fear, and even insecurity. How we deal, see, and handle it says a lot. We can’t always turn away because we come face to face with things and situations. We must learn how to overcome. Everything that comes our way is not to bury us or make us feel bad, but to strengthen us and show us the determination within us. This is not the

season to run. This is not the season to sit and cry. There is no whoa it's me. It's time to stand up and be bold. Press forward. I don't care if it has to deal with education, skin color, lifestyle, religion or whatever. Don't turn away. Do what you must do to move forward, to break strong holds, to remove stigmas that others wanted to attach to you. If you ever had to face that thing, the time is now.



What would you do if Jesus came and you were **NOT** ready?

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Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:11

**Remember you are unique and marvelously made
don't allow others to devalue your worth. You are
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Jeremiah 29:11-13

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. V.12-Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. V.13-And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

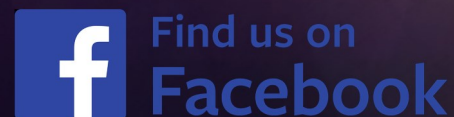
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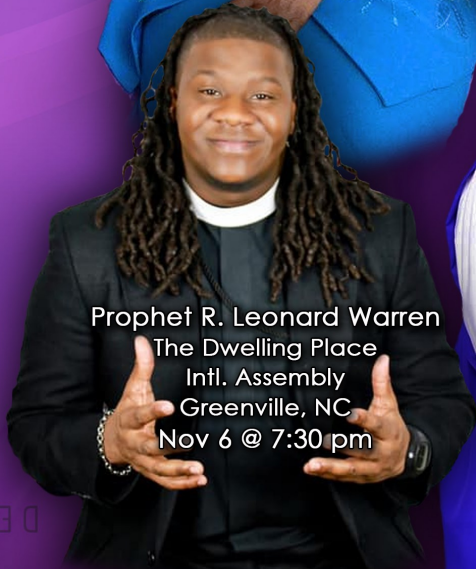
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Strive To Push Forward In The Face Of Adversity

By Eunice A. Christian
October 9, 2020

Proverbs 3:30 (KJV) ~ ³⁰ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

Proverbs 25:8 (KJV) ~ ⁸ Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbor hath put thee to shame.

Philippians 3:14 (KJV) ~ ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Mark 5:27 ~ ²⁷ When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, *If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

Acts 7:59 ~ ⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, *Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.* ⁶⁰ And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, *Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.* And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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INTRODUCTION

This month's theme is: *Strive To Push Forward In The Face Of Adversity*, so let's break it down. *Strive*: means, in part: *to exert force or energy in order to achieve a particular goal or objective; to overcome a challenge, whether independently or as a group.* I would add this: *on a natural and spiritual basis.* The word *adversity* is, in part: *the state of hardship, trials, and tribulations.* So, *to strive—to push forward—in the face of adversity is: to forcefully take a stance against a natural and/or spiritual obstacle.* To strive in the face of adversity is: *to press forward against struggles and inopportunities in order to overcome and achieve a positive result.*

The Narrative

Overall, when we express how we strive against adversarial encounters, we tend to express such experiences according to our truths; *our* perspectives. Whether justly or unjustly, all of us experience some level of adversity; an uncomfortable, disturbing, or unsettling challenge. Being born, coming into this world, is a challenge. We were in a comfortable warm place and then, by the grace of God, as newborns, we are exposed to a new uncharted world. Of course, as we age and develop, as well as depending upon life's experiences, there will be occasions when a choice is made to step back, walk, or run in the opposite direction of an adversarial encounter—*there is a message in this alone!*

Jesus' God-Centered Timing Head-On

Even Jesus addressed the importance of timing when confronting His adversaries (John 2; John 7). Needless to share, when the timing for implementing an action is not best based upon our understanding, or when a plan is not ideal, or according to the permissive Will of God, adversity can manifest and be revealed in and through us to the point of anxiety and stress. As we may be able to

relate to or understand, not all of us succumb to stressful situations to the brink of despair. However, due to the realization that there is unfinished or unaddressed business to contend with, even endured by the strongest among us, an ongoing challenge can take its toll on the human heart, body, and soul.

An example of pushing forward in the face of adversity is when Jesus faced the greatest adversary of all, the devil, when He was tempted in the wilderness (Matthew 4). When thinking about this, I am so glad that this experience by Jesus was recorded, because not only can we know, understand, and respect the adversities and challenges our Lord and Savior Jesus endured, we can also exercise such authority over this same adversary, as well as any adversarial encounter we experience in life, according to the grace and Will of God our Father. Jesus addressed the devil in a direct manner—*telling him his place*—informing him that he has no power over Him. We can do the same because when Jesus died on The Cross for humanity, those who believe and receive Him become equipped with power from God on high to combat the challenges in and of this world.

What may be insurmountable to the human psyche, is not insurmountable to God. What we also know, but sometimes find hard to confront, is that not striving forward in the face of adversity can cause one to become either deflated, discouraged, depressed, and worse; due to the fear of believing that encountering and striving forward in the face of adversity may cause more problems than it is worth. Whether in the form of an unaddressed dilemma, a feud, an addiction, insecurity, financial situation, a sickness, a disease, or a bully (physical or cyber), if one chooses not to strive forward to combat challenges, like a small grey cloud that eventually develops into a storm looming over one's head, matters can turn into a whirlwind. The lack of drive or tenacity when dealing with an adversity can become emotionally draining and time consuming.

The opposite of striving to push forward in the face of adversity is to succumb or run away from a resolution. Avoiding adversity can be like attempting to avoid a bully in the neighborhood; eventually, you will run into that bully one day. There are solutions for this, such as relocation. However, *uprooting to live elsewhere may not be a viable option—it depends on the circumstances* (ex: domestic abuse, landlord/tenant issues). Attempting to avoid adversity can be likened to trying to avoid the breakup of a once-endearing relationship. Ultimately, you know you will have to come to terms with its demise, or else it could cause havoc to you and your companion's mental and physical state. Avoiding adversity can be simulated to avoiding the mailbox, as though not seeing it, or not looking inside of it, will make whatever undesirable content you desire to avoid or not see will either disappear or not materialize. Bad news is bad news—*whether you learn about it or not if it affects you or those you love and care about*. Living life and trying to avoid adversity is practically impossible. So, knowing and acting upon what you know enables you to work out a plan. Receiving God and His beloved Son Jesus; or thanking God that He enabled you to receive His Son and how He kept you, in spite of what you are going through, is a great start. *Singing, praising, and thanking God for His divine plan is the way to go.*

Peace Delayed Is Peace Denied

Matthew 11:28-30 ~ ²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

When we focus first and foremost upon our Lord and our God, what may be considered laborious or troublesome in our lives becomes lighter. It becomes lighter because we take our focus off of our circumstance and focus upon God as our Problem Solver. Our load becomes lighter because we know with God on our side, nothing is impossible. Our load becomes lighter because our faith increases and that leads to worshipping Him and praising Him more and more. Our load

becomes lighter because we realize if we have a purpose in God, He will give us the opportunity to see us through.

As a child of God, we are in this world, but not of it. There is no way that we can live a Christian-based life without experiencing adversities. Therefore, it is important that we learn various ways to face adversity head-on. If we do not learn to strive to push forward in the face of adversity as instructed in the Holy Scriptures, we will deny ourselves the peace our Lord Jesus desires for us to possess. More specifically, if we find ourselves submitting to adversarial outcomes, it could signify a lack of faith and distrust in God. If we do not trust or have faith in The One who is able to keep us from falling, we could very well jeopardize receiving the greatest gift bestowed to mankind—*the gift of salvation* (Matthew 11).

On a positive note, to strive to push forward in the face of adversity can be liberating; even refreshing. Tackling adversity head-on can become empowering. A *WOW!* moment may come because the very situation that was being avoided was finally addressed, and what was once an aura of heaviness, gloom, and darkness, is being transformed into a presence of a joy, clarity, and brightness. *Don't be surprised when you declare within yourself to strive to push forward in the face of adversity that you want to kick yourself for not doing so sooner! Don't sweat it! LOL! Multitudes of us have been there!*

If what has been dreaded comes to pass, lean on Jesus—seek fellowship with someone who has spiritual insight. If you know the voice of the Holy Spirit for yourself, then you are on your way to a breakthrough. We may never fully know the duration, what we go through in this world can be for the development of our faith in God, so if it is happening, it is because it is within His permissive Will. Pray for strength to see yourself and others through. As children of God, we must learn, develop, and implement a strategy to tackle negative *outcomes on terms that align to the Will of God and His Word. We should not allow the adversary to play with us. We should not allow ourselves to be toyed with. Have you ever witnessed a cat playing with its prey? Don't be that. The cat continues to swat at its prey, just to finally finish it off after becoming bored. If we lost control over a situation, it is important to take back control.* What I share with you is what I had to learn for myself. I learned to exercise the authority The Most High God bestowed upon me (John 14). *Does everything work out the way I thought or planned? Not always—but more times than I can ever count or fathom, even better—and I am eternally grateful.*

Plan for a new chapter; you may find yourself starting one without having fully realized it that is far better than the one that is about to conclude. You may have learned that the adversarial issues were in place to set you up for a greater blessing that what you were clinging to and feared losing. If God allowed His only begotten Son to be tested, *who are we?* If the outcome is not what has been expected, there still is no other viable option that we should choose but to count on God to see us through.

True Adversary or Mere Shadow?

Upon pressing forward in the face of adversity, one may find out that his or her fears were unjustified; that the situation or what was considered adversarial was not nearly as bad as perceived. It is like being afraid of a shadow—it takes on an image that looks frightening and powerful, but in reality, it is just what it is—a *shadow*. It is only a silhouette of a small foe that gained its fearsome presence because it is lurking in the darkness among the glimmer of light, or because it was relentless, almost appearing as though it is always present, ready to torment. Likened to a shadow, an adversity has a fearsome presence because a victim gave it credence. However, once a victim faces adversity head-on, fears may increase for a moment, *but after awhile, this shadow, this adversity starts to shrink, and shrink, and shrink....*

I have learned that the unknown is one of the worse aspect of dealing with adversarial issues—*so striving to push forward in the face of adversity can be a good thing*—it can develop one’s cognitive muscles; it can enhance one’s growth in ways one may not have ever thought or realized. To add, if a similar challenge arises its ugly head again, or if someone else is faced with a similar issue, because of the familiarity of an adversarial situation, there is the potential to help and assist someone else who is going through.

Again, it is important to respect and know the timing and necessity of handling an issue when one can best, *but know that peace delayed is peace denied*. Whether delaying to strive to push forward in the face of adversity involves a financial, emotional, or any number or variations of fearful and life-changing situations, adversities are a part of life; no one is immune. Therefore, please realize and acknowledge that if you are facing something tremendous, you do not have to do so alone—*there is strength in numbers*. To take on an adversarial issue alone, or without seeking remedial assistance, can manifest an already disturbing situation into something far worse down the road. Use wisdom. **Furthermore, choose those who you share your business to wisely and carefully. Be at peace with your decision—do not allow fear or guilt to slow you from seeking strength and faith in our Lord and God under the power of the Holy Spirit to see you through.**

Rejoice In The Lord Always

Philippians 4:4-20 ~ ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. ⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.

¹⁵ Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. ¹⁸ Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Many societal ills have manifested full blast right in our face because there is no running or hiding, and as a result, people are frustrated, to share the least. On the one hand, many of us have experienced the hurt of confronting devastating conditions. On the other hand, many of us have also been supporters and essential to the uplifting of those in need. While facing adversity, it is important for the heart and soul to never stop caring for others. However, it is important to not allow ourselves to be so self-sacrificing that we jeopardize what God has blessed us with.

Do not allow yourself to take your focus upon handling your own pressing situations because someone else refuses to do the right thing, knowing that you will jump in to help; thereby, placing you in a predicament that could have, or should have, been avoided. Know the difference between helping someone because it is what God inspired you to do, and not because you want to take God’s place. Place petitions before God. Every day is a new day, a new anointing. Recognize the

change of seasons in your life and in the lives of others that you affect and influence, and *visa versa*. Know when to step in; know when to step out. It is important for us to know when to 'stay in our lane.' *Whatever state we are in, learn to be content and trust in God!* It is important to pray for who we should help. It is also very important to not lose our blessings because we stepped out of line with The Most High God because He did not want us to interfere with someone else's road to knowing Him.

Unfortunately, especially due to the invisible-to-the-naked-eye enemy, COVID-19, many are struggling, and for obvious reasons. In spite of this, there may be resources that are available to help those facing adversarial situations that were not available before. *Continue to seek assistance; don't give up. Ask around for information.* Pushing forward in the face of adversity may involve stepping out of a comfort zone to seek assistance once never thought would be strongly considered or needed. Receive the assistance—*if you learn down the road that you do not need it, or that you find you can do without, pay it forward when you are led to.* Walking away from assistance right now may not be as easy as it once was—*for some of us. What do you think Jesus would want you to do? His Word is true—He will supply all of our needs according to His riches and glory. How do you think He does that? He does that, in part, by sending help our way by sending people our way—by sending resources.* Whatever is done, it should align to the Will and Word of God for our lives.

God Is First

As I have shared, if there is an insurmountable issue upon you, or someone you know, love, or care about, do not take on the spirit of fear or depression—*be encouraged. Do not lose hope; do not give in. Seek relief or help.* Think of it this way—if the present situation is hard to bare, finding relief should be the next plan for a line of defense. Again, **DO NOT GIVE UP!** If issues are becoming insurmountable, try Jesus—*seek peace in Him.* To be frank, *you should be doing so already if you are a Believer.* Turn your plate down or fast if you are not already doing so—it is a humbling experience that can provide clarity—*fasting can set one up for a much needed breakthrough.* On the other hand, if you have not as yet turned your life over to Jesus, *seek Him now. Seek God's presence now.* Pray before Him with a sincere and repentive spirit.

Be led by the Holy Spirit to guide you. *Listen to the soft voice of The Comforter—The Holy Spirit.* You may surprise yourself with an amazing outcome—all because you, or the one you care about, has been encouraged to finally taken the stance, the position, to tell the adversary, *I'm not taking it anymore. I don't belong to you. You no longer have control over me! You certainly no longer control my peace—and you certainly no longer have me on the run! I don't fear you anymore. My Lord, God, and Holy Spirit are my Advocates. My Lord Jesus is my Savior and my help in the time of trouble. The Holy Spirit is within me! I am a King's Kid!* (Romans 8). Whatever declaration that gives you comfort as it aligns to the Word, *go for it! Speak positivity into your existence! When you woke up this morning, you won! You have another day to kick the spirit of adversity in the tail!* In your pursuit of assistance, of resources, you may not only find the relief you desire or need, but you may find a network of individuals who may be able to not only relate to you, but support you emotionally and spiritually.

Face Adversity

Face adversity head-on with the Holy Word like Jesus as He was being tempted by the devil (Matthew 4), and as He faced His accusers before dying on The Cross (John 19). Face adversity like Stephen, a disciple who spoke the truth, staying steadfast and immovable in God with a forgiving heart (Acts 7). Face adversity like Saul who was chosen by God to turn away from a life of wickedness and persecution of Christians, towards living a life of persecution because he submitted to the Will of God (Acts 9). Face adversity, like Peter who denied our Lord three times because he

was confronted by enemies of Jesus; eventually coming face-to-face with Jesus who instructed him to *feed His sheep* (John 21). *If God can grant great strength and courage against insurmountable odds to those called, why think you are an exception? Why doubt He would do the same for you?* Face whatever situation that troubles you. With God on your side, trusting and believing, you will be on the road towards obtaining peace—peace beyond understanding. Dedicate your life to our Lord Jesus and our God while you still have time—and *there is no better time than the present*.

2 Thessalonians 1:2-12 ~ ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, ⁵ which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; ⁶ since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. ¹¹ Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, ¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Man of Sorrows and Acquainted With Grief

Isaiah 53:1-5 (NKJV): ² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness, and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

I find that the above scriptures, Isaiah 53:1-5, so prophetic; so profound. The above scriptures reveal how God's Holy Word presents a glimpse into the life of His beloved Son Jesus. This passage of Isaiah 53 revealed hundreds of years before Jesus' birth how He would be received by humanity. *Jesus' life was a living protest against the sins of this world.* Jesus had to strive against all types of adversities, countless naysayers, and endless rejection—even to this day because many will still deny Him. Although our Lord Jesus is on the right hand of God His Father, in spite of all that Jesus has done and continues to do in The Spirit, He constantly endures rejection by His own creation. Furthermore, and needless to share, Satan, will never stop being relentless against God's creation, especially against God's chosen. Yet, because God has a divine plan in full force and effect, we who believe in Him will not be counted with the lost.

If it had not been for Jesus who persevered on our behalf to the end—to *the place of His crucifixion and rising again to return to God our Father in heaven*—we would not be able to have confidence in our expected end. We would not be blessed with The Holy Spirit; *we would be spiritually dead*. So, because of God's divine plan for us all, humanity has a choice to receive the gift of salvation and follow Him. As Believers, we are able to strive forward in the face of adversity because we believe in Him, and He lives in us.

Note: Please be mindful that I do not want to give the premise that I am over simplifying adversity. What I share comes first and foremost to me in my walk in Christ Jesus. I believe the Word of God is True; that because we have the Word of God, we have life's application in spiritual form which provides for us a foundation for our daily living. If we call on Jesus under the power of the Holy Spirit, I believe we have the blessed hope that we can face adversities with a level of

confidence that those in the world who are rebellious against God and our Lord cannot or will not. When we strive to push forward in the face of adversity, we do so by and with the power of The Holy Spirit according to God's riches in glory (Philippians 4).

So, how do you push forward in the face of adversity? Do you trust in the Lord and in The Most High? I will share with you what I have shared in previous articles. No need to reinvent the wheel—again, the message is the same—Don't give up. Don't give in! Reinforce yourself in God. Ask The Holy Spirit, our Comforter, for direction. Get on course and stay strong for His Name's sake. Stay focused on what matters. You're more than a conqueror! You are too blessed to be stressed!

James 2:14-17 ~ ¹⁴ What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, *Depart in peace, be warmed and filled*, but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

* * *

I would like to express my deepest and sincerest condolences to those who are experiencing grief and hardship during this COVID-19 pandemic. As I pray for my family, friends, and those I encounter, I pray for you, too.

May God's grace and mercies keep you; and that the joy of the Lord and the love of God which surpasses all understanding strengthen and encourage you always.

May God continue to bless and uplift all those who seek His Face, and may the Spirit of the Living God bless the works of those across the nations who serve to make this world a better place.

Eunice A. Christian

Content Writer; Missionary

Stay Encouraged

We cannot truly fathom how great our Lord and God is, but what we can identify with is our Lord and our God's mercies towards us. Knowing that there are recorded accounts of how Jesus walked this earth—and knowing how He lived and died for us—should cause us to serve Him with an abundance of gratitude and humility. We know that we could never repay Him for what He has done, and continues to do for us, by the power of The Holy Spirit—we know this—but the way we can honor Him is to love and obey Him.

We should, therefore, be willing to spread the gospel so that The Holy Word may be received by all who will believe—and for those who truly believe, may we rejoice together, and be continually encouraged in knowing that we have a glorious expected end in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:14-16 ¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

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There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption.

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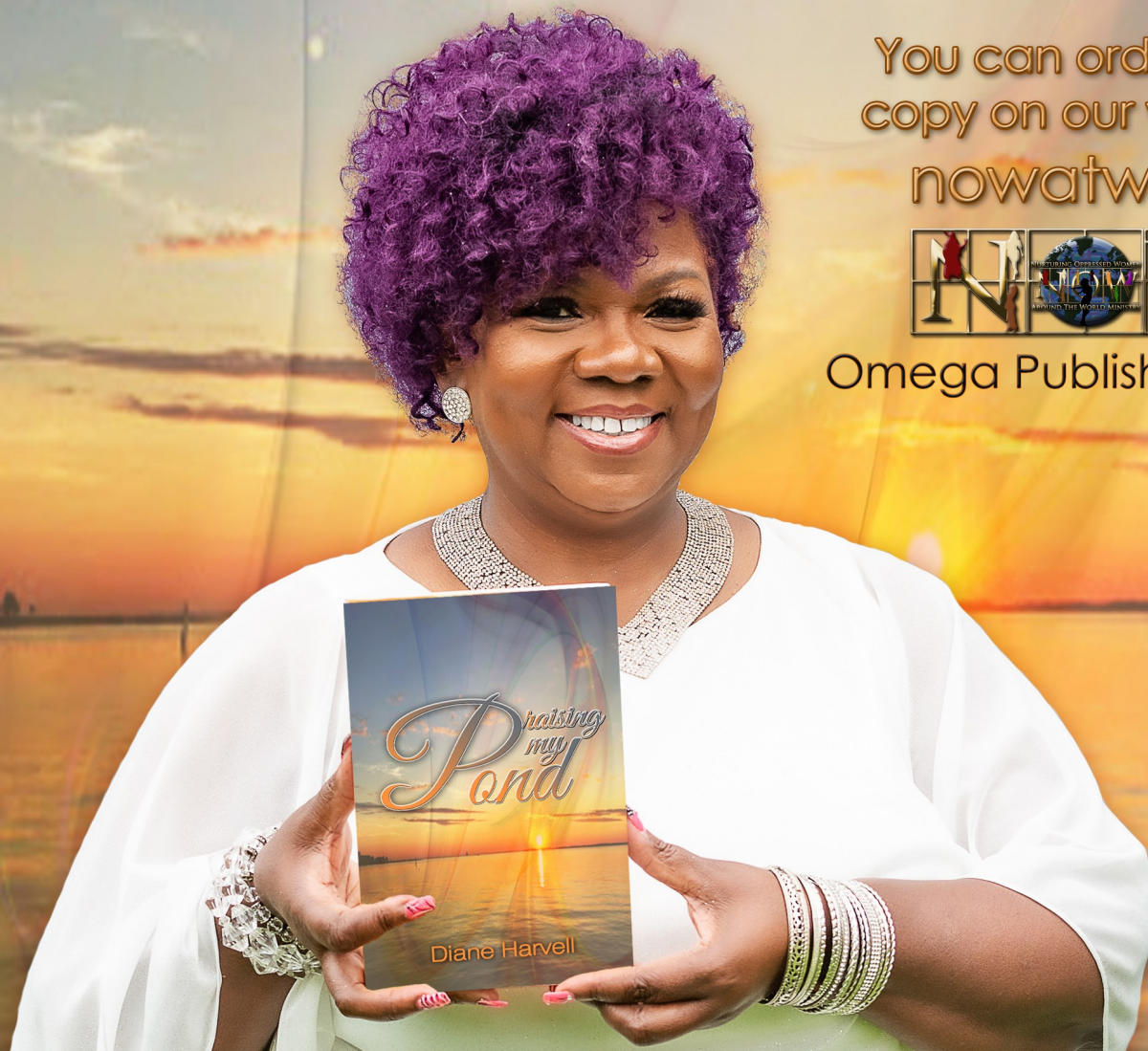
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He explained we would sit before The College of Bishops of Bethel Churches of Christ, where questions would be asked of us and if they felt we were not ready, we would not be "passed" into a leadership role in the gospel and would have to come back again next year! It was all so exciting yet nerve wracking at the same time. But Bishop was such a loving personable leader, yet he pushed us into areas of excellence, and he did not compromise his standards. He was very serious concerning God and he expected nothing less than excellence from his flock and more so from his "Aspirants." That's what we were called until we would become ordained Elders. Those who were going to be ordained Elders, Ministers or Deacons, were all called Aspirants of the Bethel Churches of Christ.

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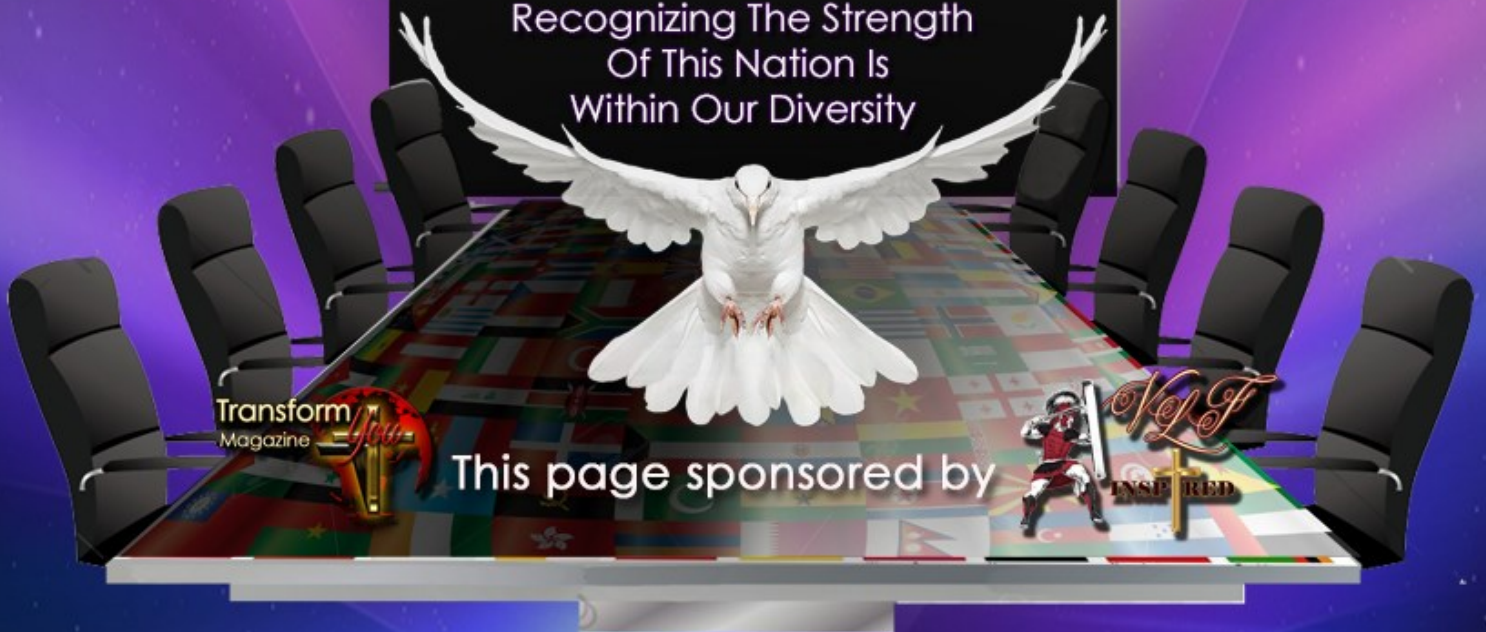
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In light of all the events that have been taking place around the world, God has allowed illumination on key things we must fix. This is a period of purging in order to get that which is infected within our society to be healed. Honestly, the Band-Aid approach that had been applied we truly know has not and will not work going

In doing so we have to come together and openly communicate about the things that we know are totally incorrect. We must unite for the common cause of understanding the effects of past actions that have us in the current state of being which is at a stalemate. No advancement and no decline, we must present the board where we all begin at a place of equality and move forward from there with the same advantages.

God has allowed Transform You and VLF Inspired Magazine to come together and sponsor one of many conversations around the country and the world dealing with race relations. We felt it important to have this dialog to erase so many stereotypes, understand what is the overall cultural misunderstandings due to misinformation, correct the history, speak about a future that will allow this nation to live up to the true strength that could be realized if we understand that it lies within our diversity and unite to bring that truth forward.

We know that honest conversation is what it is going to take to fix over 400 years of change and growth that has been happening as time progresses forward. When we have to stretch our understanding to include others that are not within our immediate circle it becomes difficult especially when one has held the advantage over another and doesn't truly identify with the impact of the harm which has been inflicted. However, when things are brought to our attention, we cannot turn a blind eye or deaf ear to the situation. It has been exposed to be fixed so we can make a better place to live for future generations. Who also now operate through a different lens until they are taught to foster those outdated behaviors. Because they have an understanding from within that these views and values are not acceptable for the future. So, they have already rejected them, and demand change is going forward.

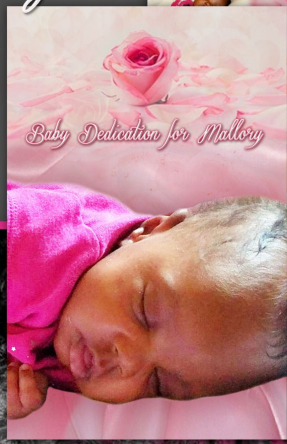
We are having the necessary conversations to understand the scars felt by one generation as well as the continued struggles of another generation. We are identifying and removing the hurdles and impasses that secretly and openly creates oppression and has the potential to harm all races, cultures, and genders. We must abolish classism on every front because it sustains critical bias and a greater lack of understanding of conditions in life that is thrust upon so many in our society. Giving many a blinded eye mentality simply because they are not directly impacted by the behavior. Yet we have a rising generation who has identified the issues head-on and truly desires that it be settled, and the agenda not be forced to continue going forward. They understand racial, cultural, and gender bias along with an entitlement mentality is damaging and destructive and could lead to a society that will destroy themselves from within. It is imperative that this nation takes off the messy diapers and put on some grown-up garments and move forward into the right paths for the next generation. It is a shame when the children have more sense than the adults.

visit our Facebook page "Coming to the Table of Understanding" for announcements for future conversations that you can be a part of so that your input can be heard as we set the path forward for greater unity for future generations. "In all thy getting get an understanding." Pray for and with us as we move forward in this assignment from God that we may Transform our Minds coming to the place where we can "prove what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God".



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God established the home as one of the most vital institutions on earth. God said to Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." Since that time, God has blessed man and woman with the wonder of birth.
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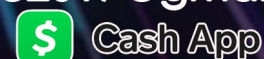
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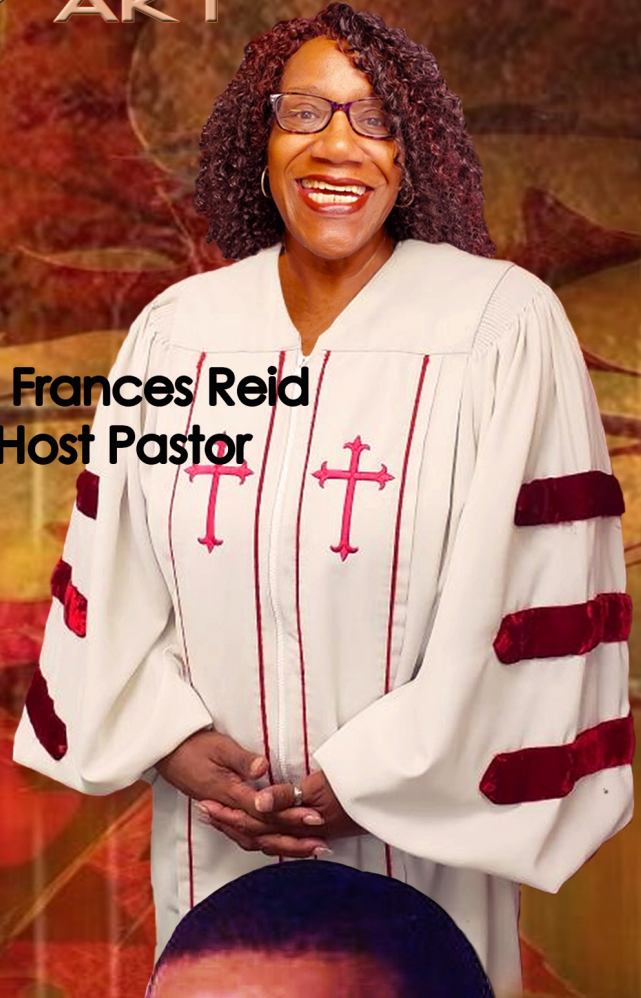
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Neva Brooks is founder of Diamonds Sharpens Diamonds™ which is an empowering group for women. Our affirmation statement is: "YOU are a rare Diamond. YOU are precious in God's sight. And...I LOVE the way you shine!" She is highly active in ministry at her local church and in her community.

Neva is a retired Nurse Executive. She is unapologetically Christian, a Mother, Godmother and Grandmother. The love of her life is her Daddy, John Brooks who is 95 years young!

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“The Pandemic Push”

Neva Brooks

On May 4th 2020, my day started much like any other day. As I prepared myself to spend time with the Lord in prayer and meditation, I was acutely aware of the beautiful sunshine and the quiet, stillness of the morning. In a very familiar space, God reminded me of vision he spiritually impregnated in me several years prior. I have three biological children so I am not a stranger to the birthing process. I understand the gestational period, morning sickness,

back and leg pain; I understand the drop in blood sugar when you don't get proper nutrition. However, being pregnant with this spiritual vision was a different type of challenge. Although unsuccessful, I tried to debate with God about his timing! I said “Lord you know I just retired, we are in the middle of a Pandemic and I'm seeking your guidance for ‘next steps’ for my life.” With his gentle and persuasive Spirit he said it's time to PUSH.

I began to think about my Pastor, Carl Lucas, when he sometimes struggles with birthing vision in the house of God. Maybe a man comes as close to the birthing process, as he will come, when he wrestles with giving birth to vision...just maybe! Men don't have a frame of reference for the physical nuisances of being pregnant for 9 months and then having to transition to the PUSH! However, I think they come close, and perhaps even closer where they go through the birthing process of a spiritual vision. As I still myself before the Lord and begin to speak with him, I read Psalm 5:3 “In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice, in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”

Parallelisms begin to manifest. These are a few similarities and contrasts between being pregnant with a physical baby and pregnant with a spiritual vision. The body of a woman goes through physiological changes when pregnant with a baby. With the first pregnancy, these changes may be ever so subtle, you don't even notice. By the time the second pregnancy comes around, she and her body have a frame work in place that signals a familiar physical, psychological and emotional recall. It is the fact that a seed is growing inside! From a spiritual perspective, through divine revelation God gives vision. With the seed of that vision inside, you have to nurture and protect this seed. A pregnant woman has to make sure that she eats the right things for the baby to be healthy. You must have the right vitamin intake. In fact, a good Obstetrician will prescribe prenatal vitamins for the mother. It is very important to get the baby off to a good start.

When you think about the thought of being pregnant, it is just an idea. Someone told you based on your symptoms or a pregnancy test that you were indeed pregnant, still it's still in your head, as a thought. You may even begin to think about it and question, am I really pregnant? After all, you haven't felt the baby move and you really don't look pregnant. Your husband reminds you that the test was positive and reassures you everything will be alright.

Is it possible when pregnant with vision, we wrestle with the fact that God has given us the vision? One may ask "Lord are you sure you want me to do this?" Or say "Someone else is already doing something like this." It reminds me of Moses who asked God if he would send someone else! And then there's Queen Esther who needed to go before King Xerxes when she didn't want to go. Mordecai told her to go ahead "who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" PUSH Queen Esther! The Spirit of God is saying "Yes! This vision is for you!"

When I was pregnant with my first child, I had a blood test and waited several days before finding out the test results. Today you can take a pregnancy test in the privacy of your own home and have the results in minutes! Confirmation! When God impregnates us with vision, the confirmation comes from Him, it is certain and swift. It was my feelings of inadequacies and self doubt that delayed my acceptance that God had indeed placed the vision inside me.

With my second child, I was working quite a bit, away from home long hours and when I came home I attended to my family. One night after a long day and a relaxing bath, I stretched out in bed to get comfortable. Just as I was falling off to sleep, I felt a "flutter!" For the first time I felt the baby move! This was an exciting time for me and my husband because the pregnancy was finally real. Immediately a bond was formed and a love that has not changed after 38 years was set in place for life!

Let's fast forward and parallel this to the vision God gave me several years ago. It was a concept I'd buried in busy-ness. On May 4 God brought it back to my remembrance. In the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic, also known as COVID-19, God was saying it is time to PUSH! I was excited about it, writing down every thought, every scripture God gave me, each time I heard the Lord speak, I put what he said on a sticky note. I'd accepted the confirmation and was spending time nurturing the vision. A few days later, after long day working in ministry, praying with one of my sisters who was going through and tending to my family, I fell asleep. All of a sudden I felt the first kick of the Holy Spirit. God said "Get up, get before me, It's time to PUSH!" It was time to PUSH! Through rising death tolls from the Pandemic, PUSH! Loved ones suffering from the symptoms of the virus, churches shutting down, businesses laying off employees, PUSH! Depression setting in on those who are social distancing, senior citizens are home bound with failing health, PUSH!!

God said It is time to PUSH! The vision is being born! I literally laid before him as he gently held my hand and repeated “PUSH, PUSH!”

The Caronavirus Pandemic presents challenges all over the world. We are all affected by some aspect of it. Domestic violence and substance abuse is becoming more evident. Folks are worried about their health and wellbeing and God is saying it's time birth a new vision!

Diamonds Sharpens Diamonds™ (Proverbs 27:17) is a ministry that supports and empowers women through love, listening, mutual respect and confidentiality. It is the same vision God gave me in 2015. I procrastinated in following through with spending the time to nourish and prepare for the vision. God was patient with me and yet when he called me to PUSH it seemed like the timing was all off. The birthing process and the PUSH have been nothing short of a miracle. Ecclesiastes 3 is true. There is a time and season for everything and God has made everything beautiful in its time. Diamonds Sharpens Diamonds™ is a beautiful thing! Since June of this year, we have reached over 9,000 women through social media and in person interactions. We spend time in podcasts, virtual and live presentations. Time at “the polishing table” is spent in small focus groups and one on one coaching and prayer sessions. As a result, we have successfully made referrals for additional assistance when appropriate. Referrals have been for spiritual guidance, mental health assessments, COVID-19 education, economic assistance and support for mothers of children murdered from senseless crime. God knew that 2020 was going to present the challenges and obstacle it has given us. He knew the level of pain and concern his women would experience. Diamonds Sharpens Diamonds™ partners with shelters for women, local churches, other women empowerment groups, schools and philanthropists. We have members who represent 10 states in the USA as well as Africa and Australia.

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My encouragement to you today, is to avail yourself to God for his guidance. Even if it seems like you can't PUSH through adversity, remember God has a plan for you and your life. Be open to his vision and be willing to edify others and glorify God. Be ready when he calls for you to PUSH!!

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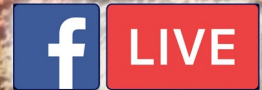
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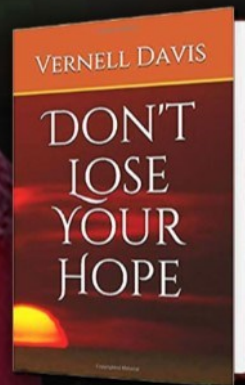


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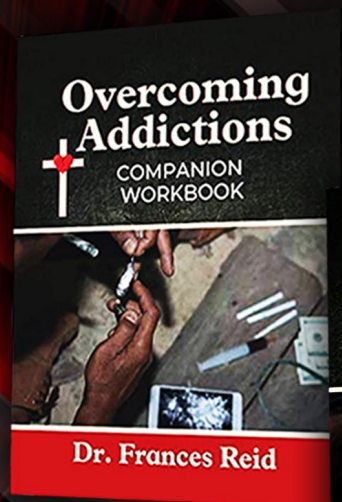
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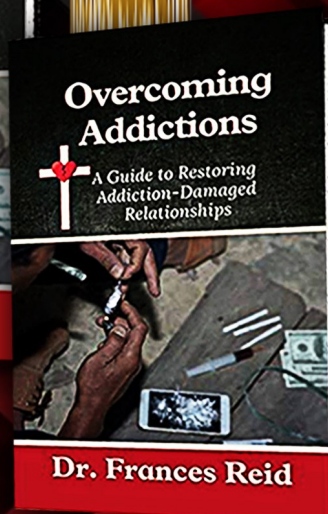
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The Bible speaks about the blind leading the blind and they both will wind up in the ditch. As well as stating "In all thy getting get an understanding!"

News Flash!!!

If you don't get your eyes and ears off man and pay attention to what God, who made the Heavens and Earth and put into His word to guide us into all truths is saying and showing us, rather than conforming to what the World and it's nonsense and all of its deception and deflection. When the scales do fall from your eyes it's going to be too late! Really people! We are not that dumb that we would believe a lie when the truth is very obvious, yet you prefer to be deceived.

It's a shame that one man thinks that we are dumb enough and naive to hang on his every word. It is appalling to watch and hear every day all of the false claims and manipulation that is pushed out. This is life and death; we must show forth some faith in God. Haven't we learned anything in the scriptures which have shown and demonstrate the history and the outcomes? I direct you to this passage from Job 38:4 which questions the arrogance that is displayed daily in every media feed. "Where wast thou when I laid the foundation of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding." KJV. Same question from the NIV version "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand." This was the question asked by God.

To the boastful who thinks that everything revolves around their statements without any consideration to this very mindful question, truly think before you speak, because the principles of God is found lacking within the chatter and noise that is spoken. Romans 8:6 KJV "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." NIV "The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace". Romans 8:14 KJV, NIV "For those who are led by the spirit of God are the children of God." Remember to acknowledge your motives in this life because that is what counts on that day of individual accountability.

Really! I'm truly shaking my head for the simple fact that it has been stated openly that the leader of this particular nation stated that they like this nation in the sixties. There are a few things wrong with that statement. 1. Why on earth would anyone want to digress back in time when God had allowed us to transform into the future for brighter days. 2. Those who are in the agreement don't know their history or if they do, it demonstrates their motive to oppress

Really? That is an expression used by one of my friends and colleagues to express his total unbelief to any given situation. I believe it is very much merited today at what

we see and are living through. I can just imagine God looking down from His Throne and uttering this same sentiment about his children. Because opportunity upon opportunity has been provided for us to do what we know is right, yet we continue to remain in our faults. Straying away from just the basic principles of God. Only speaking against things that directly affect us. Remaining silent on all others just to be accepted within certain groups. Really? Yes really.

We have allowed our conscious and Godly principles to be blinded and manipulated by politicians, and all sorts of various groups to lead us into the ditches because we waver away from the principles of God and the teachings of Jesus. We say justice is blind, but she can't even comprehend Brielle. Therefore, she lacks understanding. When you deliberately bundle human concerns of the people together with something that is not their main concern but for self-interest and to put others at a disadvantage that's deceptive. Really? Yes really. The delusion that you got away with it will be truly eye opening on our individual day of accountability. Judgment when we stand before God. Trust me there will not be any political parties or special interest groups backing anyone. We stand alone before the awesomeness of God the Father. Really? Yes Really.

As I travel around from one day to another observing how people interact with one another. I do come across those who make every effort to demonstrate the attributes of Christ because I get a sense of genuine meekness which is truly a sign of their strength because they are making an effort to be a sincere ambassador for Christ. While there are others who choose the banter of manipulation, entitlement, and tactics of intimidation simmered in a lack of the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom that these choices have heavy consequences in the overall outcome. But we must remember those who choose these paths are blinded by their own, greed, a pedestal of glory and grandeur, and their realization sometimes comes too late and miss out on God's grace lined in mercy giving them the opportunity to repent.

I look at the condition of this nation with all of its richness and blessings within. I too say Really? Yes really, because we have not looked through the lens correctly to see and identify all of the blessings correctly. We have managed to incorrectly represent the principles of Christ because we show respect for the person and if we are truly honest, we have to admit in one form or another, James 2:8-10 If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted of the law as a transgressor. For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point he is guilty of all.

So now when you truly look across this nation and see the beginning of judgment because of the errors we have created for ourselves we must wake up and

repent. We are on fire on one coast, we are flooding on another, and we have powerful winds of destruction and a pandemic across the entire land. Demonstration for and against racial and gender equality, judicial fairness, pro-life, pro-choice, and gender choice. Increased tension escalating on all fronts. But yet those in leadership downplay what we are actually seeing, and the blind alliances are utterly troubling because the deceiver has blatant disregard. Some would argue how could you say that. My response really? You would ask that question?

No one mortal man has the power to fix what is taking place by just making outlandish statements with the lack of any humility. Things in this nation have waxed worst each time words of arrogance are uttered and spoken into the atmosphere. It has returned with a devastating blow. This nation stands at the threshold of 210,000 deaths due to just the virus.

We have church leaders who have sold their souls to the Devil for thirty pieces of silver so to speak. If they were truly following the Word of God, they would have applied the prescription from the Word of God to benefit from the healing of our nation. If you are supposed to have the ear of leadership and advise them on thus saith the Lord. Not the other way around where your silence shows that you are complacent and condone the behavior not lining up with the Word of God becoming like the Scribes and Pharisees. Weaken the appeal of the church because many see the church as hypocrites. But for those who have a relationship with Christ, not an organization will overcome this storm.

So, we must continue to put our trust in God. He will fulfill the scriptures in 2 Chronicles 7:13-17. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place.

For now, have I chosen and sanctified this house that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

These passages of scripture provide a diagnosis, prescription, and a promise we as a nation have to wake up and comply, there is no other option on the table. Pull the scales back off of your eyes to see and understand what is in front of you the true reality of that which could come based on our obedience. Man has no ability to make promises that he cannot guarantee to fulfill unless God allows. When we fail

to acknowledge that we are merely a man (male/female) who has been given an opportunity to represent God within this atmosphere called earth. God and God alone is the solvent one, no one higher than He. Failing to do so we spiral down to a devastating and destructive measure of our own accord.

God has provided His word to govern and direct man to live and follow within the principles of God. Yet man has taken the posture to manipulate the Word of God for personal gain. But he who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the church. Not the brick and mortar church but the one that dwells within the hearts of man who seek to do the will of God. In the lips of him, that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding. Proverbs 10:13 KJV

There is and will always be consequences for the decisions and improper alliances that we choose to make due to our short-sightedness. The fact that grace abides provides us the opportunity to correct the errors through repentance and honestly taking the posture of humility and putting ourselves back in proper alignment with God. If we would earnestly study the Word of God as we have been instructed, we would be able to see things clearly. Not being led astray as we are time and time again. When our prayer life is consistent, we will be able to truly recognize the voice of God when He speaks to us because we have a relationship. Sounds simple because it is, but we allow a man to make it complex. Our relationship allows us to know our true identity and walk in our purpose fulfilling everything God has mapped out for our lives. Understanding that He truly is the author and finisher of our fate. So really you can meet your purpose. Really you can be an example of the truth of God's word, "proving, what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2.

Flipping the Script

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We all know that in Unity there is strength and the enemy of your soul knows this . That is why he operates with the divide and conquer concept. Now you really have to have your spiritual understanding to get this one.

When we fall out with someone it is a crushing blow because it creates division and sometimes it can be so devastating that one can not recover and in the long run you kind of forget what it was, but pride won't let you mend the fence. Here is a thought. Jesus said that we had to forgive 7 times 70. Now when the confusion initially kicks up, before you opt for the long term division, get a hold of yourself to list all things that you like about that person first and all the things you do together that impact other people around you. Then get to praying and forgive one another, because the bigger picture is greater than that one incident. We must fortify God's Army, not divide. "2 Corinthians 10:4 –the weapons of our warfare are not carnal"

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29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

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“Strive to Push Forward In The Face of Adversity”

By Elder Diane Harvell

Today, we are all faced with many distractions and things to hinder us which all seem to be screaming all at the same time. Noise can refer to any random fluctuation of sound that hinders perception. Noise is an unwanted sound considered loud, disruptive and unpleasant. In today’s world, noise can be heard everywhere. There is noise in Congress, noise on our streets, noise in our homes and noise within ourselves that we must heed to and overcome.

The difference between a noise and a sound is how the brain perceives and receives a sound. As we are faced with so many distractions today, how we receive them are critical not only to ourselves but also within our environment. Today it seems every individual and everything is screaming loudly and all perceive that their ‘noise’ is right, or valid which alleviates adhering to God’s word, listening to one other, growth, knowledge, wisdom, and an understanding that we can all lend to each other. How do we move forward with so many difficult situations going on? How can we hear the voice of God with so many voices speaking at one time? How can we render a positive voice above the ‘noise’ that surrounds us that will be effective enough to make a difference in this world and that will cause a perpetual *transformation* for the glory of God and for the improvement of his people?

Where do we go from here? How do we remain hopeful in what seems to be a time of hopelessness? The reality of this is that we have always lived in a world of lawlessness and wickedness, Matthew 24:12 but we are seeing it more brazenly now and more and more on a daily basis. But in Matthew 16:18 Jesus told Peter, “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Jesus said this to Peter not because he was referring to Peter as a big strong man, but when Jesus asked him, “But whom say ye that I am?” Peter answered and said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” It was then that Peter received divine revelation knowledge from God the Father that Jesus is Lord “The Rock” concrete knowledge that Jesus is the Son of God. Peter had the understanding that nothing and no one will prevail against God or His church! It was then that we were given the POWER to bind and loose whatever we need to in heaven and in the earth! And so, today’s wickedness that is being continued by the “lawless one” is reaching an all-time high and has a vast platform is only designed to rob us of our faith, peace, and our hope in God. Creating distractions and making loud noises to cause us to fear.

Therefore, our sight and knowledge of the POWER we have and the perception of

who we are and who God is must always be clear to us. We the church, the people of God must no longer overshadow and distract ourselves with the enforcement of religiosity, routine church services, fake financial promises, hollow bible prophecy's, monotonous and repetitive conferences, so called anointed summits and negative throw-offs, that have no merit or value.

Instead, we should hold fast to our faith, strive to push forward in our homes, our schools, our communities, and wherever the Lord should place us, among political leaders or church officials, wherever we are, we must live and be who we are in God conveying the truth that the gates of hell shall not prevail against God or his people! That is how we can make a difference in this world and be a positive voice in the midst of all the 'noise' around us, striving forward in the face of adversity!

So, don't lose hope! The gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and we are the people who are the chosen to proclaim this glorious gospel, then the end will come! Matthew 24:14. Although we are faced with many adversities, we are not to be deceived or duped into despair. The bible says in

II Corinthians 4:8-"we are troubled on every side; yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair." and v18-"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

There's an old hymn and some of the words are, "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in His holy word, He's never failed me yet. Can't turn around, we've come this far by faith."

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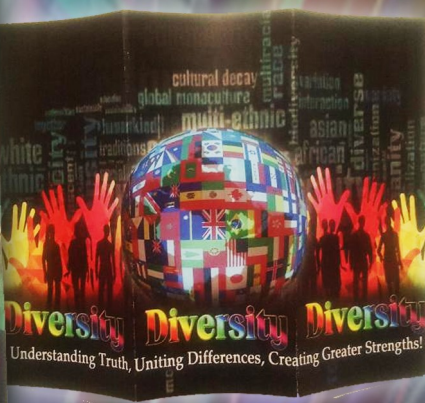
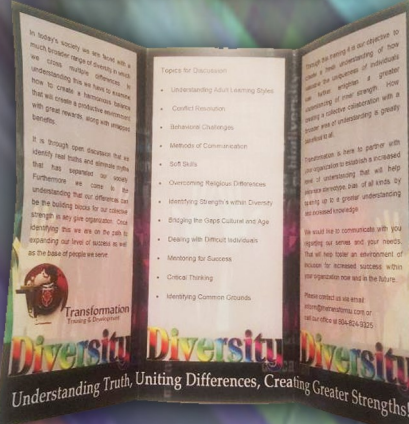
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Pump the Brakes

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

We are literally speeding down the highway of misinformation because we have failed miserably in obtaining the necessary knowledge to operate correctly on this highway called life. We are spiritually like an adolescent child who has reached the age of acceptance to be allowed to drive but has not accepted the opportunity to become mindful or skilled to be effective. We are racing to just do it because I can. We then become dangerous to ourselves and everyone around us because we are truly reckless. It's just a matter of time until tragedy shows her ugly head, and we apply the common response Oh God! This my friend is not a feel-good message it's a greater call for awakening to that which has been with us and before us all the time. The truth. There is a saying, 'the best way to hide something from someone is to put it in a book.' Wow, it is so extremely true.

We have answers that have been documented with information available for us to read and to remove the cobwebs of misinformation to gain the real truth. We have been taught to deflect away from the truth to accept information from an unlearned source who has to demonstrate that they do not know the needed information but because they say it you can accept it as being fact. And we accept the information because we are just too busy to find out for ourselves. What would you call that?

It's like a person who sees street signs with various indicators to forecast conditions ahead to prepare one for the conditions to avoid mishaps. A sign posted with a safe speed that will help us to navigate the road conditions designed for that particular speed, but we choose to ignore it. Sometimes because another person has traveled that same road and did it in excess of that which was posted but wanted to boast about it and now you have affixed in your mind that you can do it and just maybe even faster. So, you yield to the temptation and yet you're not that successful. You now are paying the price for believing what may have been a lie all the time and possibly revealed to you later.

But the question that is before you now is why did you feel that the signs information was invalid? Your outcome was preventable if only you had paid attention and heeded the posted warnings. Warnings do come before destruction, instruction manuals are provided for a reason. We have been provided various instruction manuals to guide us on many things that have been tested and proven to operate in certain ways safely. There are no shortcuts.

Here is something else we may have neglected to consider. We are now exposed to the mishap and the fact that we did not heed warnings or follow instructions. The

avoidable calamity of the event is now opened for all to see. If you are in fact a prideful individual this will be a devastating blow to one's ego. Not a digestible pill to swallow and an unwanted lesson to learn. The new question then will be, will we accept the education or deflect attention from the truth of our shortcomings.

Continuing down this mindless path of self-destruction and gravitating into the abyss of what will become to be known as the condition of the reprobate mind.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Romans 1:28

A fuller explanation can be found within the scriptures in 2 Timothy 3; 7-17

7. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

10. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11. Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Again, I reiterate that the best place in which to hide something is within a book. The Holy Scriptures are there for us, yet we are too busy to apply the ample time to gain and apply this wisdom from God. So, we find ourselves as an easy target of manipulation by a wolf dressed in sheep's clothing. At least we should come to the understanding that we are in a time where we do not have to worry about the enemy without, but more so the one we have within. Our individual decision is what we are held accountable to and if the wrong decision is made the reality can be even more devastating. The Bible teaches us about conditions as well as events that will be taken place within the earth. The passage of scripture in the Book of Matthews the 24th Chapter are the words of Jesus/Yeshua to His disciples and forecast the future.

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers' places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand :)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inso-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

I suggest to all to pick up your Bibles, Torah, and read and study the scriptures so that you are fully aware of the events that are transpiring before you that you are not caught unaware. 2Tim 2:14-16: Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

We as individuals have to understand we are accountable for ourselves in our beliefs and actions throughout life. So, taking a nonchalant approach in life doesn't benefit us it just acknowledges how out of touch with reality that we have become. Everything that occurs around us will eventually impact us in some way. They could prove to be minimal or devastating, but we all should weigh in on what is fairness especially when we know they don't line up with the principles of God.

A not so funny event could transpire from our undesired action to step up and speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. By us taking a spectator's approach could lend to our future generations themselves having to confront the same predicaments. So, we have to pay close attention to everything that is taking place within the environment and weigh out the overall impact of our actions or lack of. Not sure of how to move again I say to you check your manual (Bible) Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth. It provides accurate information if you read and apply it. Remember it has been provided for a reason.

My prayer is that we all pump the brakes on immaturity, excuses, disobedience, and outright defiance to the will of God. Our current condition has the ability to go away but we must become humble in all our ways and hear the voice of God who is speaking in the midst. Our obedience is the only way. The bible states that His Word will not come back to Him void. We are the ones required to comply because He? says so.

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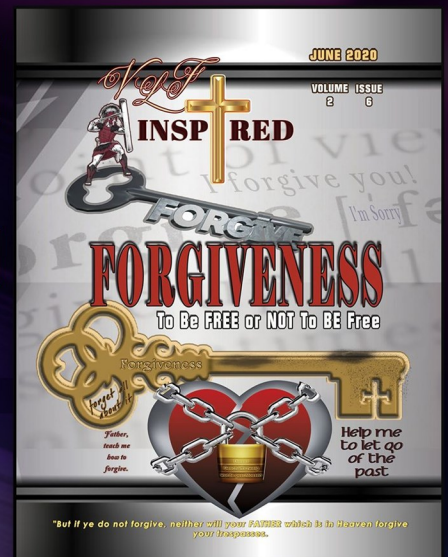
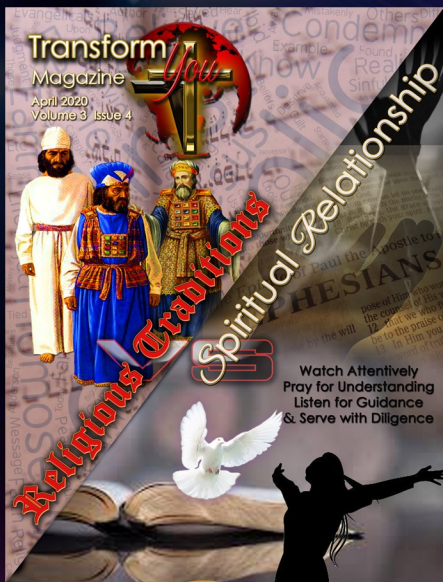


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