

Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning Archbishop Desmond Tutu

For if ye torgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matt:6:14,15

Forgiveness

When offenses come is forgiveness always the total remedy for peace?

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Matt:18:21,22

The weak can never forgive, Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong Matatma Gandhi

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Transform You Magazine was created to help with a transformative lifestyle and mindset by providing encouragement, hope, a greater understanding of Kingdom principles prescribed by God as well as knowledge to help with understanding and identify our own unique purpose and essence in Him. We also seek to provide an understanding of the importance of our individual relationship with our Creator which will become intimate in nature. Where we truly can hear and know the voice of God as he communicates with us individually to draw from us His essence to bring about a transforming change within the lives of His children in the earth.

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Purpose is not easily obtained and cannot be reached unless it is intentional. In other words, there must be a desire to fulfill that *longing* you may have felt but never committed to. It will take a mature approach and hard work in fulfilling your dreams, and desires but the most important of all, your purpose. So your thinking may have to change, your trust may be challenged and your spirit may have to become more humble in order for God to *begin* the good work which He began in you and to perform it. *Philippians 1:6*-"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.



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This Is Not A Joke

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

There is an overwhelming spirit of distraction in the land. The level of division in so many areas is fueling a boiling pot racing to explode. We have to open our eyes to realize the danger and open our ears to hear the voice of the Lord. The Word of God has demonstrated and speaks to the outcomes that have and would happen as a result of man's arrogance and disobedience. However, man has decided to continue their paths feeling they are above the will of God as it is written in His word. Taking this posture of defiance to have one's own will, will bring a curse on future generations. Following someone who leads you away from the principles of God while trying to sell your principles as if they have the power and authority, only God can actually deliver to us. Running the risk of losing your soul to deception as you stand before God because we allowed ourselves to be lead astray. The Word of God speaks to the very elite being deceived. My thought is this, how can a mortal man literally deceive us from our inheritance that God has promised His children as the enemy the Devil tried to do in the wilderness with our Savior? demonstrated when we use the word of God by responding with the truth of the Word he has to flee.

God's Word will not come back void. The consequences of disobedience are and will be overwhelming. The cost is too high for mankind. It's amazing that over 170,000 in this country have gone forward into judgment and it has not seemed to impact the conscience of man. We are spiraling downward on an express train to a greater collision. Eyes need to be wide open. Everything that is reflected before us is on a vanity. WAKE UP! We cannot afford to be numb and oblivious to the ground in which we are speeding towards. WAKE UP and rise up to the level that honors God!

We have an obligation to fulfill our purpose and mission within the earth. Our obedience to Christ is imperative to helping the lost to find their way to God. We provide hope and represent light in a dark and troubled world as long as we maintain our integrity in Him. Staying focused on the principles of God using every tool and weapon within our arsenal. Paying attention to the signs of the times, watching as well as praying, and not get caught up in sideline distractions. We cannot afford to look away when we are supposed to be watchmen on the wall. We have to be aware of everything that is within our area of responsibility. This is not a casual game where we can afford to be nonchalant, we must maintain a diligent spirit.

Our relationship with God is imperative to our survival at this present season in time. This is not a joke or a drill. This is truly real circumstances and situations in which we are in the midst of. No time for any haphazard attitudes or decisions or one may wind up like Lot's wife. There is nothing behind you worth looking back at.

There is a doorway to a greater future in God when you get focused and press towards the mark. Leading you to the threshold of the new doorway of opportunities in Him. Study your Word, communicate in prayer and listen attentively to be able to hear and understand and recognize that still soft voice in the midst of all the chatter which comes to offer you numerous distractions. That is the importance of your relationship with the father.

We have to wise up and recognize and understand we are in the last days. Someone who knows their time is up struggles to be relevant because they know the wind of opportunity is narrowing. Misery loves company but don't you get caught up in trying to save a partner in a sinking ship when the lifeboat has come to save you. This is the greatest hour for the Bridge that leads to salvation. This is the opportunity to change the greatest transformational experience one could ever undertake and to benefit from it requires total surrender and trust. Once that is given the old becomes the new and the essence to which God has breathed into each one of us will manifest and come to life. Confirming His word "I come that you might have life and that more abundantly." Don't let pride stand in your way if you need a refilling, He will do it again. Just ask the Father to help you comfort and keep you and He will see you through. If you are reading this and it touches you this was meant for you. rejoice because our Father knows what His children are in need of and He will provide. My prayer for you is that God will continue to place His hedge of protection around you and strengthen you the more and give a greater thirst for His word. Be blessed in the mighty name of Jesus I pray Amen and Amen!

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"Now is the time to lift our Nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood."

I have a dream that one day this Nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

When we allow freedom to ring-when we let it ring from every city and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, Free at last, Great God almighty, We are free at last."

With this faith we will be to new out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. Quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "I have a Dream" speach.

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Learning to completely
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Coming to the Table of Understanding.

C.A. Dangerfield II

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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FORGIVENESS

Elder Diane Harvell

Jesus did not leave the spirits in prison who were disobedient while Noah was building the Ark. But He went and preached to them after they died because it is not the "baptism" that would save them, but it is having a good conscience toward God that saves! Therefore, we must forgive because Christ went to the extreme extent to forgive! He introduced Himself to those who were "lost" during the flood, so that they could be saved. He **FORGAVE** them!

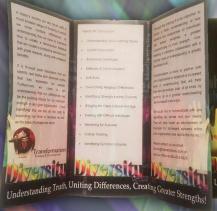
I lived many years with unforgiveness in my heart. But that only placed

me further away from my purpose and my accomplishments. I was content with hating someone who had hurt me greatly and I tried to believe that this was ok with God. It was and is not. I can only thank God for His mercies and lovingkindness towards me. Because in spite of myself, the Lord gave me strength to forgive the most heinous offense that occurred to me in my life. After that was done and I truly forgave, and a flood of blessings came in "good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." Luke 6:38.

"But how does a person get to this place of continual blessings? Be honest before God. Tell Him about the hatred, the hurt, and the pain you feel no matter how great or small it may be. I was honest before the Lord. I told Him I hated the individual who hurt me and that I didn't want to forgive them. And if it were possible for me to go to heaven anyhow?" My answer from the Lord came when I was forced to come face to face with the individual and the Lord commanded that I forgive them by aggressively speaking into my spirit, "Today!" Even then, I had to pray for the Lord's divine help because on my own strength, I could not do it. The Lord did strengthen me immediately upon my request for His help, and I forgave. That is when God through Jesus Christ our Lord will heal you! Life will never be the same! So, we must forgive and love for love is the greatest power on earth! My life has changed forever for the better and today I am totally free!

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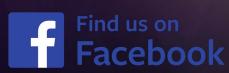
"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. V.12-Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. V.13-And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all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

The N.O.W.AT. MINISTRIES first began as the N.O.W. MINISTRY. However, as the Lord began to broaden my territory, He enlarged it to the N.O.W.A.T. MINISTRIES. After breaking through some very binding and difficult situations in my own life, the Lord introduced me to new people, new avenues and new ventures for life. Through the divine call of The Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior, and after I was finally free of my own "oppressions," the transition from oppression to nurturing became very easy.

That is what N.O.W.A.T. MINISTRIES is about. To help encourage and care for the development of women everywhere, who have been crippled by past or present circumstances of life find their God-given purpose so that they too can help someone else. Thus, multiplying the love of God upon the earth.

Future goals for N.O.W.A.T. MINISTRIES are to offer childcare resources to life coaching, counseling, and temporary housing for those in need.

This is my passion, this is my purpose. Therefore, let us bring glory to the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Nurturing Oppressed Women Around the World! (N.O.W.A.T. MINISTRIES).



When Offenses Come, Is Forgiveness Always The Remedy for Peace?

By Eunice A. Christian September 2, 2020

Matthew 16:23 ~ ²³ But He [Jesus] turned and said to Peter, **Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you** are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.

Corinthians 7:15 ~ ¹⁵ But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.

Romans 16:17 ~ ¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

Matthew 18:7 ~ ⁷ Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

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INTRODUCTION

My article is focused upon this month's theme: When Offenses Come, Is Forgiveness Always The Remedy for Peace? This interesting question was quite challenging. As I am accustomed to doing, I like to break down significant terms as a way of maintaining focus, so here I go:

Offense is considered an act that is derogatory in nature; an insult; an infringement or a violation upon another's ethics, culture, ideology, or standards. A common biblical synonym for offense is transgression. Antonyms for offense are compassion, good will, kindness, and empathy.

Forgiveness is the process of pardoning an offense. Forgiveness is to not hold a grudge or lay a charge against someone who demonstrated an act of selfishness, insensitivity, self-centeredness, unethical behavior, deprayity, immorality, or apathy.

Remedy is to have a solution or positive outcome for an ill or unwanted condition.

Peace is the state of tranquility; a place of silence and solitude; whether naturally or spiritually. It can be emotional—the mindset; or spatial—an environment that is free from turbulence and strife. For me as a Believer, peace means to be in alignment with God.

So, in addressing the question, my simplified answer is: Yes; when offenses come forgiveness is always a remedy for peace, because it is what our Lord and our God commands as we walk upright before Them, and as we live peaceably with all.

Forgiveness Is Always A Remedy

Galatians 5:19-26 ~ ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the

Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Acts 17:30 ~ 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.

Forgiveness Is A Process

Forgiveness, which is a process, must be supported by the nine attributes of the Spirit. So, I pose the question: Can one attain peace without forgiveness? That would require unlimited diverse perspectives that I would not be able to present here, but I feel confident in sharing that anytime I see the word always, it is a signal as to how I could or should proceed in addressing a question or concern. So, initially, I held up the yellow flag; I yielded initially on the side of 'No." However, as I mulled over my writings, I began to realize that I may have been leaning towards the wrong side. Upon flipping the question around, I realized that I should take on another perspective. The question posed implies that in order for me to have or attain a solution for peace, I need forgiveness... hum...interesting. I think if I had thought of this way sooner, my article would not have taken as long to complete! The answer to this question is, of course, lies in the Word of God.

It Is Written

It is written that our Lord Jesus said that we are to not only pray for forgiveness, but to forgive others as God His Father forgives us (Matthew 6:12-15). So as a Believer, if one wants to attain true peace, especially spiritual peace, one must continuously demonstrate forgiveness as an integral aspect of their Christian experience.

Matthew 18:21-22 ~ ²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, *Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?* ²² Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

The reason *forgiveness* is always remedy for peace is due to knowing that as a follower of Christ Jesus, we are governed according to the Will of God. Being under the Will of God brings peace—*peace of mind, body, and soul.* So, to lack forgiveness in one's life, in one's heart, is to also lack a right relationship with God. Realizing and knowing this, peace can hardly be attained without forgiveness; for be absent of forgiveness in one's walk, is to be outside the Will of God. Furthermore, to lack a forgiving heart, especially considering all that our God and Lord has done, is to be in contempt to the Will of God; thereby becoming an offense to God.

1 John 4:20 ~ ²⁰ If someone says, *I love God*, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

The Greatest Offense: The Ultimate Forgiveness

Luke 23:34 ~ ³⁴ Then Jesus said, *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.* And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, *He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.* ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, *If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.* ³⁸ And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew:

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, *If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.* ⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, *Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?* ⁴¹ *And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.* ⁴² Then he said to Jesus, *Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.* ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, **Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.**

Jesus demonstrated that He is forgiveness personified. Jesus is the ultimate example of forgiveness. With all power in His hand while here on earth, He did not get down from The Cross to attack or chastise His false accusers, nor did He decide to live peacefully among the people at the sake of His God-given purpose. Jesus gave His life freely for us all—the whole world. He died for us

all because He respected His Father's Plan for our salvation—and He was the only one who was able to complete it.

As though what Jesus endured was not enough, He asked His Father to forgive those who offended Him as He hung on The Cross...and it did not end there. When Jesus said, It is finished, He continued the fight against the greatest offender of all time, Satan. Jesus won; having continued onward to claim the keys to Hades and death (Revelations 1:18). Jesus returned to earth and walked among the people, in particular, His disciples; and then left earth so that the Comforter would come for our spiritual strength. Having completed God's divine plan, Jesus returned to heaven to sit on the right side of God The Father. All this, and more, so that we may have holistic peace—so that we may have the gift of salvation.

Peace. Be Still!

Mark 4:39-41~ ³⁹ Then He [Jesus] arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, **Peace**, **be still!** And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ But He said to them, **Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?** ⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, *Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!*

How amazing is our Lord and our God! In spite of Man's tendencies for being disobedient, Jesus continued to demonstrate forgiveness and His unfailing love for us all as He drew nearer to The Cross. Jesus, being God in the flesh, knew the heart of Man; yet He continued to demonstrated forgiveness and compassion at levels our finite minds will never be able to comprehend—at least not without His Word. What our Heavenly Father and our Lord asked for from us in return is that we have and keep the faith, spread the gospel, love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and that we forgive one another as God our Father forgives us.

Mark 11:22-25 ~ ²² So Jesus answered and said to them, Have faith in God. ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. ²⁵And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

To Forgive Is Divine

Matthew 26:33 ~ ³³ Peter answered and said unto him, *Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.* ³⁴ Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

Colossians 3:13 ~ 13 Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

The Holy Scriptures indicate that to lack a spirit of forgiveness is to sin against The Most High God because to forgive one another is not an option for a Believer, it is a commandment. As God forgives us, we must and should also demonstrate forgiveness of others when they offend; especially Believers. For those outside of the Will of God, God wants us to pray for them.

Matthew 5:43-48 ~ ⁴³ You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Self Reflection

What is also true is that we must learn to forgive ourselves; we must learn to forgive past mistakes so that the total newness that God desires for us to receive can be attained. If you are struggling with past issues that you need help with, or would like help to overcome, go to God in

prayer. Seek His Word for comfort. Ask The Holy Spirit to touch your heart, your life like never before. Communicate with someone you believe you can trust—don't take on the burden of an offense alone. If the person that you are thinking about is not in alignment to God's Word, that may not be the person for you. Again, be led by The Holy Spirit.

It is not enough to be forgiven by, or be forgiving of others; our lives must represent newness in all aspects. We must walk in the Light of God and in the spirit of peace so that we may be a living testimony to what the Lord declares we are in His Word. We are to demonstrate that when offenses occur, we can thwart them because we are more than conquerors; we are strong and mighty. We are the just who live by faith, and not motivated by our flesh which is in enmity with The Spirit of God (Romans Chapter 8).

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ~ ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

As I have shared in times past, if someone is fighting with bouts of unforgiveness: Don't give up; don't give in! Reinforce yourself in God. Ask The Holy Spirit, your Comforter for direction. Get back on course and stay strong. 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.

Hebrews 13:8 ~ ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore.

Be always mindful of when the offender is upon you; stay alert. When you begin to feel heavy -laden, seek God's scriptures for spiritual uplifting. He is The Remedy for ultimate peace. Listen to the soft voice of the Lord. If you have doubts about whether you are hearing from the Lord, be mindful that He does not change—He is the same—He will not go against His teachings. Allow The Holy Spirit to embrace you and lift you up!

Continue to praise and worship when you can: Think and reflect upon these questions: When was the last time you gave the Lord unadulterated time to reflect upon His goodness and mercies? If you struggle in the area of offenses, have you recently made the effort to fast for a breakthrough? When was the last time you studied the Word of God for yourself, by yourself? These questions may help you lead to a place of forgiveness and peace. You may be thinking, I understand how I could be led to peace, but why forgiveness? Who is being forgiven? If upon reflection, you agree that you have not spent quality time with God, then, there is a possibility that you may be lacking true peace in your life—or rather—you have a great deal of distractions in your life. Therefore, if you agree, then the answer is... You! Putting off getting closer to our Lord and God is an offense because He wants to have a close relationship with you. So, forgive yourself for being distant, and then have a talk with the Lord. Get closer to the Almighty God, for He cares for you. God wants to have a right relationship with His Chosen, and if you have not declared Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, ...come to Jesus while you still have time.

As you begin to reflect upon your relationship with others (family, friends, associates, strangers), why not celebrate your pathway to a higher and greater level of peace by praising the Lord! Do a dance like David danced (2 Samuel 6:14)—discreetly or privately, of course! Shout to the

Lord if that is what it takes to kick negative and stickin' thinkin' to the curb! Bless the Lord at all times—let your praises overcome the negativity of all offense you may have experience!

In closing, I...we stand together in the spirit of unity declaring that no weapon formed against you...us shall prosper—*I believe*—*do YOU*? Just to back it up a bit, what I shared here is what I apply to my life. When doubt creeps in...speak the scriptures to yourself or out loud when you can, if that works best. Let the offender be on notice that with the anointed power invested in us Believers, we have the victory! I declare a mighty breakthrough and the breaking of bondage where the adversary has attempted to place upon God's chosen. I am touching and agreeing for a breakthrough for you—which can only be made possible by exercising the spirit of forgiveness—all made possible by our God and Lord Jesus—as well as applying the fruit of the Spirit as a remedy of peace—and it is so, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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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.

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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.

There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption. So, if you've have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus while you still have time. Have a transformed mind, look to Jesus.

Be blessed and be a blessing.♥

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For The Time I'm Here

C.A. Dangerfield II

For the time I'm here
Have I contribute a sufficient amount of wisdom and knowledge for the generations of tomorrow.

For the time I'm here
Have I impacted someone's life to the point that their eyes
can see for a brighter tomorrow for what I contribute today

For the time I'm here
Have I truly done all that I can do to better myself and the
lives of others or have I just stood by silent and complacent?
When all the while all I had to do is speak up.

For the time I'm here
Will God be pleased with my efforts or have I brought more
shame because I had more area of complacency. When I
could have done more to eliminate the shame.

For the time I'm here

Has it been for me excuse after excuse or did I truly step up
to do more rather than sit around being recluse.

After reading all of this and knowing that time still remains.

Can and will I do better than what I already proclaim?

So for the time, I'm here
I can do so much more seeking to help others that they too can
sore. With a greater outlook and desire to excel and even more.

Making A Difference

Evangelist Stacie Daniels

In a society so often consumed with the latest and the greatest, it is commonplace to find multitudes of people following the masses. How so, you may ask? This "following" can be related to style of dress, hairstyles, business ideas, and general behaviors (moral/immoral). This culture bred yet contagious type of mentality lends to the challenge of finding diamonds in the rough who are willing to take a chance on 'Making a Difference.'

A pertinent question arises out of this truth----are Christians making the needed inroads or impact in the political, social, professional, and ecumenical arenas? When we witness mass shootings, social injustice, escalated violence, alarming suicide rates and pervasive immorality, there appears to be a breakdown in our reach. How is it that we can address this systemic problem and make a difference?

First, I am of the belief that one way to see positive change is to be that change you want to see. The image in the mirror may conflict with the message. From a biblical perspective, we can see the truth in this when Peter had the vision of all kinds of four-footed animals, fowl, creeping things and wild beasts. In the vision, Peter was instructed to kill and eat but he did not want to because he felt these things were common or unclean. Nonetheless, Peter was being shown something much deeper than eating certain meats or kinds of foods. God was showing Peter that all people mattered to him. Peter felt that the gospel of Jesus Christ was to the Jews exclusively but God wanted him to know that it was for all people (Acts 10: 9-29; 11: 16-18). There are so many nationalities, creeds and cultures in our world. However, Jesus Christ wants us to show love and share the good news of the gospel to everyone. God is not concerned about socioeconomic status, gender, or race but the soul.

Second, we can do an assessment of some of the top needs in our surrounding communities and seek God for strategy and methods to effectively impact these areas. If the community is poverty stricken, we can donate to shelters, sponsor food drives, or speak to our local government leaders about the need to provide economic stimulus to our neighborhoods. We can also think about that from a local congregational body standpoint----how can our church mobilize and ensure the livelihood and well -being of our communities. This may be in the way of housing programs or acting as a safe refuge to those who are in need.

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One tear to shed blood
Compassion fills His being for everyone.
From one tear to shed blood
The decision to be obedient to God the Father's plan for redemption leading to Salvation.

One tear to shed blood

He prayed for us that not His will but thy will be done.

One tear to shed blood

The sacrifice was made as He surrenders Himself for our sake to be bruised, beaten, and scorned.

One tear to shed blood

He died and gave up the ghost as He declared it is finished.

One tear to shed blood

He went and took the keys of death, hell, and the grave.

One tear to shed blood

"He stated" He arose on the third day with all power in His hands.

One tear to shed blood

We will see Him come yet again in Victory.

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Ladies & Gentlemen, Introducing Diane Harvell, author of

"Praising My Pand"

a most revealing and inspirational story of the tribulations and victory of life before Christ and now life eternal.



Forgiveness-When Offenses Come, is Forgiveness Always the Total Remedy for Peace?

-Matthew 14:15 & Matthew 18:21, 22

Elder Diane Harvell

I have a friend who no matter what, or what is done against her, she always says, "well I just forgive them, we got to forgive no matter what."

When I would hear her say this, I would inwardly get so angry because inwardly in some regards, I felt "an eye for an eye." But what impressed me most about my friend was that she demonstrated the pure love of God and that emanated from her! She stayed committed to her convictions and she let no one, not even me, keep her from them! To me, she is a true example of what the love of God looks like in the face of adversity and injustice!

Truthfully speaking, I on the other hand would stand strongly in my own convictions with a ready, reason not to forgive if I felt the offense was inexcusable.

But my friend made me take an inward look at myself and as much as I did not want to admit it, she was right in her approach to instantly forgive and her ability to forgive even when she knew a person deliberately meant to hurt her. Again, the perfect example of forgiving 7x7x7x7. Thank you, my friend.

So, forgiveness is always the remedy for perfect peace. The bible also says in Proverbs 15:1-"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Each process takes an act of humility. A soft answer, and forgiveness. For some of us, this is not easy to do. I believe that is why it is so hard to forgive. Because humility will relinquish its aspiration to "be right," or "have the last say" and if we are honest, that takes strength and God's intervention.

Just imagine being in a heated argument or conversation. And for the sake of peace, by an act of humility, you sacrifice your point of view, stop and say, "you're right," in the kindest way possible. That will cause the argument to cease and the individual will too! But your outward actions must be coupled with forgiveness inwardly, if not then you've only wittingly controlled an argument with malice still in your heart.

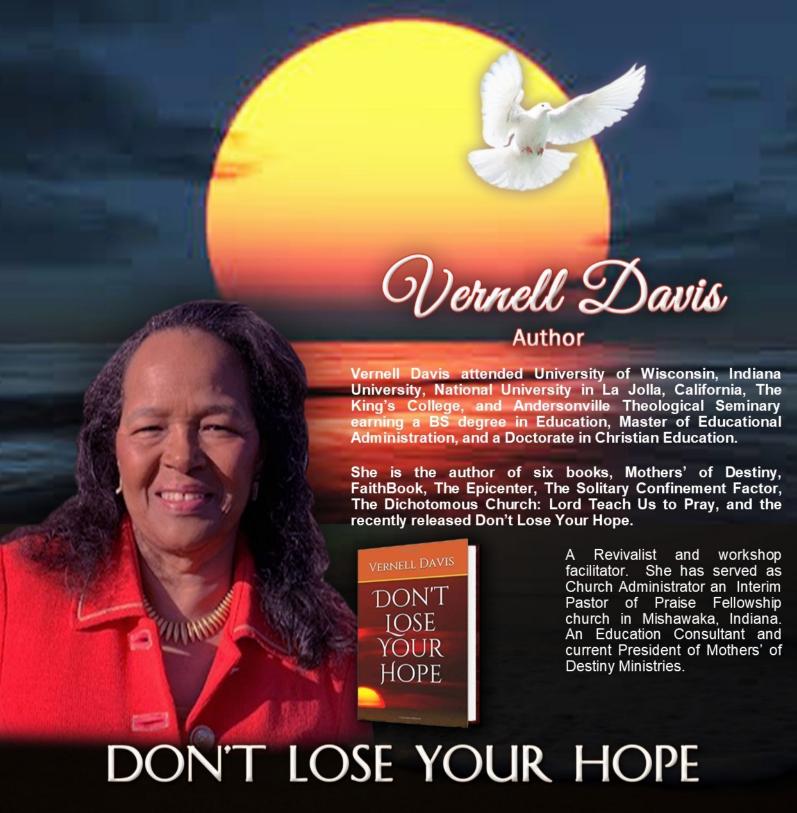
learned to tell Jesus about it if I can say no more than "Lord, I can't do this, please give me strength." Then He will de-escalate how you feel and will show you the importance of why the other person need to be forgiven, more than your need to make your point.

It is a great price to pay to put other's needs before our own especially when the burden truly does not belong to you. But this is what Jesus did. He took on our burdens (sins), when we were totally guilty, and He was totally innocent. Jesus gave His life for total forgiveness for all humanity.

So yes, as an answer to this discourse or subject, when offenses come, forgiveness is the total remedy for peace, but it must come from a pure and perfect heart!

May God Bless You All!





In Don't Lose Your Hope, Vernell Davis presents spiritual strategies for overcoming feelings of defeat and despairs; confronting obstacles and disappointment. This powerful book provides words of comfort that can transform you to experience a healthy level of hope when confronting discouragement and hopelessness. She encourages readers to incorporate prayer, trust in God amid rejecting feelings of defeat and insecurity. Vernell embraces the concept of the confident assurance of what is hoped for is intertwined with faith. This emotional read will evoke tears, smiles, and motivations to deepen your commitment to healthy physical and spiritual health.

We Go Throughout Life's Path

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We go throughout life's path and the conditions on the pathway of adventures take us to a specific destination called purpose which sometimes has multiple stops and connects. Within those stops and connections, many things occur to help us in continuing the journey. Sometimes maintenance and part changes are required to gain optimal performance in order to benefit in getting the maximum and even advanced performance out of us. Based on new components that have been created to enhance the potential and provide better mileage and performance (so to speak) for a smoother ride. We must pay attention to the availability of such opportunities when they are available and do the maintenance upgrades and advancements to continue to roll on.

Sometimes we face apprehensions to such changes because we have become comfortable and satisfied with the performance and at times we fear we will lose performance rather than gain from new products which have been designed to extend the life and warranty because we have taken the opportunities to listen and hear from the technician who is in the maintenance station. While we were in the maintenance station we had a safety inspection done to examine those things that are there to ensure our protections are in place should something occur during this journey that they are available and functioning at maximum capacity for all that are traveling on the journey to their destinations. Headlights to see ahead clearly in any dark place as well as foggy or in-climate weather we may encounter. With proper functioning windshield wipers and cleaning solutions to provide clear forward vision and in some cases behind us to have a clear vision of what may be approaching us should we have to change lanes and move in another direction to avoid a collision while moving ahead. The windshield is also checked for cracks or breaks that could impede our journey as well as mirrors that are placed around us so we may see from every angle. Having the ability to adjust when needed to maximize our safety at all times and be aware of that is around us in all directions, walking or driving. Our signals and markers are there to announce our presence as well as our intent to keep us as well and others safe at all times in order not to place anyone in danger.

One of the most important features is the ability to stop momentum in as quickly at a moment to completely avoid collisions and obstacles which could appear and endanger the lives of others as well as ourselves. Having our brakes working in precision conditions allows them to help us maintain the integrity of our vehicle and the avoidance of a catastrophe that could hinder or completely stop our journey to our destination.

Our tires are checked to ensure proper inflation and tread to make sure we don't get a flat or blowout and excellent traction on all surfaces providing us with a smooth ride along our journey. Ensuring also that we have not picked up any nails, screws, or glass along the way that could impact the journey cause delay as well as danger depending on the location of such issues. A horn to alert others when they have slipped into a compromising position allowing us to sound the alarm. These are some of the outer coverings. Inside we also have more features such as defrosters to clear off foggy interior conditions. Climate control to provide comfortable accommodations. Locks and window controls to keep us safe within, allowing the flexibility to change the atmosphere to a more natural breeze than artificial. Comfortable seating for the long sometimes even peaceful journey's depending on our state of mind.

So, I shared all of that to bring into focus how God has taken every precaution to ensure that we are able to travel through life well equipment with the necessities for the journey. However, we must take some ownership in maintaining the blessing of life by putting some work in. He has given us a manual the Bible (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) which gives us various scenarios that can be encountered on the journey as well as diagnosis of some unforeseen issue as well as the solutions. Tips for and scheduled maintenance to help ensure continued satisfaction and offsets to eliminate breakdowns.

But we wait until something happens before consulting the manual and 9 times out of 10 it's more costly too than it needs to be. If only we had consulted the prevention maintenance session of the manual and paid attention to the warning signs before we headed out. We may have to allow ourselves to become distracted or rushed in our planning and missed a few steps. We may have also failed to learn from pass experiences and repeated the same common behaviors and find ourselves in the same break down state of being. Keep in mind some neglections are not reversible. Leading to unwanted outcomes, so here is my suggestions make a checklist and check it off from top to bottom make the necessary adjustments so there will be no regrets. This will be your sign of forgiveness applied to yourself and you can then be a more effective blessing to others.

God Bless allow this to marinate within your mind and spirit.

"A LETTER TO A BLACK MAN"

(Written to Inspire Our Black Men)
By Elder Diane Harvell

Dear Black Men made in the image of God You were made in God's image, perfect by design

You and I were made to procreate Not be victims of those who hate

Dear Black Men made in the image of God, You are too important not to know who you are!

You are not angry like a wild forest beast! Nor were you made to be hung from trees!

Your wisdom and your slightest imagination
Causes others to fear you will become a great nation

I love you Black Men made in the image of God Continue making footprints like your ancestors have trod

Dear Black Men made in the image of God You are the perfect image of our unforeseen God

We your people we need you here
To raise your sons and your daughters with hope and not fear

Dear Black Men made in the image of God We need you to stay with us, so please stay alive!

Thank you, Jesus! Your Daughter, Diane August 31, 2020

Navigating Through Various Periods of Transition

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Life at times on this journey will provide us with various periods of transition that can and will lead to growth when we have the right understanding and mindset through these times. The reason for my saying this is during these times there may be several steps that transpire. The purging of our will must be the first thing. Because we will have to surrender every aspect of our self in order to strip away the outer cover of ourselves so that the true essence that God has placed in us can grow, blossom and breakthrough to come forth in our newness so that His will be done within the earth. For we are as seeds who have been planted within the earth to bring forth the will God.

We have to understand that an effective life in God requires a transformation which allows us to take on a completely different form we will no longer operate as our former selves that there will be a notable newness of Him allowing us to rise to completely different levels in Him with abilities to do other things that we once did not have His grace to perform. The newness that He has provided now has removed the weights that did not allow us to rise up from our former position. With a new vantage point with a new vision seeing and understanding that we are seeing with new knowledge of the pathway and its direction for us is toward His will and way. Manifesting change that will impact lives first by renewing the mind in the principles of God as demonstrated through His son Christ Jesus.

When we realize that our steps in life should show reflections of the character of Christ. If our transformation is effective the former things that we use to endorse and align with will now carefully be measured alongside the word of God. Allowing us to clearly judge the merit of our new principles in Him. This will really have us to evaluate our true intent to ensure that we consider not just the impact on ourselves but also on others. It will eliminate the very possibility of selfishness as well as self-promotion. We will now have an understanding of not making a reputation for ourselves for self-aggrandizement to the point of looking over someone else.

We are truly successful in life when we approach life in a posture of humility towards God. We put ourselves in grave danger when we display overwhelming pride which is a far cry from confidence. We can be confident at the same time as being humble and not demonstrating a sense of entitlement. One doesn't have to be a racist to demonstrate these characteristics just boastfully proud. The bible teaches that pride comes before the fall and the outcome of that mindset can set us on a path to a reprobate mind. Where we will truly believe that we are in His will and all though we are actually out of His will creating a hindrance unrealized by ourselves.

Stay humble before the Father and draw close to Him. Study the Word of God to hear and understand His voice as He speaks to you. Stay constant in prayer and fast for inner strength.



Do you recognize and understand the signs of the times?

In all thy getting, get an understanding. Study the Word of God!

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Simple Commandments

28And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him. Which is the first commandment of all?

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

30And 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.

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

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A lesson in life, man is reactive, God is responsive.

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

In the course of mankind's history if we consciously pay attention man has almost always reacted to any given situation first and the outcomes have been chaotic even devastating. When you attentively look at the characteristics of Christ, he proved to have a responsive approach to man's issues which resulted in life. "I came that you might have life and that more abundantly". The measures in which Jesus applied solutions to any situation was self-examination by having the accuser to reflect inward first rather than outward. This made them question their own motives as well as their individual history. Therefore, changing the dynamics of the situation and presenting a teachable moment to aid in finding the solution for all. Forgiveness then became the focal point of the event. Those in attendance at the event walked away with greater insight and wisdom on how to respond to life. Demonstrating there is a better way than an aggressive nature.

It is our inability to look at things from an aerial view eliminating that which creates opportunities for misunderstanding and improperly diagnosing things, therefore, making a quick rush to judgment which can create greater voids throughout life and very harmful mistakes that set the stage for irreversible outcomes. Where the outcome is more losses rather than gains. Simply because in this scenario we are impacting all parties from a selfish nature. This does not allow us to forecast properly the road ahead and changes the conditions now to put future obstacles within the road. Driving a once unified front in various directions.

The spirit of deflecting has been with mankind since the beginning in the Garden of Eden. Driving focus away from the main subject to create a variance to the main focus inputting a delusion or diversion to the actual facts. Throughout history if we can focus on the facts this deception is a prominent force. This nation has become yet again a victim of this tactic. Pushing any progression made further back because each time this transpires there must be an acknowledgment, then repentance followed by healing which requires the rebuilding of trust, and then there can be reconciliation. Then we can move forward and regain honor from around the world. There are no words that can describe the amount of deceit this nation has endured for almost the last four years. We have continued to damage our connection with God. Having the inability to see clearly and understand His will rather than applying misguided information showing the truth of what the scriptures have already stated.

Matthew 15:10-16 KJV

10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended after they heard this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

15 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

If we are actually living by the principles of God these conditions would not be overtaking us and creating more and more disconnection from God, creating more challenges, and judgment within our environment. The power of prayer and the desire to be obedient to the will of God will cover us and He will place a hedge of protection around us providing for us in every capacity. His grace and mercy will overshadow us allowing us to rest in Him because we understand that we are safe in His loving arms. So, we are not as troubled as those who do not have a relationship with Him but we are confident in Him. Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me saying, Yea, I loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Being in tune to the voice and direction of God allows us to see the living Word of God as it is unfolding before us allowing again His children to respond to life rather than reaction. Keeping our focus on him does not allow the fears that are cast out upon this world to shake us at the core of our being. Simply because we know and understand God to be our source. So, we then walk consciously in his principles for our life. Because we gain our understanding of the scriptures that come with the promises of God.

Proverbs 3:2. For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4.So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5.Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7.Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

It is from these passages that we continue to cross over the thresholds into the rooms to which our Father has prepared for us His children who have chosen to obey Him in spite of the influences to which the world thinks it has over us. For our outcomes will demonstrate the true blessing of God, not some artificial substitute that comes back time and time again for repayment for something done as if it were some great thing. Thereby showing the deception and traps that were there all the time. But we were caught up within the delusion so when the dust clears, we stand in the shame of our calamity and pride steps in casting a shadow over the truth so we will continue to walk in a lie.

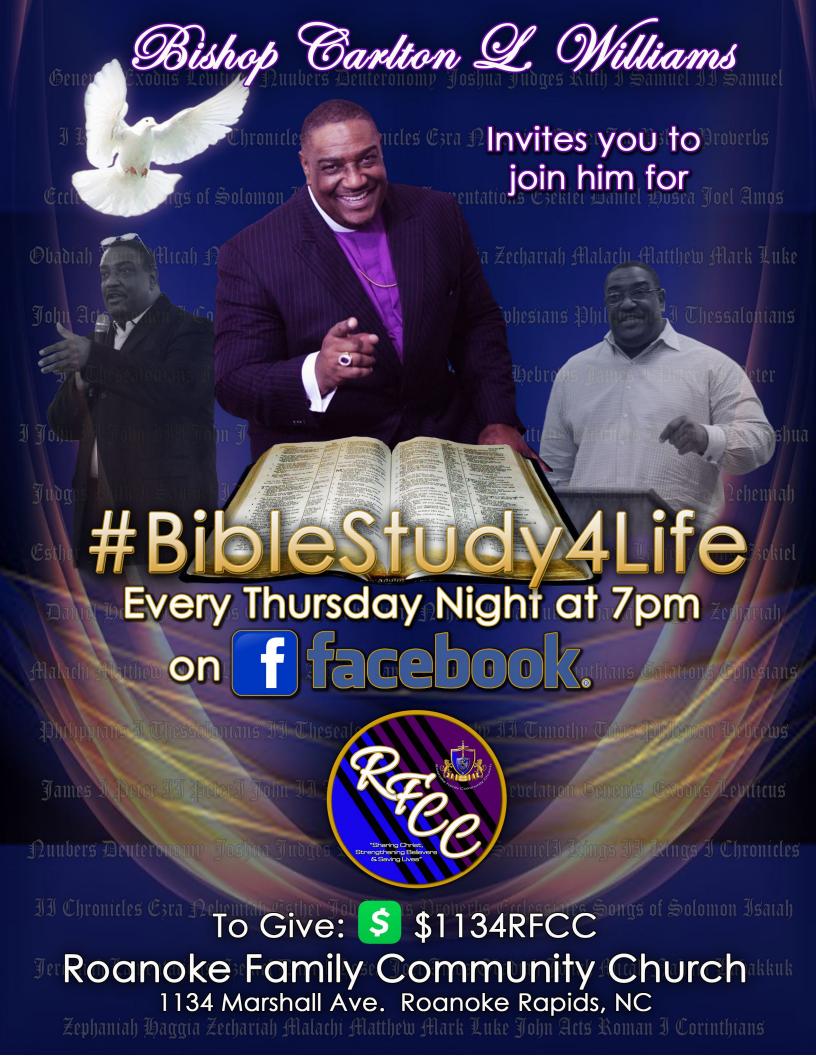
The deceiver is cunning and calculating learning your very nature everything that you feel passionate about and intertwine his plot of deception within that interest to catch you off guard with his devices. Unless we remain diligent and focused on what truly matters to God we too can get caught up and drawn out and when and if we come to ourselves, we will recognize that we are far from the peaceful shores. We have to understand that no man can give you what God himself is capable of doing and

belongs to Him in the first place. Remember that temptation of Jesus in the wilderness when the Devil keeps coming and offering Jesus what he already had and knew to be His therefore he could respond back to Him in the right manner. Knowing is so much greater than assuming anything. Know and understand who and who's you are then stand firm and acknowledge that fact and you will go further than anyone can take you. The only name that holds any merit within this atmosphere is the name of Jesus.

We have to truly recognize our bloodline begins and ends with Jesus. Our life-giving strength comes through that bloodline only. It is the purest blood life sustainer and no other can compare. The beautiful thing about all of this is we all can get a transfusion when needed. One time is all you need to make you vibrant in Him. Just continue with the right diet thereafter prayer, eating of the Word of God will always provide the proper nutrients and noticeable growth. Fasting will give one the proper cleanse and renewed focus. For those of you who have taken the time to read these words whenever you are able to find them and cast your eyes on them. Know this that God has just given you a new or reclaimed opportunity to connect directly to Him and begin again. Walking away with the understanding that your life has not ended, but your true purpose lie ahead waiting in front of you! You have more to gain than you will ever lose. So, go forth grow and live!



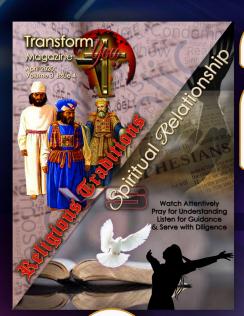








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