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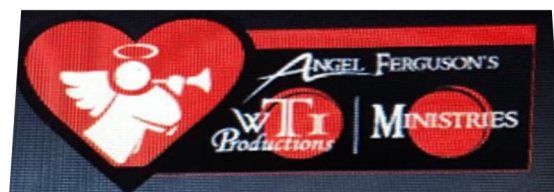
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FROM THE EDITOR



Where do I begin when it comes to this month's issue, so many great things has transpired and my expectations for what is on the way has my attention!

This is an area, that is addressed last, simply because of the weight of our words. How could one possibly convey in a few words the gratitude felt for such an opportunity as this? This is vision. This is ministry. My gloves are on to handle all with care.

During the process of planning out this month's issue, these words fell in my spirit; "The Table Is Set"! When the invitation from Christ has been extended to every individual, it comes with "A Prepared Table Set Before ME..... This table has everything that is needed for my survival, nourishment, and growth.

The thing about the table is that sometimes we long for something in other places without realizing that it has already been placed before us. And then I heard the word "REACH"! The reach is from within you, of the things that God has placed within you. I am encouraging you to look to the table that has already been prepared before you instead of looking else where! You have what it takes for the vision/business that God is calling you too, I say this because, it was He that placed what you needed on your table! Your Table has been custom made in order to do what you were created to do! No need to look elsewhere....all that you need has been provided.

Reach for what has already been given.....now here's the question we all must ask ourselves.....and that's "what's on my table"?



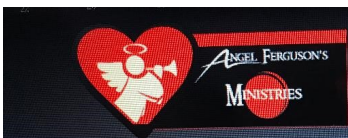
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Examples To Follow. A Guide To See!

Life is all about preparation. Whether there is a lot of input or what may appear to be none, in all actuality there is some level of preparedness in place. And I am intrigued by one great biblical example of what it truly means to become prepared for what is to come. When I look at King David in his youth, I see the fullness of the scripture text of Proverbs 18:16; “A man’s gifts maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men”. The gift of knowing the strength of your component, knowing how to go into battle, was something that David learned early on and one day, it brought him before great men! What David learned to do as mentioned in 1 Samuel 17:34~51, I know that the dialogue given in the scripture text has a focus of being skillful in the time of battle, yet I am more drawn to the fact of his skills learned while all alone, the mindset of understanding what he had been equipped with that brought him before others. It was what he had prepared for that made him ready for such a profound moment!

Here is a question for all of us, what are we preparing for? Once we discover the gifts and talents that we have been blessed with, then we must go through a time of preparation before we are brought before GREAT MEN!

David was developed in the wilderness! He knew of his talent and selected his tools carefully. He understood what it took for

him to accomplish his desired goal and what worked for others was not what would work for him.

Do we really understand just what you are capable of doing? if we would just take the time to prepare and to bring what God has given to each of us into perfection through preparation, I believe that many of us would be a lot further in life!

My brothers and sisters, can I remind you that you, yes you have what it takes to be great! All it takes is the time to prepare what is already in you. There is a reason why Paul instructs the importance of studying and putting into practice the things that we have discovered and learned, the things that are within us through preparation, so that the day we are brought before others we are not ashamed! (2 Timothy 2:15)

Ok, let us deal with the true phrase, “as long as I do my best, that’s all that counts/matters”! Well, ask yourself, what did I do to give my best? Within last month’s issue, we shared with you *The Cost of Visibility*, a huge part of that cost is in the process of preparation. I am big on planning things out, even if it is short notice, because this is how I prepare to present! As you can see, this is a formula for success, we call it *The 3 P’s*. A few years ago, God gave me *The 3 C’s: Commitment. Consistency. Completion, and now we are introducing for the first time, right with you Part 2; The 3 P’s; Planning. Preparing. Presenting.*

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Spinach Stuffed Chicken Breast Wrapped In Bacon



Ingredients:

4-8 Fresh chicken breast thick enough to cut a pocket or large enough to fold over (go for the thickness even if you are unable to cut a pocket)
Softened Frozen spinach (pre season)
Raw slices of bacon (2 slices per piece of chicken)
1 can Mushrooms
1 garlic clove (sliced)
¼ cup of water
1 packet of mushroom soup seasoning
Season to taste: Complete Seasoning
Parsley
Olive oil

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash chicken and arrange in baking dish. Cut a pocket add seasoning to chicken breast and stuff with the softened spinach. Next wrap the bacon around the stuffed chicken. Mix the ¼ cup of water and the mushroom soup seasoning together and pour over the seasoned stuffed chicken breast. Top with mushrooms and sliced garlic cloves. Drizzle olive oil over the stuffed chicken as this will help the bacon to become crisp. Cover with aluminum foil and place into oven for 45 to 1 hr. Continue to check while in the oven to spoon the liquid over the stuffed chicken.

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There is something about being creative in the kitchen. There is a lingering question, is it really considered cooking if it came from a box! Not everyone has the time or the patience but when it comes to our health, we found the time. Our recipe for scalloped potatoes is so simple and the preparation time is no more than 30 mins. Ingredients: 4 to 6 medium sized washed and peeled potatoes. Seasoned with Olive oil and ¼ cup of water. Place seasoned potatoes in the preheated oven. Allow them to cook until tender, remove from oven and drain the liquid. Now comes the fun, add the cheese! There is no specific cheese, only what you desire. We used shredded pepper-jack, cheddar and mozzarella. Blend the cheese over the potatoes and place them back into the oven for another 15 mins.

For the meatloaf, we took fresh ground beef and added our blend of seasonings, 1 egg, 1 tbl. Of mustard, 1 can of stewed tomatoes, ¼ cup of seasoned breadcrumbs. Blend all of the ingredients very well and put into a shape for meatloaf. The oven has already on being that we have the scalloped potatoes in the oven. To ensure that the meatloaf does not fall apart, we remove the excess liquid at least two times during the cooking process. Cooking time is 45 mins to 1 hour, this depends on the size of the meatloaf.



**But my greatest time is
making COFFEE!**

Examples To Follow. A Guide To See! Cont'd

Later in the life of David, he demonstrated this same principle/formula. Since you asked, let's explore this encounter! 1 Chronicles 17:1~15 sets the beginning of what was in the heart of David. I believe that this desire did come from God! What gives me this belief one may ask; well, it is what is written in verse 11~12. After David, has given thanks for what God has promised that he would do through him and his son, the time of planning to prepare came about over a period of time (2 Chronicles 22:5). The planning and preparations are written out within the 22nd ~27th chapters, now when we get to the 28th chapter, David is ready to Present the Plans of Preparation to Solomon his son. And it did not stop there! Solomon had to go on his own journey of Planning to Prepare for the Presentation (2 Chronicles 2nd ~7th chapters).

In conclusion, if you would examine the things that are within you, first identify just where they came from! Do they line up with the Will of God the Father? If, when you begin to examine these things it very well be that you are already working in some of these areas and had not even realized it. Now it is time to take it to the next level of planning to present it at the appoint time! Wait, you thought I was really finished? Knowing the Appointed Time To Present is the next line for this dynamic teaching! In each of the examples we shared with David and Solomon, there was an appointed time to present and just as with them, we too must know our appointed time to present. Knowing our audience is important as well. Here is something that I would like to instill within you, not everyone is meant to be your audience. Naturally we want to share with everyone that we come in to contact with but spiritually, there is a designated audience in which we are to share with because it is what God wants them to hear! Remember, we are many members of One Body! We all have an assignment to cover and at different times! That is one of the components of planning to prepare for the presentation!

And now, when considering sharing to what has been placed within you, consider just who is supposed to receive it. This will also help you in the process of how you plan to prepare. One day a valuable lesson was passed on to me and so I will share it with you, "plan to prepare to present to 1 as you would a 1000! The level of what I give should not matter on the number within the audience but the impact in which I deliver it. All are worthy of the very best of what God has for them and it is not my place to diminish it in any way or to provide the elite with a better quality because it may appear that they deserve better! All this is determined by you, the one that has planned, prepared, and presented! Until the next time!

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Can you believe that we have surpassed half of the year 2022? Time and life will definitely wait on no one, and so I can say this with assurance, it is imperative that leaders, evaluate how we are leading the people and to define just where we are going.

This process begins long before the followers are sent! Yes, we learn along the way but if the leader has not identified himself as a leader how can they lead? And if there is no sense of where one is going, then there are no movements, just a circle of stagnation.

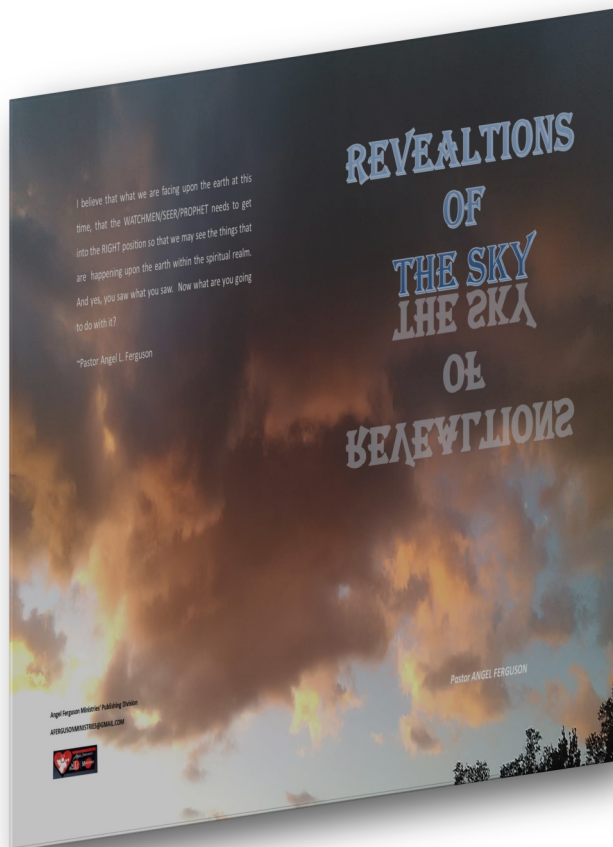
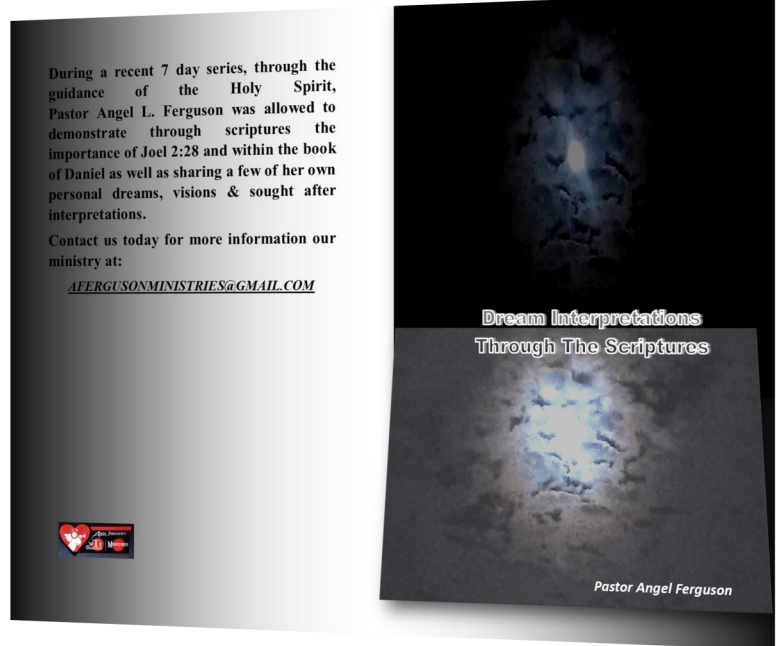
In order to become an effective leader, the leader must have a reliable team, to see the things that the leader cannot see. Now, here is some truth that many will share, nor will they admit too, but the leader does not see everything. In fact, the team that is working with the leader should be diverse in skills and knowledge that are willing to provide some input that will benefit the overall vision of the leader. Here is what I mean by catching what the leader does not. A few years ago, when I was fresh in being a published author and having book signings, I wanted everyone that was close to me to go along. Well on one occasion as we were at a local Christian bookstore, there was a team with me. The table was set with books and free give aways and some treats. My assistant at the time, would go through the bookstore and would promote the book and send the customers to the table. And I thought this was perfect! Well, at one point I took a restroom break, and I took my phone with me, on the way back I received a text message. When I opened the message, there was a photo of my author's table along with a message "would you stop here if you saw this"? I stopped in my tracks and looked up. What I saw was chaos. Yes, the table was set and beautiful but there were all of these extra people standing around doing nothing, talking on cell phones, etc., not to add that they had their children playing musical chairs. I was not impressed at all! I knew then that I needed my assistant more than I realized! She was able to see what I could not. I was only looking at the team that came out to support me, it was not a team to help build the vision. What I saw through my own eyes and what was actually taking place was two different things! This was a hard pill to swallow, as this issue did not go away! I had to make some hard decisions. How was I going to change the members on my team without causing any hurt feelings?

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NEW BOOKS RELEASING

This in-depth teaching of prophetic dreams and visions through various passages of scripture text as well as the sharing of some of my dreams, visions, and interpretations, is imperative in this season. In order to get to where God would like to lead us, we just pay close attention to the out pouring of the Holy Spirit through dreams and visions, Do as Daniel did, write them, then ask for help to understand them.

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Before the title of the mantle of Prophetess was attached to my name, I was led to spend some time looking in the sky. Within these pages, I am sharing photos from 2014 to 2020. There are so many things that were captured and we are yet to receive a revelation of these images. Through sharing these photos with others, from time to time, it has assisted them in understanding what they have witnessed during their own journey. I pray this will benefit you as well.

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BACKDROPS. DÉCOR & MORE!

This month, we are introducing another passion and entity of Angel Ferguson's Ministries. About 6 years ago, my first Assistant Janet introduced me to marbling with different products, and let's just say I really enjoyed creating one of a kind products whether it was for my home or office. Since that time, this craft has been shared with others, my mother being the first and then with the Women of Worship Ministry @ FODC BNJ.

Some of the items being featured this month, were designed specifically for this month's issue, as a matter of fact, all of the items of décor was created by myself. All custom items are for sale, so if you see something that you would like or maybe you are interested in learning how to create your own custom pieces, feel free to send us an email @ afergusonministries@gmail.com



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One thing that I have learned is that as long as there is a vision, there is a possibility!

The vision to introduce Backdrops. Décor & More came about a year ago, and I knew what it was going to do but I could not figure out the where and when! And then as I was laying across the bed, the scripture text of Luke 19:11~27 came and just seem to unfold before my eyes.

I could see the birthing/manifestation of what God had given me. Now was the time!

And the thing to take into account was that a huge amount of what was needed to get started, I already had! Can you imagine, tying the vision in with the Word? Well, that is just how it is supposed to work!

Another thing I heard was use the room! Sometimes we have been given gifts so that we may multiply! And from there, we went to work!

A lot of the items that we will feature were purchased on a budget, we did not break any bank accounts to achieve the look we were going for. I believe that no matter the space, it should represent you Well! Our goal, is to share some layouts in hopes that it will inspire you to prepare that space for ministry, work & home.

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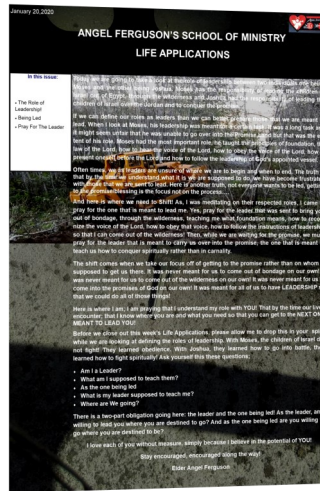
My method was prayer. I was led to pull back in sharing information with those that felt they were obligated to be on the team because of their love for me rather than those that desired to be there because of their belief in the vision.

One of my favorite passages of scripture is found in Habakkuk 2:1. Long before we start to write the vision and share it with others, we must see the vision through the eyes of God! Let's take a look at it together: I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved".

Although we may hear the vision and we are allowed to see the vision, we must move towards the vision through the eyes of God. So, it is not what I see that matters, it is what God wants delivered, and it takes a team to do this.

A hard truth is that if we can only see through our own eyes than we are in placing a limitation on the vision as well as the level in which you are operating. It is time to step it up! One other thing that my first assistant taught me was to look over our previous events and tackle the hiccups and things that had errors. We would work through these areas first before implementing anything new. Doing this has helped me to grow, and whenever I start to become comfortable, as if I have perfected what God has called me to do, the Holy Spirit brings this experience back to me and it shakes me up back to the place of receiving that text: "would you stop at this table if you saw this?" and here's what I do, I take a step back and look things over, slowing down and asking God to allow me to see through His eyes, The Eyes of the BEHOLDER!

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"God wants to know if we can handle this conception in our spirit's before it is released in the natural!"

IT'S THE TIMING!

I wanted to write about the day after conception since the month of July's spiritual meaning shows signs of activity, expansion, and hard work. but I am more compelled to whisper a moment of breath into the reality of your Purpose Goals & Dreams. And so if you would allow me to speak not to your flesh or your emotions but to the core of who you were created and destined to become, I would like to stand in as your spiritual life coach to get you through this tough period.

Yes, it will tie into fertility and conception and the stages of growth until the appointed day of delivery but first there is a need to speak to that area that must be prepared for conception. That's right, your mind. Your intellect. The core of your being. That place where ideas and dreams began and somehow become lost simply because within that same place and time the dreams and ideas have been notified or shall I say lied too that they can not become a reality.

You see we are 7 months into this year and some are in different stages of their time of conception, it is a very critical stage. In fact in the natural process of conceiving, the first and third stages after conception are the most dangerous and the safe period is in the second stage.

When we look at this in the spiritual realm, the enemy will fight you the most in two areas, in the beginning and when it is time to deliver. The biggest fight is the acceptance of the conception. The very thought of God using you to do things that have no history of your surroundings is not easily accepted by oneself or the others around us.

And so it is critical that in this stage of your conception you accept that yes, God has chosen you for a specific work. Here is something else for You to accept; YOU are

fertile to conceive. But the enemy does not want you to conceive or to survive the critical stages, so he will try and get you to denounce the conception, to abort the conception or to deny that you have actually conceived. We have to guard our purpose, goals and dreams from the thief of the night that comes to kill, steal and to destroy. The night is the time between the conception and the delivery! But that is for another Life Applications!

When looking at our purpose in life, I am reminded about the story of Abraham and Sarah. God promised Abram that he would make him a father of many nations before he had a son of his own. Can you imagine this? I have no children but you are going to make me a father of many nations? And he had this frame of mind because of the age of himself and his wife. How many times have we allowed a dream or an idea to die in the thought process because of our age? Or because of our past?

When Abram heard this, he questioned God as to how this could be, he doubted God, it even says in Genesis 17:17 that Abram fell on his face (no doubt he was worshipping God) but he laughed and questioned God again. Are we any different? No. In the same manner, God has shown us doing some great things and the thought comes as to where is the money coming from, where are the people coming from, where is the building coming from, etc.



Holy Spirit is dealing with me about THE NEXT! And I heard these Words; Go after what you have not seen before or heard of, but trust that God said it! It is Coming and that you must prepare for it! I immediately thought of Noah! God said it was going to do something that they had never heard before and that something the RAIN! Then He told Noah to build something that had never been seen before and that was the Ark! My brother & sister's, I am not sure where you are or what you are contemplating BUT, take the time to Plan to Prepare for the Presentation! For what God said to YOU!

IT'S THE TIMING! Cont'd

When God told Abram that he would have an heir, he was first told that this seed would come from his own body, not one of his servants. The promise that this seed would come from Sarah was not until after the birth of Ishmael. In my observation Sarah gave Abram her maid because of two reasons: out of tradition because it was shameful for a woman to be barren and because she wanted to give her husband an heir out of his own household.

When it was spoken of by the 3 visiting Angels in Genesis 18, when Sarah heard it, she laughed as well. Here is a key, yes it is true that she denied that she laughed, simply because she was looking at her capabilities in the flesh, not what God could do! Take your eyes off of your own abilities and see it through the eyes of God.

God wants to know if we can handle this conception in our spirit's before it is released in the natural!

Now, can you see the pattern of the enemy? When the time of hearing what God was going to do, (purpose, goals, dreams), the enemy came immediately to destroy the acceptance of it.

So, let us take a look at this in the natural; society will attempt to dictate what you can and cannot do. Or maybe you have shared your thoughts or dreams with someone and they killed it as soon as it hit their ears!

This brings on stage two of conception, although it is a safe stage it still should be protected, because the purpose, goal or dream was taken from a thought to the planning stages; it was shared. At this point it is where the enemy will use the tactic of others under his influence to hinder you. You see, how can I say this for the sake of clarity; YOU got pass his first attempt to kill the purpose, goal and dream, and he is not going to give up! That is why it is so important as to who we share with. Allow the guidance of the Holy Spirit to create your connections and your listening ear! Allow the Holy Spirit to bring you to a place where life is being poured into your purpose, goals and dreams with no hidden agenda!

As we dig deeper into stage two, can you imagine sharing with those in their camp that they would conceive a son together? After all this long time. It is true that by this time Ishmael had been born and those that are around them are laughing or saying to just be satisfied with Ishmael. In fact, according to Genesis 17:18, he asked God if Ishmael could live before God. Doubt was still at play. The biggest weapon that the enemy uses against us is doubt! If he can get us to doubt then he can introduce the spirit of rebellion and disobedience, and then he does not have to attack our faith because doubt was accepted in the beginning after the thought! Ok, let us deal with “just be satisfied with what I have”, there is more in store for you so please stop placing a limit on what you have the potential of doing!

Now it is time for the delivery. As stated in the beginning, there are three stages. Let me back up there was another spirit at work against Sarah and it was the spirit of intimidation. This spirit will make you think that you are not good enough to handle such a task because of your past, present and negativity spoken about you or what you said about yourself. Let us put this spirit to flight by reminding ourselves that We can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens us!

OK, back to this third stage; this stage is most critical because YOU have overcome the obstacles set out against you! And now it is time to birth that which was conceived in you, yet the enemy is going to try and kill the delivery as well with the spirit of doubt, where you question if it is your time, if this is really your calling/purpose/goal/dream! He will even make you question if you need certain people around you as if you need the assurance of others to move forward! I say not; move forward as guided by the power/authority/anointing of The Holy Spirit!

I know that this week's Life Applications is lengthy, but we are in a time that has no space for the enemy to get in. Do not lose patience; hold tight because impatience will cause us to deliver too soon; which is known as a premature birth; and you guessed it, this is another tactic of the enemy! If we move to soon because of impatience then we are not delivering a fully matured birth! But, premature does not mean it will not survive, it just means that you have to slow down and nurture the underdeveloped areas.....Once again, doubt will tell you to give up because of moving too soon but as your spiritual life coach, I say stand still, regroup, work on the areas that are lacking then only move when instructed by the Holy Spirit.

As we bring this week's Life Application to a close, know that your survival is my prayer. That you overcome the tactics of the enemy, recognize the spirit of doubt and then the other tactics will not stand a chance!

RESTRUCTURING MY STRUCTURE!

About a month ago or maybe longer, I felt the Holy Spirit speaking to me about the structure of my day. How it needed some structure. Well, to be honest, I thought it had some but when you know not to question the voice of The Holy Spirit when it comes to correction, you just submit! Anyway, immediately the enemy brought in a fear, and I would say a type of resistance, like this was going to become a real struggle for me. After all, I say it often enough; “I am busy”! and I had to have a ‘come to Jesus moment’ with myself, because it is not like He was telling to do something that had not been done before, I was the one that strayed away from it.

I hope that what we are about to share will assist you in every area of your life especially for the areas of ministry and owning/operating a business. Setting a time limit on the things that need my attention has allowed me to achieve more and it gives me time to step away and not feel guilty for doing so.

It is often said that clock watchers don’t achieve much but I beg to differ simply because keeping an eye on the clock has assisted in my restructuring of time. For example, if a task is given an hour, then I pay attention to when I started and am intentional in closing it out at the appointed time. And what would normally become an all-day affair at my computer has shortened in a wonderful way. Before noon each day, at least 3 of my task have been touched/completed.

And I thought that this was the extent of the restructuring! Well just as I was getting used to this new change, His voice spoke to me again concerning another area of my life, that it needed some structure as well. Here we go again with that annoying voice of the flesh saying, “what, but why. I am fine”.



But this inner spirit of obedience stepped in and said, “get it together”! What was revealed to me is that I had not made room in my life for anything else other than ministry and work. And for me, these two things are one because all that I do in business is connected to the ministry He gave me, so I thought all was good and it became ok with me. But I hear him calling me for more, and this more is going to call for a stretch, and before He gives it to me, I must be prepared for it.

There have been these times before and to be honest, sometimes I would start and stop, and then there were times that I would not start at all! And because of my actions, things did not move as I desired. So, what am I going to do this time? I ‘am stretching so that I can MOVE! So that what He has in store for me, can show up this time because I am ready for it.

OKAY, that was a revelation. I have been waiting for what I refused to prepare for, therefore it was released to me! Ouch! You mean to tell me; I

was my own hold up! My own hinderance! In my own way! And here I was praying and binding the hands of the enemy to loose/release/take his hands off of what was mine and come to find out it was not his hands in the way but mine! If that does not shake you as it is me, than I can’t imagine what will. This is a part of the preparation process. This is how you plan to prepare for the day of the presentation! This is simply amazing how God is continuing to give a revelation for these three words: Planning, Prepare, Presentation. It started in one area but as you can see, it is transpiring into other needed areas as well, and for this I am GRATEFUL!

Now, there is some clarity to what He instructed me to do. I don’t mind sharing with you as He is unfolding it to me, at times it is necessary to acknowledge that we don’t always get it right then and that we don’t have it all together, we are all a great work in progress.

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So, what are you hearing? What areas has the Holy Spirit shown you in your life that need restricting? Restricting is an opportunity for growth, for expansion, and for additions, we should develop a mindset to become intentional on following such instructions, as it does not feel good and yes it has some discomforts, but it shall all work out for your good, because you love God, you trust God, you believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, you have been called according to His purpose and you have become obedient to His Will. You are His chosen people, His royal priesthood, His Holy Nation and whatsoever He has said concerning you, it has pleased Him to speak it and His word shall not return unto Him void but it shall accomplish that which He has sent it out to do. So, what is He saying to you, do it because it is a part of what shall be accomplished with YOU!

I love these time with you, because it enriches me in more ways than you can imagine. When we are sharing words of encouragement with you, we are encouraging ourselves. With this, there was no questions asked, I wanted to share them with you. I believe that I grow, so do you, because we have been connected through our relationship of Christ, The Father, and The Holy Spirit. As I am stretched, so are you, I want you to plan to prepare to become for the day of presentation as well. Remember, whatever you have been instructed to restore, do it, do not hesitate, don't start, and stop, keep going, because there is a promise waiting on you, but you must be prepared to receive the fullness of it! I believe that the time has come around for you to receive that which you have been praying for. Now the rest is up to you on how long the wait is because God waiting on your yes and on your obedience to move according to and with His Will!

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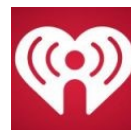
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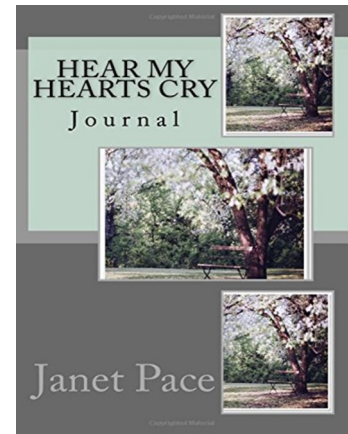
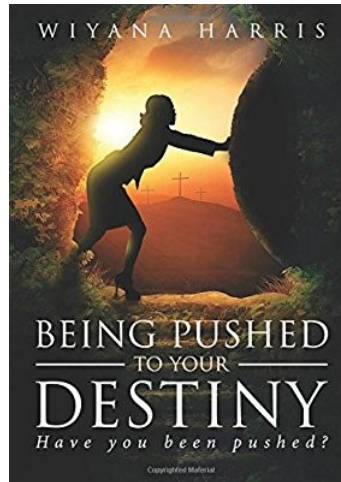


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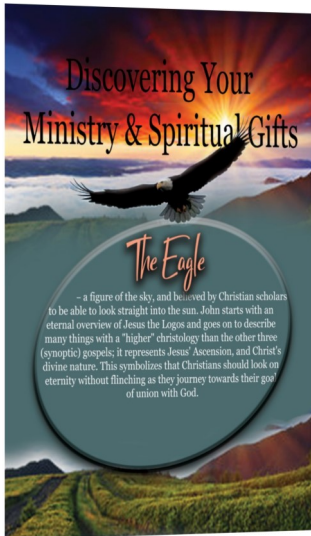
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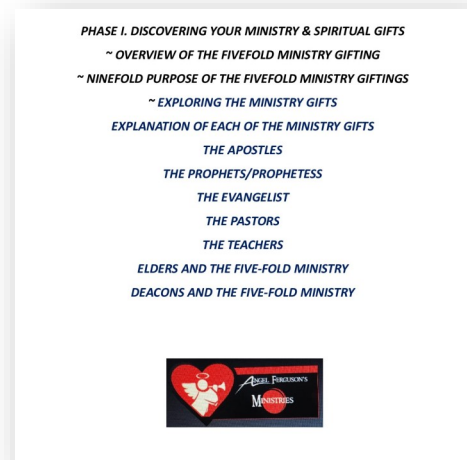


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MINISTRY FATIGUE

Ministry fatigue is real. And it happens to every portion of the Body Christ. The position does not matter. In fact, this is nothing new nor is the conversation outdated, it is a current circumstance.

It is true that the momentum of the ministry is within the leadership, but the leadership is inspired, or shall we say encouraged and motivated through the participation, dedication, and commitment of those that are under their leadership role!

But what do you do when there is no encouragement, dedication, or commitment from those that you are leading? Well, this is a huge pill to swallow but it goes back to the role of the leadership. The role of the leader is to notice when things are growing cold and stagnate. It is the responsibility of the leader to not fall into the cycle of repetitiveness. Before there are any objections or arguments, it is important that we are allowed to finish. In order to keep the momentum up and the ministry fresh, then the leadership must and yes,

it is a must that the Holy Spirit is invited to lead the leader!

As a people we have adapted what we think the flow of ministry should be, how the services should flow without often times asking God. After all, the purpose of gathering together is to honor His only begotten Son, right? And for an experience of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for the edification of the Body, I believe that is the purpose, right?

Could it be that the leadership should reconnect with the role of A Royal Priest and consecrate first before service? Don't misunderstand, there is Order in the house in which we should abide but are we consulting God for that order and is there room for correction and the Holy Spirit.

Are we asking questions of ourselves such as "did I pray about this"? or "where did this idea come from"?

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When there is no answer to such a question then it is time to evaluate if we are waiting on the people to move instead of waiting on the move of God through His Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, both known to be THE HOLY SPIRIT. If we are moved by His Spirit, then there will be evidence.

Then there is the question all leaders should ask when this drought happens, “am I meeting the needs of the people? Because before there is a drought, there is a warning that the flow of water is in trouble and has begun to slow down. Nothing happens suddenly, all things occur through a process.

How do we get to a solution to this? Realign ourselves with the Will of God and submitting to the His voice which is the Holy Spirit. When we try things without consulting God, and it does not work, should we continue and struggle with it until the people “finally catch

on”, no. It is ok, to say “well that did not work, what will you have me to do”. Some things we already know what to do, because as with Moses, He has already given it to us, but we have failed to use the IT! Another thing to do is to know the people. Know the needs and level of the people. And of course, have we obtained the permission to lead the people from the people. Some will catch that, and some will not! Obtaining permission to lead the people simply means have gained their confidence in one’s leadership role in their lives. Have a few one on one’s and listen to what is being said and the things not spoken but demonstrated through the actions.

Have we considered the appetite of the people? Are we feeding them the proper nourishment or what we think they should eat!

In my closing, I am reminded of the forever prophetic word of the Lord in Isaiah 43:19. If we would consider the ways of our God, our Father which is in heaven, we will see that his message has never changed of what is in His heart and mind, just the method. The message/charge is to create/develop disciples, which can be done via various methods and yet remain within the Will of God.

Within last month’s issue we provided a Pastoral questionnaire, it is a good place to start when hitting that point of ministry fatigue, no ministry level is exempt, and the circumstances will vary according to the size of the ministry.

We pray that you will receive a refreshing and strength to endure in each season of your being and for those that are predestinated to follow.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR THOUGHTS!

Let's jump into this powerful subject. There is a truth to the scripture Proverbs 23:7; "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee". What does your thoughts say about you? We are responsible for what and how we see ourselves. It is not our responsibility for how others see and what they about us.

A few years ago, the words came to me, and I then passed them along; "it is not about what they call you, it is what you will answer to that matters". Another was, it is up to me what I allow others to see concerning me. And all of this starts in the mind of how we see ourselves. If we do not value and believe in ourselves and what we do, then we cannot expect others too, and if after we demonstrate our value and respect for who we are and it is not reciprocated, it should by in no means alter your perspective of YOU! Do you know who you are in the eyes of God? Do you know that God said to Peter, "Call nothing that I have made unclean/common". Everything that God created though the SPOKEN Word, is GOOD!

Yet this goes beyond the thoughts that we have about ourselves but also how we interact with others! In other words, in the mind, we can create confrontations when there aren't any. This is a form of witchcraft! When we predevelop conversations to prompt divisions in a way to get our points of view across, we are operating in a very dangerous field. This is where we can take responsibility for our thoughts, use the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. One of our go to scriptures is 2 Corinthians 10:3~5. Whenever possible, I try and measure my thoughts against this word. Yes, it is important to examine our thoughts.

We are also instructed on what we ought to think on, yet the mind is the heart of our being and when we entertain things in our minds, they will eventually show up in the natural! This is the law of life. Ask me how and I will tell you! If we say that things of the spirit first happen in the spirit and then they manifest in the natural (show up), then the same applies to our mindsets. If I think it, then it will begin to develop in my heart, I can then see it, and therefore will start to look for it!

And so, I, we must take control of what we allow to manifest within! If it has an outcome that places us out of the Will of God, then my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, CAST IT DOWN! Bind IT! For you are the owner of the house, and no thoughts can take over the house unless we give it permission to do so. We cannot control the thoughts of others and when we try to do that, we are in grave danger!

If we think that we are down and depressed, without hope, lost, a failure, etc., then are actions will also begin to take on the role of these characteristic. Yes, you just read that correctly, our thoughts turn into images which are also known characteristics of how we see ourselves. You, I, we are responsible for what others see by what we demonstrate and how we present our character.

Know just who you are referring to how God sees you. Allow the Holy Spirit to develop the you of you. Making sure that we allow room for maturity, as no one has made it to perfection, yet we grow unto maturity! Believe in you are and what God has created you to do, and do not allow the thoughts of your own head to contradict what has been spoken of God concerning you. This battle is not necessarily with others but with us. Whenever we allow the thoughts of others to control how we see ourselves, then it is a sure sign that there is no confidence in who God has said, put your confidence in God concerning and then remind yourself of such. Let it start with YOU!

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