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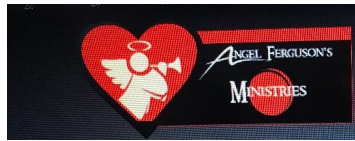
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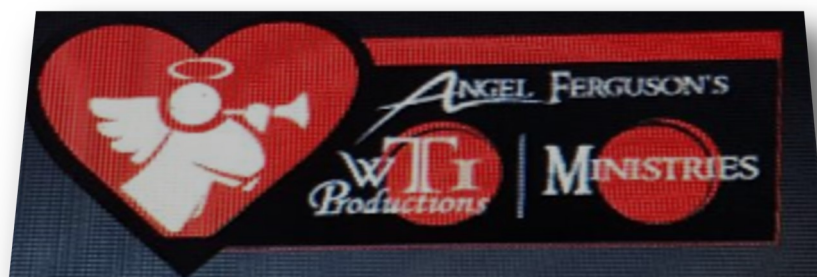




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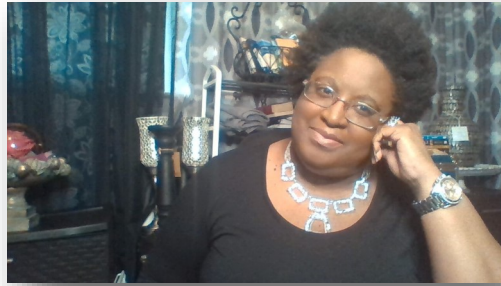
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From the Editor



Life has a way of continuing whether we join in or not. I find that when my lack of participation over shadows my purpose then it is me that has stalled not life. Life is everyday whether we rise for its grand entrance or not and the truth is that life will not wait on any of us, and with this knowledge, I have had to apologize to life, because at each rising of the sun, life came calling but sometimes I did not answer and when things did not happen as was hoped, yes life was blamed!

You know, the decision has been made, I am rededicating myself to life. Not because my faith is in life but because of who gave me life. God created us for the experience of LIFE!

Through Hope & Truth Magazine, we have lived! Yes, we took a break but the life of what God gave me some 20 years ago has never left me. And believe it or not, you were missed dearly yet forever in my heart and in the back of my mind. This month's issue is our reentry! It is our welcome back. And I am so glad to know that you are still here!

~Pastor Angel Ferguson, Editor



THE WALK TO RECOVERY

It has been a few years that have gone by and in some areas the process of recovery when it comes to my life has seemed to be at a standstill. There were times that the tears would flow because the understanding of what was transpiring was so overwhelming. Here I was, giving what I knew to give of myself from a spiritual standpoint but when it came to my natural personal life, there was stagnation. There was time spent in prayer and I could literally see and hear but something was still missing. And it was not until after giving a motivational speech that I was reminded that yes, there were multiple streams opened up to me that I had access to, but during the process of time, were left or shall we say abandoned.

My walk or shall we say the journey to recovery has been moving so slow that it really felt like it was not moving at all. Sometimes, it is due to our own abilities, we can halt our walk/pace of recovery by not applying ourselves. It has taken years for this revelation to reach me! And it does not feel good. You mean to tell me that because of my pace, my recovery has been drawn out, not just days or months but years! What a reality! What a ugly reality.

So, here is the reality, God has great plans for each of us. And yes He does share those plans with us if we show a genuine interest in them. The rest is really up to us.

Let's step into a true place of transparency, my life took a turn concerning business and of course my finances were affected which altered my way of living and my independence in a lot of ways. And to be honest, I knew there was a way out but the weight of the change kind of crushed me and it seemed that each time I created a NEW way of getting out, it just did not seem to work out. It was not that this NEW way was not a part of the plan or that it should replace what I knew to do, it was just that the two were not combined, does that make sense to you? Well, it is now at this moment that it is making sense to me. the truth is this, I had become comfortable being stuck! Ouch, that hurt just to write those words, but it is a fact and now it is time to heal that wound.

THE WALK TO RECOVERY Cont'd

Here's what I heard as the words of encouragement left my lips; 'you have multiple sources of income'. And this is true, all this time there was a way out of my crisis, yet I failed to put them to work for me. Yet my truth is this, I wanted God to pour me out a way of escape in the means of an abundance of finances but did not use the resources that was already in me.

Basically, I wanted Him to bail me out while sitting and doing nothing.

Here is something that was permitted to slow down my walk to recovery, allowing others too remind me of my work or load of obligations. Hearing their words placed more weight on my shoulders than the work itself. Before their words gained access into my head, there was balance to my life, but when things began to look bleak, I did not reach for what was in me to push forward, but instead let those words weigh in on how my recovery would come.

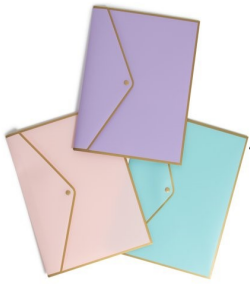
What we are saying is this, the method of your walk to recovery depends solely on you as it does me. Today, we can continue to walk in a slow pace, not walk at all or speed up the stroll into a steady jog! Get up, as it is time to recover. You can change the setbacks and how they affected you by the way you continue to move forward.

What a day of refreshing! Let your walk of recovery began today! It is our desire that the words of this revelation will inspire you as well, it is a reminder that you have a lot to do and say when it comes to how soon you will recover and this is not just concerning finances but in every area of our lives! Won't you join me in this walk of recovery? You are invited to do so; it would be an honor to have you as a fellow survivor!

A simple Reminder



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Customize your work sheets to fit how you work! But make sure that those you share them with are able to follow/understand your process.

Keeping It Organized! Methods for creating a office on the GO!

Each month we will provide a method for each of the following: HOME, BUSINESS, MINISTRY, & PARENTS. Not only will we provide cost and time but some photos as well! Alright, let's begin.

For this month it is for Ministry: This particular project has grown! Working for the overseers of a ministry is no easy task and yes I have held this position for a few years and there is never an occasion that being better prepared has become my goal. It seems that the need is the same yet it grows according to the activity of the ministry. The sheets that we are sharing were created according to the ease of how we work, yes there are many calendars and journals available and even writing tablets but I love that custom made approach, so what you see here is the fruit of our labor! Please be encouraged to design what works for you, print some copies, set up your office on the go files and place them in the plastic folders and let the progress began!

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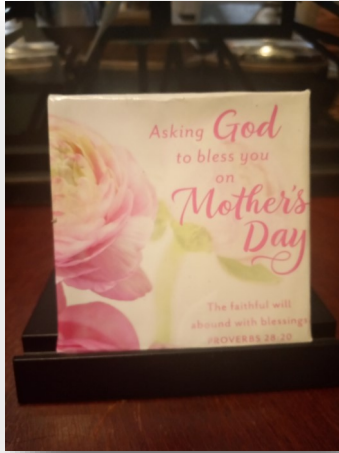
creating/printing your own worksheets

PRICELESS! Just your time!

The key is to print enough copies for t6 months to a year. And one other tip, prepare one just for traveling and set it aside.

The total time to create print and put things together took me 1 1/2 hours..

In each issue of Hope & Truth Magazine we like to share some of our custom products! Nothing makes a gift more personable than you when put your heart and thoughts into in along with your hands! And since in the month of May, we celebrate all of the wonderful women, we created some things just for her!



Custom Coasters



Custom Bookmarks

From a mother's heart pours more than just love, there is nourishment for the soul



The great thing about you mom, is that you never give out of what you have to offer those you love. Happy Mother's Day



When I think of love, you come to my thoughts. Hearing the word sacrifice, I remember how many you have made for us. Time has no clock when it comes to how we have cherished every moment we get to call you Mom..... Happy Mother's Day



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Growing Into It!

A recent thought entered into my mind and here it is; are we allowing the ministry to grow through us or are we being the cause of its stagnation? Growth of anything depends on the mindset of the leadership.

I believe that a ministry should never reach a point in which it believes that there is no more room for growth. It is true that a leader can lead only so far, and must have the mindset of placing individuals in place to lead the ministry further. Do you not know that we can stand aside yet be in the way? Ouch! That hit kind of hard, right? To be honest, I have been in this place, when it came to the ministry that God has invited me to. But thank God, He does not allow me to stay in that place. Through experience, learning His drawing through the Holy Spirit has been the fire when things seem to get cold. And my learning to stop trying to make the puzzle come together my way has worked as well. You know what, I think this is a place of submission, and it is good.

We as a people of God should not become afraid of growth as long as it is according to the Perfect Will of God. Because if we are truly going to stay in tuned with the Holy Spirit, then there are going to be times when we are shifted and given directions to grow in different areas of the ministry for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Now the question becomes, are we going to be obedient to those times?

I guess there is a reality that we all must face, do we want growth? One way that we can promote growth in ministry is through the Word of God, being cautious on staying in tuned with what God wants to say to the people and asking God through the Holy Spirit to reveal where the people are so that we can meet them at their needs. And when we can meet the spiritual needs of the people, then growth is soon to follow.

Another thing to consider is how the leader leads. How does the leader grow in their leadership role? Because the people will follow the lead of their leader in many aspects that we could ever think or imagine?

There are so many reasons and ways in which the leaders can promote growth, one way is to show some genuine interest in the people. Have you ever wondered, exactly what are we offering the people? Leadership is to serve, so how can I the leader serve you in reaching your full potential. Okay. Okay. As that last sentence was typed, these words became loud in my spirit; some can not lead further than they have gone in their own pursuits. Some leaders only have a desire to go so far and then therefore, their leadership is limited.

So, how do we help those leaders that are limited within their leadership capabilities? Prayer is going to be the main source. Another way is, if you are close the individual try and get them to have some dialog about ministry and leadership, this is a way of opening the channels of what is possible. And if you are on an assignment with other leaders, then make it your business to ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to intercede for them and the ministry. Keep focus on your assignment, remember, one plants, one waters but it is God that gives the increase. Make sure that you pray for the people that are under that leadership, the prayer could only be that the Will of God is done for all involved.

These are the times that we are in and the people are really looking towards the leadership of their leaders. Where is the leadership taking the people, because leading means that you are going some where, the question is where? It should be forward not backwards! And it should lead us to spiritual maturity in the knowledge of Christ. With everything that is within me, I know that the passion for those in a spiritual leadership role is from God. This is by far not an easy role to fulfill, yet it is possible through Jesus Christ.

If you are in a leadership role, just know that God has people that are praying for you and the vision that He has placed within you. We are praying for your strength and that you receive a refreshing of the oil upon your spirit. May the tiredness and frustrations that come with ministry be lifted from you and that you may find rest in trusting that God has the answer to what He has called you into!

Stay forever in the presence of the Lord!

~Pastor Angel Ferguson

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We look forward to hearing from you!

FAITH BUILDING SERIES

What does the Bible say about building House of faith?

Hebrews 11:1 1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 3:4 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of ever thing. 2 Corinthians 5:7 7 For we live by faith , not by sight.

Faith: Trusting that God’s Word is the Truth

Belief: Is a strongly opinion about an overview or idea that we have read, seen, or heard

Obedience: Following the things of God, His way and not our own will release the manifestation of what we have heard Him Say!

Scripture Explorations:

Isaiah 55:6~13

Deuteronomy 28th chapter

Luke 24:46~50

Hebrews 11th chapter

Romans 10:17

FAITH BUILDING

KEYS TO KNOW!

Releasing
our faith in God,
is a way of making room
for Him to release
His Word of Promise in
the lives of the
BELIEVER!

Answers to prayers
are done through
willing & obedient vessels
of God!

Knowing
your Level of **FAITH!**
Is important as it will help
determine your
Longsuffering as well as
your level of
EXPECTANCY

Today, we are dealing with an immensely powerful scripture: “ For we walk by faith, not by sight” 2 Corinthians 5:7

Daily we are faced with many obstacles and pressures of the world, too simply give up on life along with our purpose, goals, and dreams. Many are declaring that they are tired of this year and are ready for the next. But as believers being the body of Christ, we should have hope of our expected end!

Yet our words that we desire to express to you is that we are in a continued season of FAITH! We are not living and walking by what we can see but by the faith, we have in our Father which is in heaven, His only begotten Son, and our Comforter, The Holy Spirit.

What this scripture declares to me are two keywords: WALK & BY! Yes, I can walk by what is around me and focus on my faith! Not everyone has this kind of access especially if they are not A Believer of Christ.

Walk By means, there is some action taking place. Now if you would allow me to pull in Heb. 11:1; Now Faith, it will express as to when our faith should be at work.. And so, then my Now Faith Will Cause Me TO WALK BY, IN FAITH NOW! Not by what I can see! But by what I hope to see!

Now, let us share the twofold meaning of this word By! In one sense, By means, I am standing upon my faith. And in another sense, it means I am passing By.....because My Faith is Leading ME NOW!

Declare this with me today:

I am Walking pass my circumstances into A NOW FAITH!

I can Walk pass doubt.

I can Walk pass negativity

I am being led by my faith in the God who is FAITHFUL & ABLE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES
& Not by what I SEE!

We love you without measure simply because we believe in the potential of YOU!

Stay encouraged, encouraging others along the way!

Made in our kitchen

Don't

*be afraid to indulge
when it comes to
your favorites!*

*Just enjoy in
moderation!*

*The main ingredient in a
lot of our meals is olive
oil and of course using
fresh vegetables with a*

limitation on the

*seasonings so that we
can control the sodium*

*BUT When it comes to
the desserts we are still*

learning

Self control



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ANYONE!



TREAT YOURSELF.....



Better Health.....Spirit. Body. Mind. & Soul.

The Spiritual Stretch!

Lately the sound around every corner has been about selfcare. Taking those mental, emotional, and physical breaks. And so, this morning, well to be honest last night I decided that staying in bed until 10 or 11 was my selfcare BUT, God had other plans. Prior to my relocating to New Jersey, I would take a walk, never big on exercise but there was some movement! Well, this morning, I actually was obedient to the Holy Spirit, when promoted to take a walk. There is a small park near me with a track. As I began to walk, I heard, “this is a spiritual stretch”.

Do you know that we can pray about the territories that we have been sent too, but until we began to “walk the tracks” there is no real revelation of what is at work there! I know, that hit me too!, only harder because there was no hiding, the word came as I was out of the house and walking the track, there was no option to second guessing to get dressed, put my shoes on and heading out the door, I was already out there! Funny how, God can speak when we ‘get out there’!

A place where we cannot run and hid. There was so much being spoken, like “ How can you pray about a place that you have not come out to see? Or How do you expect to bind what you have not trampled upon? And here is the hardest hitting one, how can you get anything done, sitting on the sidelines?

Before the walk could get started, the instructions came to take a picture of the track,

but as you is a shadow! represents the walk can ly and un-



can see there The shadow that although become lonely comfortable,

you are never alone! The shadow represents the covering. The shadow is bigger than the person! Can you see those marks on the track? I didn’t make them. Can you see the uncertainty in the path that someone else has taken? Some even ventured off of the track. Did they finish? Was this their path? Are they coming back? O’ God where or what have you brought me to? Did you notice that up ahead, there are no pattern in the tracks? How far is your walk?

After I started to walk this track, another set of instructions came, and it was for me to turn on my recorder and speak what I heard....and I thought it was to clear my head and to get some fresh air! Boy was this a set up!

In my closing, Don't let what came before you, scare you into not going forward! It is your turn to walk the path....STEP INTO IT..... BUT FINISH WHEN YOUR TIME IS UP!

That was my experience, what has been your Spiritual Stretch experience? Did you run and hid, or did you face the tracks? I pray that during this walk, one day we will meet up. As we are caught up in the air, as the Bride of Christ.

~ Pastor Angel

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This work began in 2019 yet a few months ago, I was reminded by the Holy Spirit that I had not completed my assignment. And so here we are today....with the completion of this work. What started out with searching out 16 Keys of Promises found in the Word of God, it has grown to over 60 plus. The book has been designed as a self or group study, we have identified the Keys as well as the Results when applied correctly! And there is more, some of the sections has a Keys Identified & Reflections Section.

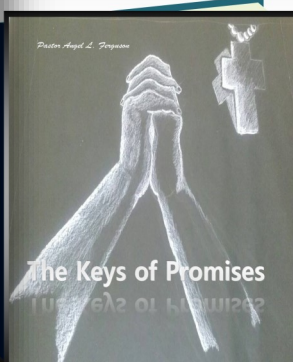


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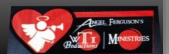
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THE BODY.....

Sometimes, well there are quite a few of these times that my time is spent at my desk for hours and before you say it, yes there are some breaks being taken through out my day. Yet when it came to eating healthy, well that was another issue. In fact, my entire eating schedule was off, my breakfast was missed, skipped or made into my lunch and then dinner became a quick grab and go which, yes you guessed it, came with more than weight gain. So, the solution was to tap into food that I enjoy and are yet healthy.

There are a few foods that are at the top of my list, two being salads and homemade soups. The soups because I can control the sodium and salads because this is creation at its best! This month, we are sharing a few of our favorites!



*Homemade Chicken & Rice Soup
toppled with
Tortilla
Chips*

MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

There are many layers to this name we call mom...

in fact it is more than a name

it is a role

it is a love

it is passion

of commitment drenched in nourishment

with eyes of protection

and a handful of care

What is this that we know of this name called mother.....

she feeds with a purpose because she wants us to

grow.....

her voice releases with caution because she can sense what

is afar

never doubt her ability to hear what was never said

remember her name is mom with the role of guide!

To all of the wonderful mothers

that has taken the time to feed the soul

along with the body and mind.....

we cherish you forever more~

From Hope & Truth Magazine

Are You Feeding The Need

You know as much as we try day in and day out, we just can't do it all at once. Life and the components of it takes time other wise known as the process in order to complete or even to accomplish things. So, don't come down on yourself or others for that matter when 5 days of work is not done in two!

For some it has taken years to come to this reality. When we rush the process, things are missed. Believe it or not, this happens a lot in ministry. Things are rushed, not fully explained or perhaps misunderstood yet the urgency to get those projects done remains the same. Well, just like our spiritual growth we go through a process, so is the same when it comes to the business of ministry, well to be honest, in life there is a process.

Are you feeling rushed and overwhelmed by those that are depending upon you to carry your weight and theirs too? Don't fret, there is a method! And that method is the method of prayer! Surprised right? You might have been expecting me to say something else but all things must begin in prayer simply because we have to know who we are working with! I find that when working with those in ministry, communication is not always easy to come by.

And this is because many know what they want because of what they have seen with others without knowing what it took to get there!

In my years, learning to wait for the dust to settle has become another one of my key methods. And just with learning to know who you are working with through prayer, learning to wait will direct you in the same direction. The purpose of going in prayer is get directions from the Holy Spirit. Another tip is to ask God to allow you to see the vision that given to the one you are working with. Remember, some are just not good at communicating yet have great expectations.

And of course, the method of listening. That's listening to what is spoken and what has not been said. Listen with your eyes. Don't be afraid to ask questions. After all you are not questioning the vision, it is clarity that is needed so that you can meet the deadlines!

What we are saying is this, pace yourself through prayer. And know the difference when an idea is being spoken of or is just a whelm.

Wake Up The Flavor

Healthy Living

STARTS AT HOME!

As we all know, timing to go to a great restaurant has its limits so from time to time, we like to extend our talents within the kitchen. This month, we are sharing the recipe for this mouth watering dish. The prep time is about 20 minutes, or according to how many you are preparing to serve. And the cooking time is even less!



Ingredients

Fresh sliced mushrooms
Fresh sliced Green & Red Bell Peppers
1 Clove of Garlic sliced
Fresh Whole Spinach
Olive Oil
Butter
Shrimp
Tilapia
Rice

Use your desired seasoning. We used, garlic & onion powder, black pepper & sazón.

Directions

In a skillet over high to medium heat, add olive oil to coat the base of the skillet. Add sliced garlic. Siring the garlic into the olive oil. Next add, the green and red peppers, then the spinach. Adding more olive oil as desired. As the mixture begins to become



In a baking dish, add the fish, use your desired season, and butter and place in the oven. (after 6 mins in the oven, turn the tilapia over, and place back in the oven) during this time, add the shrimp to the pepper and spinach mixture, reduce the heat so that the shrimp are not overcooked. The tilapia and the pepper mixture should be done about the same time. Serve over rice.

Are You Feeding The Need Cont'd

Take one step at a time, in the long run, those that you were sent to assist will appreciate the process because it will save a lot of missed mistakes in the long run.

Another reason why we stress to follow the process of not rushing is because you might end up doing double work! If you rush to finish, then as the print/publish button is being pressed.... The phone will ring or the door will open with the words.....I have one more thing to add!

All of this is feeding the need, yes feeding the need of the furtherance of the ministry while making sure that those you represent are represented well. Through prayer and having the ability to wait on the instructions of the Holy Spirit will also help you to gain their confidence. Here is a truth, this process is preparing you to one day become the one that someone else has to work with! So, pay attention to how you handle your weight, then when the time comes, you will understand the process of others.

Be sure to check out the tips we shared on page 8 to assist in your work flow needs of ministry.

Four Things That Are Set To Fight Against You!

There is no perfect way to jump into this so, we will just dive in. Each person that has been granted life has also been given the opportunity for hopes, dreams, and the ability to achieve them. Yet, there is a fact there is an evil demonic force that has the sole purpose of fighting against the potential within YOU and me!

The four things that we are going to take a look at are: Belief. Repentance. Commitment. & Unity. This writing is coming from some very vital important scriptural text that most of us have read several times. It is from I Samuel 7:2~14. Here we are looking at the changing of the guard as now Samuel is at the realm of being judge, prophet, & mediator between God and His people. Now, after another time of being held in spiritual bondage, the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, and Samuel reminded the people that if they Repented, returned back to the true and living God, to put away the other god's from them, to serve Him only with their hearts that He would forgive them and would return to them as well. In other words, provide them with the needed protection from their enemies, restoring unto them the things that were taken from them. Here is where we come to the attack that has been set against All human beings. In verses 6 & 7 things took on a direction that many of us do not foresee. When we come to Christ and accept him as our Lord and Savior, we do not foresee that the enemy will come against us. In fact, there is this illusion that life will be grand! Peace. A bed of roses and so forth. The children of Israel did what was best and returned to the belief that the God of their forefathers was/is the true and living God. They returned to Him as their God. Through the act of unity, they committed themselves to Him. Once the Philistines heard that they came together; in unity, they devised a plan to fight against them. Now, this is the reality, it had nothing to do with the repentance. It had nothing to do with the commitment. In fact, it was not really the fact that they believed. It was that they came together in UNITY! Even as with Nehemiah, there was never a threat or a rising against him as long as he observed the damage of the rebuilding of the wall alone, or even when he begin to delegate the people to do certain task.

It was when they became committed to do the work in Unity. Nehemiah 2:18~19.

And then there are the results of when we become committed to do the work in unity for the Kingdom. When the children of Israel asked the Prophet Samuel to cease not in [crying](#) out to God on their behalf, he did as they asked. He sought the Lord and the Lord heard him. When we repent, believe, become committed and come in unity then we too can gain the attention of our Father which is in heaven. The cities that the enemy had taken were restored, they also had peace with this particular enemy. Once we can conquer certain things by working together in unity for the sake of the kingdom of God, then that would be an area that we will not struggle in. Areas such as ego, lack of trust with our team, sabotage, laziness, etc.

Now, I would like to share some key principles that the Prophet Samuel exercised. He offered a sacrifice unto to the Lord on behalf of the children of Israel. He interceded in prayer on their behalf. He gave up something on their behalf. The children of Israel had already fasted and repented but the Prophet presented himself as a living sacrifice on behalf of the people. When their fear stepped in because of the attack of the enemy, he continued on in prayer. When their faith begin to waiver, his remained strong and confident. When they desired to give up, he stayed in the presence of the Lord. In the case of Nehemiah, when the threats of the enemy became overwhelming, he set watchman upon the wall so that the workers could do their job without looking over their shoulders. When they tried to trick Nehemiah into coming down for a false meeting, his focus was on the assignment, he did not forsake unity to entertain others!

And it is because of this type of leadership that God stood up and showed himself strong and mighty on behalf of the children of Israel. He rose up with a great thunder on that day and discomfited the enemy. And yes, the wall was completed under the leadership of Nehemiah. And let us not forget the work and unity of Ezra, Zerubbabel, Jeshua, the Prophet Haggai and Zechariah as they unified for the rebuilding of the temple and the altar. Ezra 3; 5. They too faced the adversary because of the work that was done in unity.

The number one thing that the enemy does not want to happen is that we work together in unity for the kingdom. He does not come against unity if it is not for the kingdom, his job is to try and to keep or make a division so that the kingdom will not stand on earth as it is in heaven.

In closing Part I, in Deuteronomy 32:30, Moses poses a question as well as he gave an answer. How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight? That is the question. Here is the answer; except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up. The enemy has no dominion over you! Especially when committed in unity for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

There are other reference scriptures for us to rely upon when it comes to being unified for Christ: Leviticus 26. Matthew 18:19~20 that we have to rely upon. Just as in the Old Testament God wanted us to work in unity when it comes to the things of the kingdom, so does Christ in the New Testament. This has nor will it change. The heaven and earth were created in unity! And this was never meant to change. Just as with the Trinity, each has a distinct position, so do we but the goal is that all will come together for the sake of Unity in the Kingdom of God!

Within the next section, we are going to share some words that will identify the four key areas. Also, we are going to take a look at the spirit that attacked the children of Israel as well as what will and has attacked us. There is one thing to keep in mind, the enemy does not like unity, especially when it is for the kingdom of God.

<u>BELIEF</u>	<u>REPENTANCE</u>	<u>COMMITMENT</u>	<u>UNITY</u>
acceptance	contrition	engagement	agreement
conclusion	grief	guarantee	harmony
conviction	guilt	need	accord
expectation	remorse	pledge	alliance
faith	sorrow	promise	unification
hope	regret	charge	oneness
Idea	penitence	vow	totality

PART II

Now, the children of Israel were being attacked through the spirit of fear and intimidation. The combination of these two things can have an affect that will cause a hinderance or in some could cripple their focus. But, because they obeyed the voice of the Prophet Samuel, and trusted his counsel, when feeling the pressure of the Philistines, they asked that their mediator continue in prayer on their behalf “without ceasing”. Meaning, do not stop praying for us until God sends and answer. The prophet Samuel was able to do this because the people of God had followed the instructions of returning to their true belief in God, repentance of turning their backs on Him to serve other gods, they recommitted themselves to him and they came together in unity to Fast in One Place.

And so, we come to our belief in prayer. The power of prayer. It is our communication with God. It is how he receives our request as well as how He responds. Jesus gave us a great example in Luke 18:1~7. How a widow woman continued to go before the judge concerning her adversary. The judge did not regard God nor man. Yet, he did not act in a hurry because he had to check out if what this widow was accusing her adversary was in fact true. When we go to God concerning a matter of being attacked by the enemy, He too will examine to see if our claims are correct! Is it really an attack of the enemy or have we fallen into disobedience? When we look back at the instance with the children of Israel and Samuel, we find that he was able to continue in prayer for them because they had followed the principles of repentance. If they had not followed the principles of repentance then the man of God’s hands would have been tied and God would not have responded the way they wanted.

On the next page, we have put together a few questions that we believe will assist in areas of all of our lives. When can identify what is against us then we will know how to go before the Lord in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us? Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit then we will fall into many traps and snares, we will loose our belief in him, not have a repentative heart, will not commit nor will we work in the spirit of unity for the sake of the kingdom of God. The questions can be done individually or as a group. The individual has to become honest with themselves. It is an exercise with the intention of spiritual growth. An opportunity for us to ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of Discernment so that we will know the difference between our disobedience and an attack from the enemy.

Spiritual Growth Segment

Q. How is my relationship with Christ?

A. Enter your response here.

Q. Have I placed anything or anyone before God?

A. Enter your response here.

Q. When confronted with my wrong, was the repentance out of being exposed or because it offended God?

A. Enter your response here.

Q. Did I ask for forgiveness before asking Him to deliver me?

A. Enter your response here.

Q. Was it really an attack from the enemy or was I disobedient to the Will of God for my Life?

A. Enter your response here.

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It is our sincere prayer that this two ~ part series entitled Four Things That Are Set To Fight Against You has assisted you within some way when it comes to identifying a few of the key areas in which the enemy will set out to fight against us. In no means is this list complete, these are just a few of the areas that we were led to touch at this time.

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WORDS OF INSPIRATION
Greetings to each of you in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. This day brings in a new month as well as a new unfamiliar season for many of us. For a while now, I have been experiencing this weight of unfamiliarity. It is as if my normal does not fit into my new season at all! It would be surprising if you have not encountered this same thing. It is like what I know to do in ministry and in business is unknown to where I am. Yes I am in a new place of relearning what is required in order for things to flow properly! I hear, "a current flow".

Over in the book of Mark 2:21-22, Jesus speaks of trying to add old things into new places, and let me tell you that no matter how hard you try to bring the old into the new places of God, it just will not fit. So, now there is this place of surrender! That place of giving up on trying to make it work and let God have His Divine Way. There is a reason why it will not fit, and it is simple, you have outgrown that place. It is no longer suitable; the old methods will not be able to reach the capacity of this new place. So what do we do from this point? We pray...we wait for insight. We anticipate instructions. We move accordingly to what shall be released from Heaven!

OUR PRAYER
So dear Father God, I ask that you lead us as a whole on how to operate in this new place in you. We realize today that where you desire to take us is going to take more than what we became comfortable with. We thank you now as you are bringing us into spiritual maturity for the sake of the Body of Christ. This we ask of the Father, in Jesus Christ's Holy name. Amen.

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THE CONCEPT!

Did you know that several times in the middle of the night, I made up my mind to throw in the towel! That the thoughts in my head had convinced me that THIS will not work! And as I lay there, I spoke to my heart and said, make no sudden decisions right now! Just give it a few days and then see how you feel. Did you know that my spirit spoke to my flesh with a reminder of the assignment placed upon me and that to give up was not an option!

There is a concept of reality as to why we do what we do. And when the foundation of that concept is solely for the Kingdom of Heaven then when those moments such as this arise, because yes they will! your soul must have an answer. Your inner man must have a plan of action! A weapon of defense that can save you from making a mistake! Whatever your heavenly assignment may be reach for your concept of truth and reality... don't become an emotional mover but a spiritual being that seeks a heavenly counsel! And as you are reaching for your reality, make sure that you are operating in your current season. The assignment might not be over, it just be the time for it to grow! Or then again, it could very well be over.... Just understand the difference between the two.....

And once my spirit spoke... peace came and then a peaceful sleep came soon after! My dear partner in prayer, please make no sudden moves until you hear from the power that works in you, which was given unto by God!-

Is it time for a make over! When is the last time your ministry/home life had a make over? Well there is no time like the present! Trust me, doing a little change here and there will help with your creative flow! Have you ever looked around your surroundings and felt stuck in the past but your spirit is pulling you forward? This is a true fact, when God shifts you, matters you, it should affect/affect everything about you. It is a way to shift with what God wants to do in your life...So don't be afraid to modify some areas in your life, it will work out for the good.

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TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH!

As we all know, life is taxing. And if want to give our best to every area that we are to touch, then it is important to spend some time caring of YOU! Yes, we encourage you to squeeze some time within the many has that you wear to relax, read, walk, breathe, enjoy your life. LIVE! Sometimes it is good to detox your mind. Sounds funny right but it is true. Try relaxing and thinking about the things that bring you peace. My place is in decorating a room. And so I shift my thoughts from ministry, writing, etc. and I find my creative side kicking in, and my stress levels have started to decrease! Do you have a suggestion that you would like to share with us? We would love to hear from you. Don't be shy! We are in this together and what you have will help us to.



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