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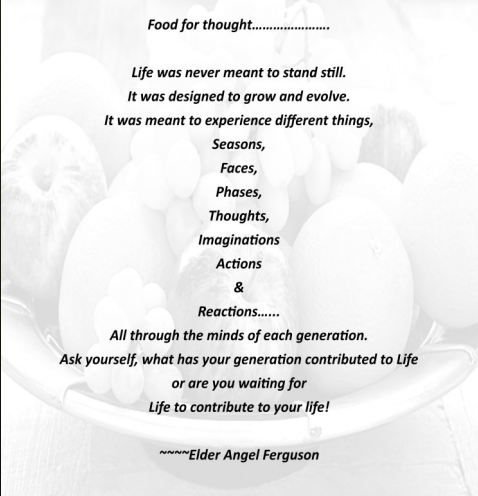
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*Life was never meant to stand still.  
It was designed to grow and evolve.  
It was meant to experience different things,  
Seasons,  
Faces,  
Phases,  
Thoughts,  
Imaginations  
Actions  
&  
Reactions.....*

*All through the minds of each generation.  
Ask yourself, what has your generation contributed to Life  
or are you waiting for  
Life to contribute to your life!*

~~~~~Elder Angel Ferguson

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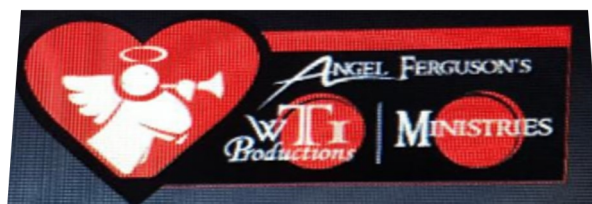
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Morning Inspirations,

We often use & share the term "it's ok to let go" without going into details so that many will understand just what this means. To me learning to let go is for me to step out of my own way. We give control of our lives over to so many things & people & we can't get to our purpose because we won't allow ourselves too. Give yourself permission to want better. Always remember, only you can really hinder you & only you can push yourself through. Apart of letting go is accepting the fact that you're worth being free & happy as you reposition yourself for great things to come. Stay encouraged, encouraging others along the way!

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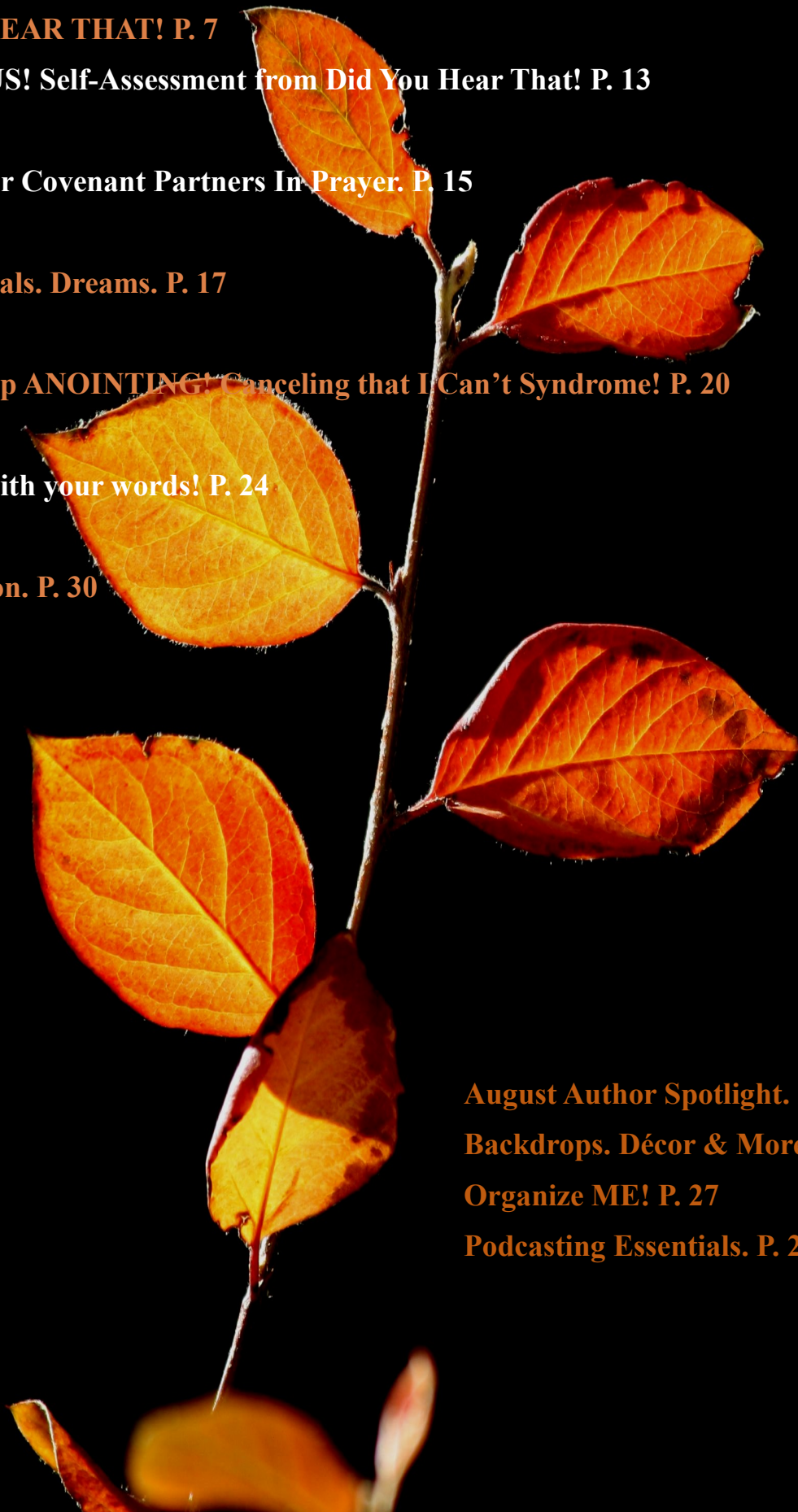
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings,

There is definitely a change going on in the spiritual realm! And we are approaching the third season of the year in the natural, yet we are all in different spiritual seasons.

I recently shared with someone that I could finally understand when God shifts me when it comes to what He allows me to share. It is when yokes have been destroyed in certain areas of my life and when I have become mature in applying specific portions of the Word of God as I should! That is what going into a new season is all about.

When we have matured in an area, then we can enter into the next season. This level of graduation is given through the approval of God, after we have been tried, after we have been proven, after we have learned to increase our appetites for the word as well as being able to digest it.

In the course of gathering the material for this month's magazine, I saw my next season! Now, the thing is this, I must work to get to it! And I am grateful for what is ahead of me as I believe that there is much good ahead for each of you!

So if you are wondering when will your season change, wait for the word from the Lord, get rooted and ground in the word that you are currently studying, take it in, live it, live it, live it, then you will be released to share it, once you are granted to share it, then just know that is YOUR NEW SEASON! And then there is more!

Be blessed, I pray that the contents of this month's issue brings you closer to your walk with Christ, is food unto your soul and brings a Holy light unto your paths.

~Pastor Angel L. Ferguson, founder  
Hope & Truth Magazine

## ***DID YOU HEAR THAT!***

Back in our May 2022 issue we introduced the Faith Building Series, yet there is a compelling call to share more on the topic of faith. As so, the scripture text of Romans 10:17 is ringing loud in my hearing; “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing the word of God”. This day, there is a invitation being extended for those who know the voice of Christ, for a stranger’s voice will they not follow, to fine tune your hearing and to adjust your pace towards what the Holy Spirit is saying.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, the voice of God, that we are to follow. Forget about what the natural mouth has spoken, and focus on what has been released from heaven.

There is a declaration in Isaiah 55 that speaks on listening for and expecting to find what God has said from heaven to appear. And if we need any further convincing, we have the covenant of record found in 2 Chronicles 7 that tells us that God is waiting for us, his people to release a sound so that he can reply!

In this season, it is time to stop trying to move by physical movement and to wait for the sound of God’s words before making a move. Even **Adam**, made a move because he heard the voice of the Lord walking.

Habakkuk 2:1 is one of the most missed passages of scripture, so often we jump to the 7<sup>th</sup> word in the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse, and have missed the main key of unlocking the granted permission of writing a vision for others to run with. A few years ago, the first verse was revealed to me as the starting point of walking by faith of what I heard verses what I could see. “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”. Yes, waiting to SEE WHAT IS SAID, before moving forward.

Faith is not based off of what is seen, it is by what is heard, and then we move towards the sound that by faith what we heard shall appear!

**Abraham** moved by what he heard, and received a covenant with God to become the father of many nations although at the time he didn’t have a son. **Samuel the Prophet** as a child responded by what he heard and gave a message to **Eli**. **The Widow Woman** moved towards what she heard, to go and borrow pots so that she could put into them which was just a little BUT by moving to the sound, that which she could not see did appear!

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Here's one of my renditions to the famous dish of Yellow Rice & Chicken!

1 package of semi thawed chicken breast (the amount will depend on how many you plan to serve)

1/2 fresh yellow onion

1/2 fresh Bell pepper

Fresh spinach

1 package of yellow rice w/seasons included

1/4 cup of water

Olive oil (Measuring according to your desire)

Directions:

Cut chicken into medium sized slices or chunks

Preheat a skillet with olive oil.

In a small sauce pan, add water and olive oil, bring to a boil and add rice. (the liquid should just cover the rice.)

Add sliced onions and bell peppers to heated skillet. Sauté for about 5 minutes

Add cut chicken to skillet and stir, allowing the chicken to cook evenly.

As the chicken is cooked and tender, add the fresh spinach. ( a little at a time)

Allow the spinach to remain whole yet tender. Serve over cooked yellow rice.



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**Ezekiel** the prophet, said "So I prophesied as I was commanded (heard); and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone". The bones came together because of the sound made from heaven. The Wind that he prophesied to was the Holy Spirit. O' My God, here is the revelation, the sound of obedience was released from the prophet based off of what he heard (commanded to do) there was nothing he saw! He HEARD and by faith moved towards obedience and then he could SEE the results of the question asked of him in the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse of Ezekiel the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter. Because of what **The Blind Man** heard in Luke 18:36~43, he moved towards the sound that Jesus was passing by. He did not see Jesus, he heard of him, and he cried towards Jesus. In fact, at the time, he began to cry out towards the sound of Jesus' coming, he was not even in the presence of Jesus.....BUT the more he cried towards the sound that Jesus was approaching, that sound reached Jesus.....and that sound caused Jesus to stop.....and call forth the one making a sound so that he could respond.

I say to you, what is causing you to move forward? What is the force/push behind your movements? What did you hear? When did you hear it? What did it say? Did you release a sound to receive a response? In the examples of Abraham, Ezekiel, and the Widow Woman, the sounds they received were initiated from heaven, and they responded through obedience which caused a manifestation (appearance).

We have provided some space for you to answer the questions presented on page 13. This is a personal journey! It may be that you are seeking what direction to take concerning the ministry, the business or within the family. It is imperative that before making the next move, that we hear from heaven first, then move by faith towards what you know without a doubt that you have heard. It will more than likely not make any sense to you and by all means do not worry about it making any sense to anyone else, the point is what did you hear. Move in the confidence of your faith, God's Word will not return unto him void. In other words, the sound that he is making has a destination to appear and it is followed by faith!

O' can I get to what I heard? The answer is yes....and it is by FAITH!

There are countless examples within the Holy Scriptures that we can list, and then there are those personal testimonies that we have witnessed in the lives of others as well as our own.

### **Conclusion of Did You Hear That!**

In fact, Hope & Truth Magazine was birthed out of what I heard. And my response was what am I supposed to do with that? Can't say "that's history", because we are still continuing in this journey, moving by the faith of what we are still listening out for, which is instructions, directions, what to share, as well as what will not work. Although there was a time that the thought to become like others in this industry did catch our attention, it did not work for us, and we heard the voice of God say.....these are the plans that I have for you!

In our closing, be encouraged in the journey set for you.  
Your movement of faith will determine what will manifest!

### Morning Inspirations

*I had a pondering question.  
Is it better to tell, write or paint the picture of one's life?  
To speak & write we will & can skip over words that we wish to remain silent.  
Yet with a painting, the colors will always merge  
allowing the truth to be seen.  
There is passion in the paint & a dynamic appeal with each stroke of the brush,  
as so is our character.  
I am learning to listen with my eyes & not focus on the words alone.  
I am checking to see if the paint has dried evenly  
or if there are ripples or peelings at the edges  
& even if the signature done in fine print.  
This journey is real but only if you become real with yourself!  
It will make you examine you with a caution to check the art  
of your life before putting it out for display!  
Simply learning daily to become one with my words!  
Stay encouraged, encouraging others along the way!*

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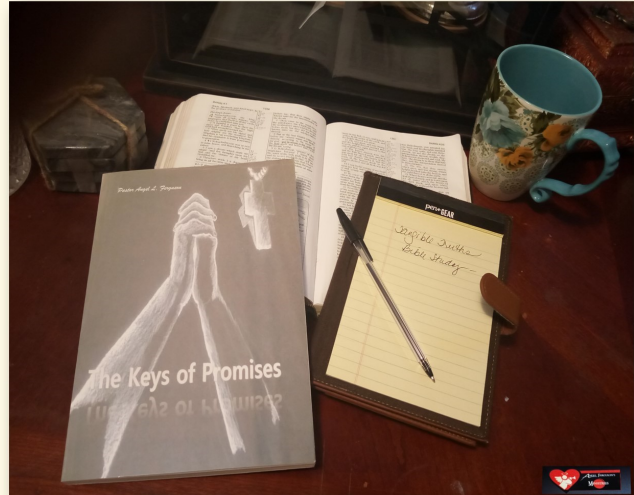
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***Self-Assessment from Did You Hear That!***

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# Angel Ferguson Ministries

# FALL

A Letter to our Covenant Partners In Prayer!

THE SEASON OF THE SOUL

*I pray that your season of this part of the journey is in tuned with God's Will & His plans for you.*

*Let's jump right into this month's newsletter! It's been a few days, and I can feel that the season is about to change. In fact, each time of entering into a store over the past week or two, I have been looking for the items that will identify the next season, and there were little to no signs! And then, after entering a store that was on the other side of town, there was this whole section dedicated to the next! Yes, the next season, which is Fall/ Autumn. My excitement kicked in, and then this thought came to me; this store is amongst a franchise, shouldn't they all have the same displays up? Then it dawned on me as I looked at this in the spirit, not everyone that is connected are ready for the next season! Not everyone is prepared to move forward. Some are waiting for the actual date of the new season to prepare, and some are ready now!*

*Now, in reality, the new natural season does not start until September 22, yet this one store is **READY NOW!** Which brings in this question, as you have been connected to Christ, are you ready for the new season? Are you getting prepared? Or can we actually see that there is a new season that is approaching? In this season, we must See The Next Season as it is already here before it gets here!*

*In closing, I am grateful that I was able to sense that the season is changing and that I entered into a place that had prepared for it. And this is my desire for you!*

*My prayer for today is this, that God would*

*Renew your faith for today.*

*Renew your strength and passion for the vision that He has given unto you.*

*That you have clarity in understanding.*

*That you may hear and see as He does and according to our perceptions.*

*That you begin and keep a heart to get within the right position for the connections that you are supposed to come into contact with on this day!*

*In Jesus Christ's name, Amen*

## *Acknowledgement of Our Covenant Partners In Prayer*

*We thank each of you for our connection. It is our only desire that through this connection that you are able to find tools that will assist you in your visions. We are a network of like minded individuals, please feel free to reach out if needed to one of the resources that are listed here & if not listed, we have more, simply email as we will lead you in the right direction!*

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## ***Quick & Easy Meals.....***

### Ramen Noodles on another LEVEL!

I remember the day that my mother shared with me how she makes a meal for lunch out of a simple packet of ramen noodles by adding sausage or sometimes shrimp. Well, here is my take.

1 package of ramen noodles

A few shrimp

Crab meat

Olive oil

Seasoned with complete seasoning.

Total cook time less than 20 minutes.



This dish, I heard about it and wanted to give it a try. Their recipe just called for the string beans & shrimp, but since I had some crab meat left over from the ramen noodle bowl, I figured....why not throw that in too!

Sautéed in olive oil, & a few slices of green bell peppers with complete seasoning.

Sharing a secret with you. instead of adding seasonings directly on the food items, I season my olive oil first and allow the two of them to blend together first, then the items are added, and additional seasoning if needed!





## ***PURPOSE. GOALS. DREAMS!***

So, you have had a dream or perhaps a vision of seeing yourself operating your own business, speaking to a audience, writing a book, purchasing a home, or sharing a word of life to a congregation, and it has been just that a dream yet there is an inward yearning for that dream to become a reality. Some might encourage you to wait for it to happen but the reality for that statement is that unless we put something into action, there will be no manifestation.

Before we go any further, let us first make it clear that we must understand the type of dreams that we are having and where they come from. These types of questions can be answered by knowing what purpose the dream will serve. Who will receive the benefit from your dream? And how will others have the chance to have access to the outcome of that dream? Yes, you guessed it, we are dealing with the development of the conception of that dream in the mind before it is transferred into a goal, that we will later shape into a plan to place into motion; and following it all the way through until it is manifested.....Let's call this article The Process of My Destiny!

All things are accomplished through a process of some sort! Each method will differ of course, and the time spent will depend on the mindset of the visionary. If you noticed our verbiage just shifted! This happens when we shift the dream into actual goals. In fact, dreams can go unplanned and remain unreal when there is nothing developed behind it. Once transferred over to a mindset of goal reaching, then it becomes a vision, which are ideas that can become concrete realities, that are attainable if planned and pursued correctly.

Many have not reached the vision, because they turned it back into a dream, by not allowing what they saw to develop further. Oh, we can start the journey of transition but will allow the obstacles to halt our progress. And then there are those times that we do not allow the proper time of development within ourselves before reaching out to others to help carry that which we fully do not understand ourselves. All of what we are saying is this, give it time to develop properly, ask the important questions mentioned in the beginning of this article before moving forward, but all means make sure that if you receive the green light, GO!

We are a ministry that does follow the Godly principle of "Walking by Faith and Not By Sight"! many may say, what does that mean. It means that I am walking according to what I heard and saw in the spiritual realm, not by what I have access too in the natural. I walk and work in the Holy Spirit so that it may appear in the natural.

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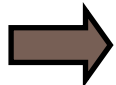
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# The I CAN'T SYNDROME



Have you ever found yourself looking at components of your vision and saying, “I can’t do that”, without putting forth any effort? Or perhaps, through your thoughts, decided that it is impossible, so the vision or portions of it go untouched? Well, this is a place of familiarity, and each time I have had to push, pull, and force my way out of this syndrome. Yes, it is a syndrome called I can’t do that, which is a spiritual block that has been sent against your moving forward.

There have been many times that I did not move because my eyes were on the natural/carnal things around me, and a lot of time was wasted.

It has been years, but my first experience was with the publication of my first book, Words, Thoughts, & Inspirations. The thoughts to move forward were there, the passion was there but there was also something there that would constantly hold me back, and I just could not figure it out. There would be periods of time that there was no movement whatsoever. Then one day, I recall looking myself in the mirror and saying, get it together! Today is the day. It was time to face and conquer this road block. After contacting someone on the phone, the solution I needed was provided, it was a whole year, and no one had bothered to tell me about the error made on my part. It was just placed in a file but with no notification to me, just a note that said “pending”. Then there were of course other obstacles after getting through this major one, and I had to start the process of pushing, pulling, and forcing my way out again.

In fact, just recently this syndrome almost got me again, but this time, I caught sight of it when it had been dispatched! And I moved strategically! Once we begin to discover what the stronghold is that has been sent to hinder our walk of faith, then we will learn how to pray more specifically. I can’t bind the stronghold if there has been no identification of what the stronghold is. This experience has taught me to tell MYSELF each day, that my faith needs to be renewed. I am also asking the Holy Spirit to reveal what demonic spirit has been dispatched against me on “this day”. Because what came up against my yesterday did not prevail so therefore the same level or type of attack will not come again today. We must become strategic when it comes to our spiritual warfare.

***Conclusion of Purpose. Goals. Dreams. from page 17***

I walk and work in the Holy Spirit so that it may appear in the natural. Allowing the Holy Spirit to guide me through the vision as it is meant to appear according to the Will of God. And so, this is another area of when the dream transitions into a vision. And do you not know that there is something for us to do daily in the spirit that is working towards the vision?

Here's an exercise that we would like to share with you, ask the Holy Spirit to take you back to a dream that you have had that was meant to manifest but has not. Ask Him also if there is still time for you to work in/on it. Ask Him, to allow you to see the dream as a vision, if the response is in your favor, then ask for a plan. Now, what happens next is totally up to you! If there are no intentions on working the vision, then please leave it alone, God will raise up another vessel to do His Will, so it will happen, but will it happen through you.

***Conclusion of Identifying the syndrome cont'd from p. 20***

Let this encourage you to figure out what has been sent to hinder you, also, learn of the different ways that the stronghold has been dispatched, such as "I can't do that", or maybe lack of creativity. Many face a spirit of tiredness with no energy towards the vision alone, etc. It could also come towards your finances or looking for a certain level of support. Well, we must give something to support before we get the support, so do you see how the beginning has been attacked? When it comes to the finances, start small, work on the things that you are led to work on as instructed.

One other thing, pay attention as to when the attack comes. I found that the spirit of frustration would hit me when preparing for an event. But once, I learned the cycle, the ability to overcome that attack was opened up to me. This is an ongoing battle, so please make sure that you do not become complacent with one spiritual warfare plan! Seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit, learn to move when prompted, keep your spiritual eyes and ears open and guard your territory!

Let's move with intentional purpose towards our destination in Christ Jesus! Amen

***The confusion  
was not in the Words  
but  
the intent behind them  
along  
with the  
interpretation  
developed!***

***Keep Living!  
The lessons will  
continue to Come!***

## August Authors Spotlight

I am reminded today that there is life & death in the power of the tongue. Whatsoever a man/woman speaks it shall come to pass. Start speaking life into your life. Not just any kind of life but a positive life, a life of growth towards your purpose & a life that inspires others.

Once we gain the understanding that words are seeds planted we will become careful of what develops in the mind, stirs in our hearts & slips through our lips upon others.

Stay encouraged, encouraging others along the way!



**Riva Green** is a Pastor, author domestic violence advocate and a public speaker. She is the founder of Women of Purpose which is a program that brings awareness to domestic violence.

I had the pleasure of meeting this woman of God earlier this year. Our conversation started at a table and then moved further into keeping one another in prayer.

It was a wonderful encounter as the Holy Spirit allowed us to connect and discuss the consuming fire of the Word of God that is being released from the vessels that are willing to be obedient to the voice of God.

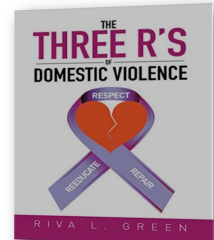
As we went from sitting at a table to standing in a line to wait for our turn to get our dinner, Pastor Riva shared with me that she has published three books. Let me say, that this was the second thing that indicated we had something in common. It has been an honor to meet this woman of God that demonstrates her zeal of God through speaking out loud about domestic violence. Two of her books are available via Amazon; *The Three R's & My Life & Struggles*, & *The Fighting Rose* is available by ordering directly from Pastor Riva by contacting her at [Jabezprayer859@yahoo.com](mailto:Jabezprayer859@yahoo.com)

### About this book

There is a 24-Hour Hotline available for everyone that would like to report Domestic Violence, I am spreading the word around. We are asking for the phone calls, to help, so that you can be found. I know sometimes your fears, attack you from within, but I am writing to let you know, Yes, you do have a friend. We are waiting on the other end, and expect to hear from you. No, you are not the only one, there are others that want help too! As I close this message of concern, think about it, and don't delay. The hotline is now open, 24-hours a day.

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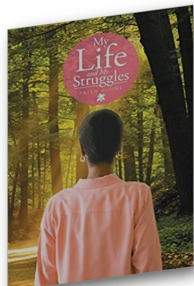
### About this book

Alcohol and other dysfunctions mocks the memories of what true love should be, and replaces it with a sense of false hope. It even tries to destroy destiny in a generation. But for some, it pushes them into success and motivates others to strive, even the more toward destiny. I often wondered, if what I saw, observed and felt in my parents life, as well as through other people was a prime example of why I experienced and allowed so many things that caused the things to happen in my own? There were many times in my life I had been so wounded and hurt, but I still had love.

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## WELCOME TO THE BALANCE OF LIFE TODAY'S MESSAGE: CONSECRATION FOR A BREAKTHROUGH

*Scripture Text: Exodus 19:10~11; Joshua 5th & 6th chapters*

*Whenever there is something standing  
between you and the Promise of God,  
there must be a Breakthrough Anointing present,  
so that we can get to it! Victory is on your side. Breakthrough & conquer!  
This is called Strategic Alignment with God & Spiritual Warfare!  
Follow the instructions of God in this season,  
the only way to obtain this particular Promise  
is through Spiritual Alignment & Spiritual Warfare.*

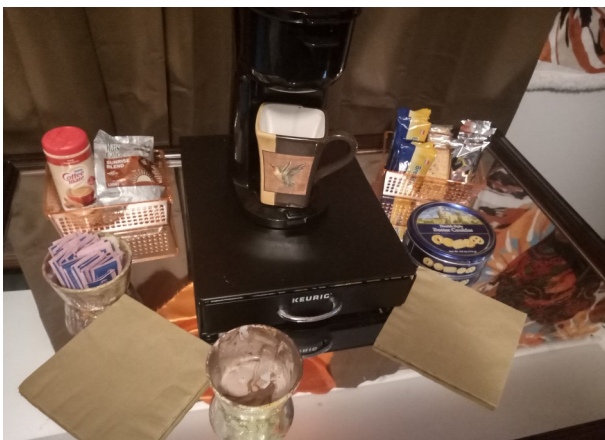
## ***Backdrops Décor & More!***

Boy! Do we have a treat for you. this month we are sharing the process of how we build a backdrop. We have selected 3 color schemes and designs on a budget that is friendly to anyone with an imagination. We will share a new design each month!

Our first design brings us to the season of Autumn., we will name it ‘The Coffee Station’. The focal point is this heavy duty vinyl paper that we purchased for \$ 1.99 a ft, we have a total of 4ft. To give it a great impact, we cut several pieces and framed them. We also have 2 yds of a beautiful satin orange fabric, and a pair of chocolate blackout panels. And now, to introduce the ascent pieces that we created just for this month’s feature. We created a seamless swag out of the satin orange fabric. The two cups seen were dipped in a polish marbling technique, and we took some of the vinyl paper and placed it in a bronze frame. Yes, the colors are bold but each area of the office should make a statement with it’s own personality yet remain a part of the overall tone and atmosphere!



The inspiration behind this design came from this pattern



## ***The Finished design!***



**Be careful with your words!** I know that this is not the way to start a topic of written content but sometimes we need to make a bold first statement.

I am often reminded of Nehemiah, how he was careful with his words when Sanballat and Geshem sent him a request to take a break from working to come and meet with them. He, Nehemiah knew that although their words came with the sound of peace, there really was none and their intentions were not in the right place. Yet it was the selection of the words used in his response that has been the wealth of how we recall the time of his history with the Bible, I of course am at awe at this method of leadership, but that is for another occasion. The response of “ I am doing a great work, so that I can not come down; Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you (Nehemiah 6:2~3)? not only does his words speak volumes but so does his actions, he sent a message just as he had received one! And let us keep in mind that the messages kept coming and his response was the same!

And so, here we are coming to our present day with a lesson that is still effective, because although I have read and quoted his response several times, it is now that the comprehension has been connected to myself. If we were to use more current terms of today, we will find that what Nehemiah was saying and doing was keeping negativity out of his business and away from the vision/assignment that he was sent to accomplish and one of the methods he used was, watching his words! Being careful of how he responded and how he moved.

As these words rang loud in my ears and ever so large before my eyes, a prayer was developed in my heart that asked the Holy to reveal and remove anything or person that carried the spirit of Sanballat and Geshem, which is a spirit of sabotage, and let us not forget their other partners Tobiah and the rest of the enemies that were against the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem ( this is found in the Old Testament).

The reason why we have to be careful with our words is because the enemy is out to steal, kill and destroy and if we say the wrong thing concerning the vision/assignment that we have been sent to accomplish, he will use it against us. Not everything needs to be shared. Sometimes we share entirely too much and although it may be innocent on our part, what is actually happening is that we are giving the enemy access to the inside, a place that he did not have access to until we released it through our words and our actions.

Another valuable lesson about Nehemiah is that he waited on permission from God about when, what and whom to reveal the vision/assignment/plans too! This is found in Nehemiah 2:11~16, once again, he was careful with his words and with whom to share. This is a great lesson for us today. There is a truth that not everyone that is interested in what you are doing for the kingdom of heaven is happy that it is happening! Remember that wolves come in sheep's clothing!

When I think about all of the unauthorized access given away because of the words and actions that were released through me, it brings a heart of repentance. It was not that enemy had any weapons against me prior to my assignments/visions/plans, it was because he was granted access through me! WOW is a right response.



I understand now “ entering into your secret closet and the Lord will reward you openly, it should extend beyond just praying and giving but also towards the work of the vision as well. The enemy has a job, and it is to get next to the vessel so that he can gain some insight into the plans of God so that he can try and stop them. His access only comes when we let our guards down. The helmet of Salvation is our “Thinking like Christ Manner/Characteristics”.

In my closing, I am often reminded to remain cautious of the intent behind the questions. For those questions that have a request for access beyond the surface! They seem to start off like this, “let me ask you something” and it is a question that digs straight to the core of the vision! And because we are excited to share, without a thought, we open the gate! But, when there is a opportunity for you to ask similar inquires, their gates close SHUT! Here’s a way to test the true intentions, when you are poised with questions that You know yourself are an attempt to gain unauthorized access.....respond by saying, “why did you ask me that, are you looking to do something like what I do as well”? If you get a reply of “I was just asking”, then you know the intent. Don’t get me wrong, we can give surface answers but not all areas are accessible.

Another thing to consider is this, Nehemiah released information to those that were a part of the work/team. They had a position to fulfill, this was their access. This pulls in another great leader/scribe from the Old Testament that provides us with the lessons of being careful with our words as well as our actions, and that is Zerubbabel. In Ezra 4:3, Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel told their enemies that carried that sabotaging spirit; “ You have nothing to do with us to build a house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Lord God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us”. Now, let me say this, yes God will send genuine sources to assist each of us in our assignments/visions, but we are not to join in an alliance with the enemy, there is a huge difference, yes it is true He will use whom he will BUT we must allow Him, God to do the selecting!

~Be blessed!

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## ORGANIZE ME!

Have you found that at times your schedule is a bit overwhelming? Well, it happens to many of us, until we come across something that works for our current season!

A few years ago, we were blessed with a virtual assistant that has programmed our daily schedule to our Google Calendar. The great thing about this is that the schedule appears on the phone that is connected to the Google account. And although this works well, there was something missing for those of that have the need to write EVERYTHING down!, so we developed a yearly calendar/journal called Vision's By Design. It is more than the average yearly calendar, in fact it was designed according how we work on a day to day basis. What we did was created something based off of our work in and for the ministry in which we have been called to do.

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**THE FLIGHT OF SUBMISSION**

The inspiration behind this book.....

Was it the lifting of my eyes or the sharpness of my tone. Was it that I did not bow at your command that gave you a clue that I had discovered my freedom? Was it that I could read the spelling of my name among those that were free? Or was it that I could sign my name on the dotted line, accepting the decree that had been made?

Yesterday I gained my freedom, today I shall take flight of the things that have held me captive. No longer must I report to the master of the field for he is only the master of his field, limited by crops and grains.

Now I can go to the master of the heavens & earth  
yes unlimited is His reign.

Never a slave unto man as we were created equal  
but unto my inability to know I was free to live.

Shackled by my own chains of insecurity as I had no knowledge of  
living outside of my box.....

With a lack of knowledge I brought myself to this side, built this one room hut of sand floors without a need of windows or a back door to ease out of in the middle of the night.....

Tied to this pot of mud stew, drinking from the mug of simplicity.

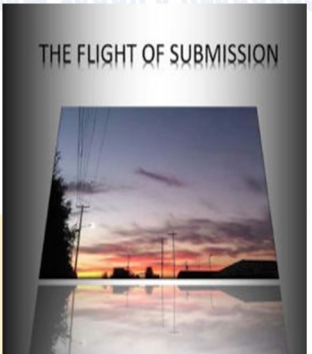
O' too sweet freedom have my taste buds taken a liking too.

Away with this bond, created by me and on to a flight of freedom!

Author Angel Ferguson

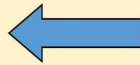


*Joseph's flow chart 2 elements*



"TODAY I RECEIVED A CALL FROM MY PAST AS I WAS REACHING OUT TO MY FUTURE"

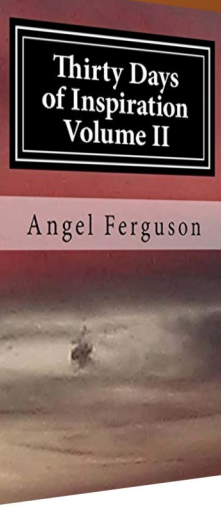
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER



Keys of life worth sharing,  
Self-doubt is our biggest struggle not your fellow man.....  
Your survival is not based off of the approval of others  
but of the love, acceptance & belief  
you have in yourself!  
I believe in the potential of you, now it's time to start believing in you too!  
Life's lessons has taught me that there is no difference  
when being in a struggle or when I am being tested,  
when the common detonator is MATURITY!  
I am simply a product of my  
mindset.....



Life has taught me that in order to accept the reality of me  
that I must first face & overcome the fears that I once hid behind.  
The truth of the matter is this,  
although I may know of my purpose in this life,  
if I am in fear of moving forward, my purpose will not come forth!  
Fear is simply a set-up to keep you from fulfilling your dreams & goals!  
Let us learn to be as we were destined to become  
knowing that we are more than conquerors in Christ!



Maturity has taught me that I can offer no excuses for my lack there of  
if I have not applied the gifts given unto me!  
In this life, I have learned to hold my hand out for an understanding  
& that I am equipped to go after  
the things that are within me that will guarantee my survival  
rather than the expectation of others to hand things unto me so freely!  
I can either become my excuse or my  
solution.....  
I choose the latter. What choice will you make?



After hearing several women in ministry indicate that the regular clergy collar is uncomfortable to wear. And admittedly there is some truth of some un-comfort, and I believe it is due to wanting to remain fashionable yet making sure that we stay within the guidelines of the ministerial organizations. I opted to look for a few other options.

About a year ago, I was blessed with two beautiful collars, one in a pearl design and the other in a diamond design, but I am looking to expand my choices. The photos pictured are on my wish list!

**Gifts from my mother  
Pastor Valerie Wilson**



## ***Podcasting Essentials!***

As many of you may know, we started our radio podcasting journey 5 years ago. In the beginning, we did not purchase any additional equipment, our operation from a single laptop. The link we aired from provided everything else via a ap that was downloadable. But as time progressed, we found that there were some things that were a must! Such as a good pair of sound reducing headphones as well as a microphone that could reduce outside noise as well. Of course, the microphone needed something to rest in right, so then came the arm. Once the process started with purchasing these gadgets, our creativity began to soar. And the best part is that with a few items, we can do our podcast from anywhere.

As we approached our 3rd year, other purchases were made so that we could provide the best sound possible within our budget as possible, so we moved from the laptop (now only used when traveling) to a desktop. Let's just say that the difference in the output is huge.

If you or someone that you know is interested in starting a podcast, here's a list of items that will get you started. One more thing to consider before moving forward, make a decision if your podcast is going to be audio, visual or maybe both. This will also determine the type of equipment you will need as well as spacing and background.

**Microphone w/noise  
reducing cord**



**Microphone**



***Station Hub***



**Video Camera Light**



**Multimedia Computer Speakers**



**Headphone w/microphone**

Greetings, And welcome to a New Season

During this season, we are going to deal with transformation of the mind and how our level of thinking can actually propel us to our next or it can hinder, block, or stop us. There are two main areas that we should examine, (1) Do I believe what God has spoken concerning ME and the spiritual gifts and talents He has equipped ME with? (2) Do you believe that you can achieve through Him, the visions, and dreams that you have and will have?

A while ago I heard something on a show that has stuck with me and to be really honest, I am glad that it has, the quote was “Some are having high level meetings with low level conversations”. And I can imagine you are thinking what does this have to do with transformation of the mind! Well, it has to do with what thoughts we are bringing to the table so that we can complete and achieve some things! For example, if I don’t believe in a thing, then my efforts will reflect as such.

It is time that our thoughts are elevated and then allow them to transcend through our actions. Change the way you think, and it will change your perspective and your expectations. We have been sitting on somethings far to long, we are in the eight month of this Year.....what has shifted the way you think and what are you going to do about it! It is time to shift in what you bring to the meeting! It is time to start working to achieve what has been discussed and planned for so long!.....yet all of this starts with the

***TRANSFORMATION OF THE MIND!***

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

Stay encouraged, encouraging others along the  
WAY!

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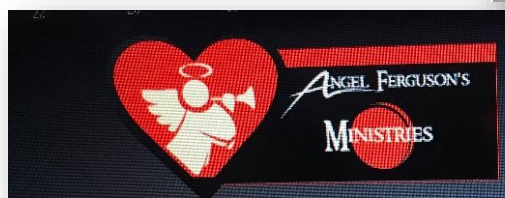
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