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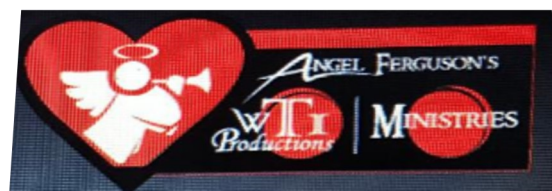
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## FROM THE EDITOR



There is a glory that shall sit upon you as you follow the path that God has ordained for your life. This glory is not found in riches nor is it obtained by being a familiar face or voice but that you have become a vessel to carry and have the humility to deliver even when the journey is rough and the road becomes dark, not because there is no sunlight but because at times, we will travel all alone. Yet, when our destiny's meet, we have much in common. And so, our destiny's have met! We are here to abound in the truth that our hope stands upon.

Hope & Truth Magazine has become so much more than I was ready for. Just the other day, the reality of what we do came in at full force. For a long time, we tried to "fit in". We tried to create our platform like the others, and it was never a good fit. We are a Christian Magazine, so what we share has to have a distinctiveness! We finally got IT ! And I am so glad you stayed along for the journey.

It is our only desire that the words written within will in some way draw you closer to Christ Jesus and that you began to pursue ALL that He has in store for YOU! I truly believe this one thing concerning you; eyes have not seen nor hears have heard of the wonders of God concerning YOUR LIFE<sup>1</sup>

I will continue to love you without measure, simply because I believe in the potential of YOU!

Stay encouraged, encouraging others along the WAY!

~Pastor Angel L. Ferguson,  
Chief Editor, Founder

*I have the pleasure and honor of calling this man my father, my dad,  
my Apostle and my co~ teacher!*

*His name is Namon Wilson Jr.*

*I believe that with everything in me, God knew just I would need  
despite those teenage years of rebellion!*

*Fathers are more than a role.*

*They are the first of many walls of protection.*

*They become this shield of defense without sporting all of  
those shiny garments of armor.*

*They are teachers in silence & our biggest supporters with  
a simple nod.*

*A father holds & yet releases...a lesson that the next man in line must  
obtain and the daughter must retain!*

*I have such a father. He is forever near even when he is far...*

*and he is listening for the things that he has taught me....*

*to see not if I have lived them but that they were passed along.*

*I have such a father, you may know him.*

*I call him Dad! My Co~ Teacher. My Apostle.*



*Happy Father's Day EVERYDAY Dad!*

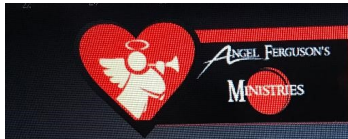
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## ***A Word Released During A Season!***

I am a firm believer that God works and releases certain things and words of a breakthrough at various times and seasons. A few months ago, the words 'I am a responder' hit my spirit and recently the Holy Spirit opened up unto me about responding to God and the more this word grew within, it became 'God wants to respond to you! Yes, God wants to respond to the very word that He has spoken concerning you and me.

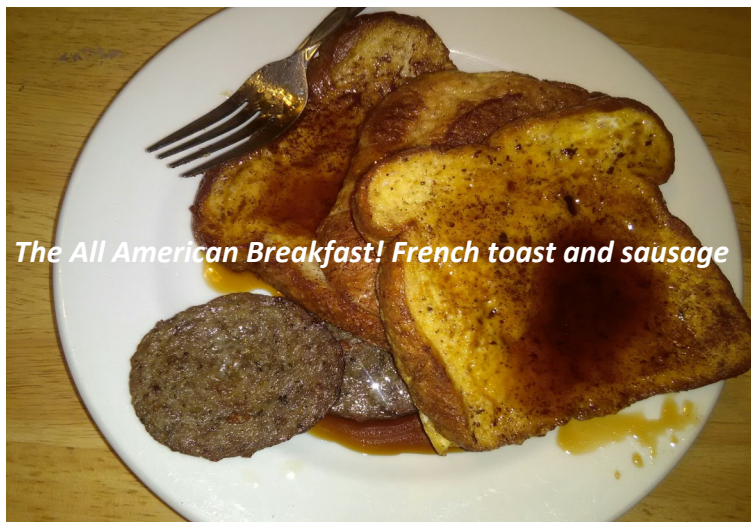
All of God's vessels have a voice, and when He finds us trustworthy to receive, hold, carry and deliver that word, then He will give us such assignments. It was very recent that I came to this reality! This word of Responding is my mandate, and it is a consuming fire within that has to be released! I pray that these words find you at your appointed place of arrival.

The one thing that God will always respond to is His Word! Whether it is to bless or to curse. How He responds depends on our actions. The promises of God are set in place and have been there from the beginning, yet how and when, these promises of God are released is determined by several factors; faith being the foundation, followed by our

obedience. In fact, the release of God's Word of Promise is based off of His order and our ability to stay in alignment with His order.

The promise is made known. Then our instructions are given. After following the instructions, then the promise is released. The nature and heart of God is to bring those that are called by His name into eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ. At this very moment, as you are reading these words, God is waiting for you to respond to what He has placed within your heart by stepping out in faith. Don't worry about the how and the when, the priority is to take that first step of faith, doubting nothing.

If I could draw your attention to Matthew 9:27~30. These two blind men came with a petition during the right season of Jesus' presence! The desire to ask for mercy did not come from their own inner desire; they were drawn to this moment so that the Son may be glorified in the Father.



*The All American Breakfast! French toast and sausage*

I am no stranger when it comes to maneuvering around the kitchen! And believe it or not, many people are surprised that cooking is actually my real passion and how I relax! So each month, sharing a few of the dishes we've enjoyed is not for me but for them!  
**ENJOY!**  
And, please don't release my secret.



*Shrimp, broccoli red & yellow peppers over rice*



*Sweet Potato Pies. One of my Dad's Favorites !*



*Poached Salmon & Broccoli*



*But my greatest time is making COFFEE!*





And so, they came also when their faith was strong as they walked in obedience. Notice the request, it was for mercy not for a healing! Mercy means to ask for compassion or forgiveness. Through being forgiven of sins, yes, our eyes are opened; spiritually! Yet Jesus touched them after they confessed the strength of their faith! They had some strong faith that caused a release of a response from heaven through the Son!

Does your faith cause a response from heaven? If we can, let's take a look at the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> chapters of 2 Chronicles. The prayers of Solomon placed the petitioner in a position of obtaining a response from heaven! And the root of these prayers are the same; mercy/forgiveness, mixed with the components of FAITH & OBEDIENCE!

Can you feel my excitement? What a Word for those that are in a season to receive promises from God! Ok! I just stepped over into something else! We are/some are in a season to receive a response from God, but it is based upon the fact that you have made the right sound that has promoted such a release! Now let us just say this, this must be a sound that you have made in consistency! For what God is about to release in your life, this sound was made a long time ago, and it has just come up for a response!

When I tell you, that this word won't leave me! It will not let me rest. It will not let me leave it alone! It is burning within me to release it to you. Some have been waiting for a long time, just know that Isaiah 55:11 is still true and firm, His word shall not return unto Him void, it shall accomplish that which He sent it to do! Ask yourself, what is that WORD that He has spoken concerning you? Mine is RESPOND! I am responding to the instructions and in time Heaven will release the PROMISE!

I must end this here.....I pray that you will find yourself in such a place. Seek His face concerning His Word for YOU! It might be Trust. It might be Obey. It could be for you to Rest! Or even to Call! Wait, or even to just Listen! Whatever it is, find yourself doing it.....and when you do, He will RESPOND!

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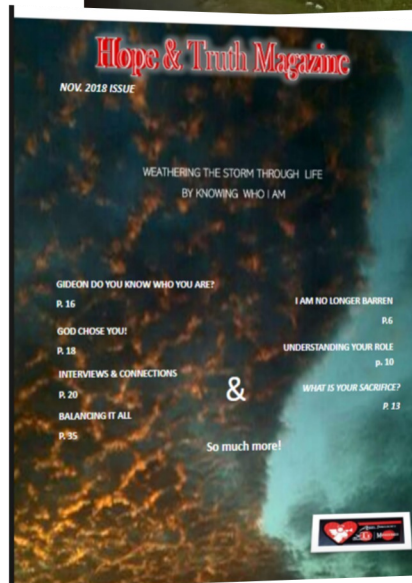
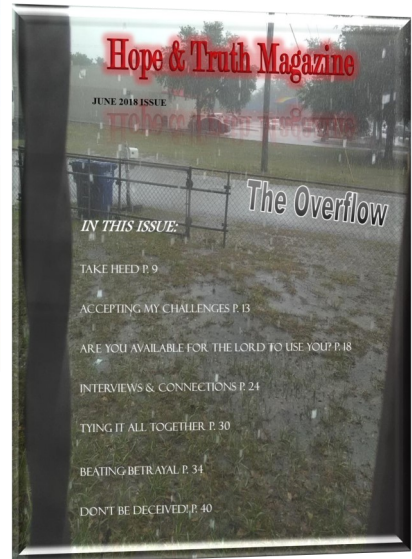
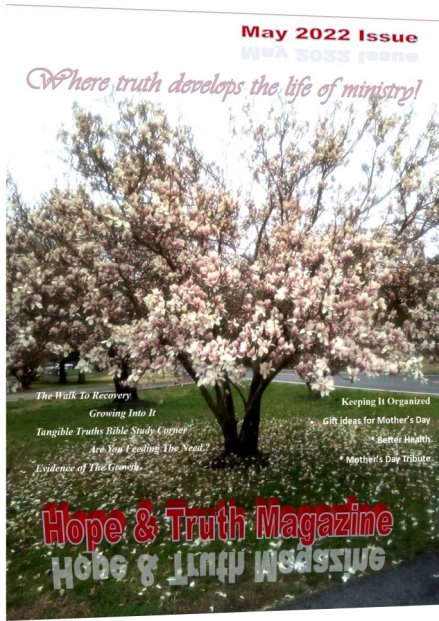
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## ***Are You Ready For What God Has In Store For YOU!***

***The building of life  
is not solely  
dependent on those  
that helped them to  
climb  
but on the  
ability to stand firm  
upon a solid  
foundation with a  
shelter  
to weather  
the storms  
&  
windows  
that have  
the ability to open  
& close.***

***Connections are  
meant  
to  
expand us,  
not weigh us down!***

*The title is more than a question, it is a statement. Often times, we quote scripture asking God to bless us and to enlarge our ministries and platforms but are we preparing for what we have asked for?*

*When asking for such things, do we actually believe that God is going to grant our request and if so, then why is it that we lack in the preparation department?*

*A few days ago, while watching television, I heard the Holy Spirit say prepare for a certain number, and this time, I was careful with my response! Once upon a time, I would have replied; I can't do that or I would have readjusted the numbers! Have you ever been there? Well, my response was different, and my plans began to move from my head onto paper.*

*When it is going to take place, is not my concern at this point, preparation is! This invitation is first received/conceived in one's spirit and then it will manifest in the natural.*

*King David has provided a great example of going through the process of being prepared for something that was much bigger than him or what he could imagine. The desire came from God and once King David accepted God's invitation, then the instructions came on how to prepare. Prepare for what you see and hear in the spirit not what it looks like in the natural!*

***Are you ready? I think it is time to get ready for your NEXT!***

***1 Chronicles 28:19***

***"All this, said David, the Lord me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern"***

We had the opportunity to travel to Swainsboro, Georgia  
May 11th ~17th, for a Revival at FODC Church.

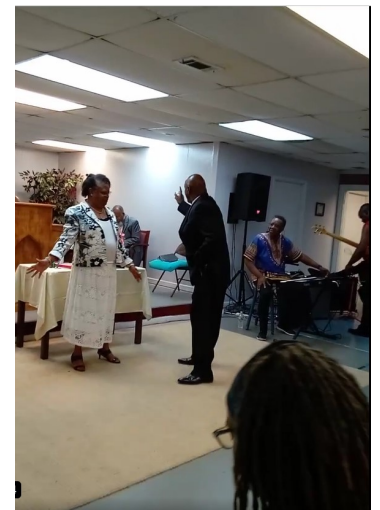
The Revivalist was  
Namon Wilson Jr., the Apostle & Pastor Valerie Wilson  
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Here are a few photos from “It’s A Blood Thing’  
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## **IT COULD COST YOU!**

### **11 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD EVALUATE YOUR CONNECTIONS!**

- 1. Are there common interest and goals within the connection? It does not have to be in the same business industry but there should be a interest in starting, expanding, or rebuilding as the common denominator of your connections. This should apply to every area of your life. Sometimes even with family.*
- 2. Check the level of support or interest in each others vision & goals. Is there a balance of sharing profitable information that will benefit the connection?*
- 3. Are you connected to others that genuinely want you to win/reach your goals, with no hidden agenda?*
- 4. Can you brainstorm with your connections? Is there opportunities to bounce ideas off of each other? No matter the industry, we can learn from one another when it comes to things such as team building, marketing, prioritizing, etc.*
- 5. Are your connections one dimensional? In other words, are the conversations & words of encouragement being given & not received? is there any interest in what you have to say? Or does the interest fade when they have finished speaking with no desire to listen or add any dialog?*
- 6. Are your connections challenging? Do your connections hold you to any accountability? Are they okay with you not progressing?*
- 7. Are your connections in it for the FREE RIDE? Are they connected simply to use your name as a way into the IN CROWDS?*
- 8. After meeting with your connections, do you feel empowered or depleted? It is important to remember that iron sharpens iron!*
- 9. Do you only hear from your connections when they need ideas? Meaning, they only want to feed off of your ideals and creativity instead of tapping into what is in THEM!*
- 10. Is there a demonstration of respect for what either of you bring to the table? Are you a valuable asset in the lives of each other which include, personal, business & ministry.*
- 11. Understand why you are connected! Get an understanding of your role within this connection.*

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### ***Marriage Matters!***

One of the most important portions of a ministry is to assist in building up a strong foundation of stability for the unity of marriages and the family. As a Shepard, seeking God for all that the sheep need is our focus! We are to be more concerned about the family coming together and providing the right sources that are needed instead of focusing on the tithes and offerings. As a ministry, exactly what are we offering the family unit? Are we bringing balance to the home or adding to it's chaos? Are we teaching the family how to save and build for better, or do they have to go outside of the ministry for these types of tools? What about the desire to start/expand a business? Do we offer seminars, courses for this? I am asking because if we continue to say that everything that the church is in the church then why are we not providing it?



Many may think that this area is off limits, but it is not! It is how we develop others to become whole and healed from being broken. I am not saying to get into the depths of a couple's business, I am saying to offer things that the root of most marital issues, such as, balancing the budget, spending quality time together, how to cover your spouse in prayer, or how to seek God concerning any strongholds that are sent to sabotage/destroy the marriage/families. We must move from talking about it in secret and giving out tools in the open. And what is the worst thing that can happen, that they don't show up? Well, at least it was offered.

One thing to remember is that marriage is ministry! The husband is the head of the household, and they are a helpmate one to another. And the survival depends on how each participant learns how to work with the other, in fact this is how the church works. So, encourage a healthy loving union, show support by teaching couples how to weather the storms, and continue to date each other not just exist! Because it Matters!

# PLANNING FOR YOUR PURPOSE! DOES YOUR PURPOSE HAVE A PLAN?

## Define your purpose

- What need will your purpose meet?
- Who will benefit from your purpose?
- Is your purpose long term or short term?
- How will you deliver your purpose?
- What if any are the cost connected to your purpose?
- Are you in the Right Season to release your purpose?
- How do you plan to introduce your purpose?

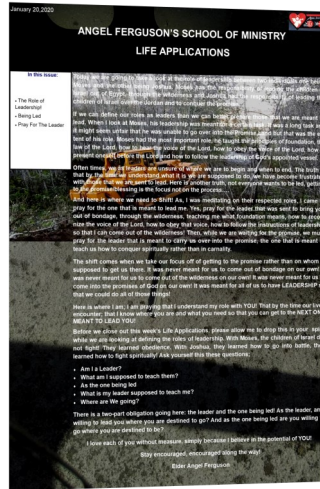
## REMEMBER

- Wait on God's invitation to share what He has placed in you.
- Get a understanding of the purpose
- Wait on the instructions from God
- Follow the instructions received
- Wait on God's timing
- Know your audience
- Stay committed.
- Focus on completion
- Practice discipline
- Remain humble
- Become one with your purpose. It flows BETTER

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## Life Applications



As you may know when a person has been given the grace to mature within their Christian walk, it comes along with more responsibilities which will cause a shift within the way one would normally operate.

The shift of spiritual growth will cause a ripple within the natural simply because this new shift requires more than the last shift. A part of growing spiritually is shifting and stretching which should cause us to evaluate how we currently do things and then find a way to include our new responsibilities. Sometimes we tend to struggle within the places that God is taking us because we fail to stretch with the shift. The shift in your spiritual maturity is meant to stretch you in the natural, there should not be an imbalance; in other words, look for areas that are malnourished.

I keep hearing these words "stretch with the shift". Yes it is out of what you would normally do, but even as a baby is growing they stretch! When clay is being molded, it is stretched until it's desired shape has been satisfied! When making our beds, we stretch the fitted sheet to cover the mattress at all four corners. We could go on and on with different scenarios about stretching but can totally miss the main point. God has a desire that we all grow unto spiritual maturity; which causes for growth spurts, which are stretched from the original seed. And so, even as I wrote that last phrase, I could see the seed and the sprout of the lentils bursting out, being pushed out from within the core of the seed, in order to grow unto its full potential. Even the seed has to make some adjustments, going from being packaged, to being placed in the ground to being watered and rested, and pruned, and watched..... My God!



*And so, yes you have been in a shift, a spiritual growth but in order for you to fully operate in the shift, it is time to make some adjustments. You can no longer do life the same! It is time to fine tune what is going on in your spirit with what is going on in the natural, allow these two things to become balanced. And just when you began to become comfortable, God will send another growth spurt, another shift and along with more stretching! So, stop complaining and fighting against the growth and learn to stretch with it! Trust me, it will become a lot less painful!*

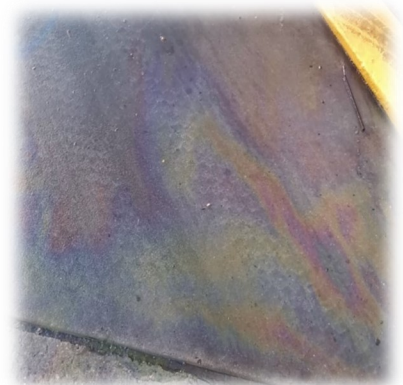
*Dearly, beloved, be found in His presence today, evaluate those malnourished areas in your life and readjust to match where you have grown in the spirit*

# Shift With The Shift!

The setting of how many are gathering in the sanctuary has changed dramatically and if you would allow me the grace to go further to say that the change is not over, nor will things go back to the way they once were as it was never meant too. In fact, if we would pay attention to the Word of God, then we will find that the way people once gathered went through a change/shift as well. If you can take notice, the word sanctuary was used instead of the words “the church”, because we, those that believe in their hearts and confess with their mouths that God gave His only begotten Son so that those who might believe in Him should have ever lasting life, Jesus Christ took it further and stated “if you love me, keep my commandments, and how we must be connected in Him in order for us to be connected to God the Father. So, yes the way the church gathers together has shifted, and if I may say this, although the sheep may wandered off, the Shepard must remain!

Many sanctuaries have had to down-size, some have had to close, many sheep have wandered to other pastures, some have gone back into the world, the point is that there are a lot of variables when it comes to the shifting of a ministry. Yet I believe that God will always warn us before things transpire, but did we miss it.

Many Shepard’s were instructed to shift before the shift came but did not because it would have pulled them from a traditional platform of comfort. Many did not understand that the Message of God, meaning His Word will never change,



yet the methods will, and so many ideas were rejected because our minds were stuck behind the four walls, when in fact Jesus instructed us to go out into all of the world.

Well, let us face some of issues that are not new in ministry but are loud for this season.

1. Lack of attendance for scheduled in person services.
2. Lack of interest of the ministry, even when present.
3. Lack of financial support for the ministry.
4. The Shepard is looking for fresh souls to minister too, but there are no new physical faces in the crowd.

Now that we have taken a look at a few of the things that the Shepard has to face, let us take a look at some solutions.

1. Consult God! How are you being led within the ministry? If you missed the warning, repent, and ask the Holy Spirit to bring it back to your remembrance, wait for further instructions and move in and by faith.
2. Evaluate what the ministry has to offer for

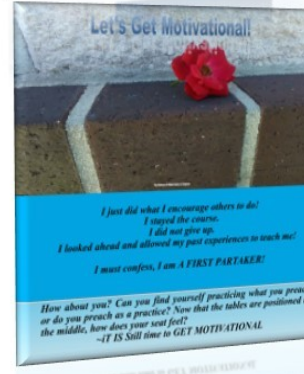
those that are in person and for those that are connected to the ministry online.

3. Do you offer online access to the ministry? What about a monthly ministry newsletter? This would include a bible study teaching, and other highlights of how the ministry is growing. Let those that have not returned to the ministry in the physical, know that you miss them and that they are still connected, not because of their membership to your local assembly but because we are the church and are made up of many members of His Body!
4. Expand the ministry with a weekly radio podcast, this will expand your reaching of souls within different states and regions, a part of getting out of the four walls of comfort and tradition.

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5. Become covenant partners with a nursing home within your city and beyond, you can send the monthly news letters to these partners as well as greeting cards. And what about the homeless shelters, the prison, etc.? As you can see our list has the potential of growing, the point is this, as Shepard, don't get frustrated and feel that you need to throw in the towel because the familiar faces won't show up, because there is still plenty of work for you to do. Does the church's neighborhood know that you are present? The building is there, yes the sign is outside and the vehicles are in the parking lot but do they know you. Send them a card with words of encouragement from the ministry, let them know that you are keeping them in prayer, find out what the neighborhood is need of and find out how your ministry can fulfill some of those resources. The greatest of all is going to be Godly LOVE.

A couple of years ago, we were invited to assist a ministry prepare for their Pastoral Training Session's Seminar, and we created the following chart to assist in gathering data from each associated Pastor prior to the session, with this method, the instructor could develop a guide in how to share/guide those in attendance. We hope that you too will find it beneficial for your ministry.

Please see the next page for the Pastor's Empowerment Session Seminar Outline!

~ Many blessings upon you as you SHIFT WITH SHIFT!

***to move from one place, position, direction, etc., to another.***

***to manage to get along or succeed by oneself.***

***IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO SHIFT!***

After spending some time in prayer concerning the spiritual health and wellbeing of each of you and the ministries in which you have been called to Shepard, we the governing body of The Alliance of Pastors, Covenant Partners would like to hear from you concerning the areas of ministry that you might find are difficult when it comes to the flow of ministry. We all have had our learning experiences and perhaps we can provide some biblical insight on how to address these areas that the enemy has designed to frustrate those that are in the role of the Shepard.

Throughout the years of ministry, we have faced the following:

- Obtaining & Maintaining Members
- Commitment of Those in Leadership Roles
- Consistency
- Service Attendance
- Finances: Tithes & Offerings
- Spiritual Growth
- Unity
- Corporate Prayer
- Reaching the Community (where your church is located)
- Reaching young adults & the youth in the ministry

During this meeting, we will have a session in which we will meet with our covenant pastors to discuss these issues and more. In order to make this an impactful session, we would like for each of you to send in your concerns prior to the meeting. This will assist us in addressing the majority of the concerns that many are facing. I truly believe that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the experience of our fellow Shepard's we can provide you with some vital tools that will assist you in your roles of Shepard's.

Within the table below, we have highlighted some areas of concerns, please check/circle the areas that you would like for us to pray over and address during the next Gathering of Pastor's Meeting. We ask that you return this portion back to us by:

<i>Membership</i>	Commitment	Consistency/	Finances	Spiritual	Unity	Outreach			
<i>Obtaining</i>	Leadership	Sunday	Tithes		Corporate				
<i>Retaining</i>	Lay members	Bible Study	Offering		Fasting				
Young Adults		Special Ser-							
Youth									

This is also a back doorway of ministering to the pastors. Ephesians talks about the role of the pastors. As pastors we often get caught up in other things, get caught up in the lives of our people. There should be a focus of keeping the focus on God more so often.

Two major questions:

- How do you give that authority to the leaders?
- Are they are properly to receive that authority?

Do you have a spiritual support system?

When dealing with people that are in a rebellious spirit than it is showing that they are not committed to God. We are living in a day and time now that people want to live like they want to live. They are not allowing the spirit of God to do what he wants to do in them.

What is that the lay members need?

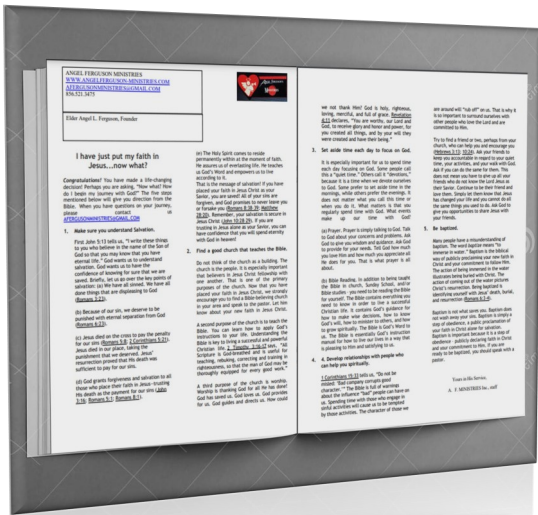
What spiritual food do they need?

# Ministry Budgets!

No matter the size of a ministry, the budget will always be a thorn in the side! Here at Hope & Truth Magazine it is our job to provide you with tips and tools that will help in not draining your expenses! But after all the tithes and the offering is for the furtherance of the kingdom of Heaven, right? Well, having ministry tracks for outreach ministry is a part of the budget, along with sound equipment, video resources, etc. this month we are going to look at some cost-effective ways for the ministry tracks, newsletters, etc.

The biggest portion of the budget will go towards finding the time and the right person for the jobs that are needed. With today's software, creating a basic newsletter is an attainable goal. Now, there are option on printing; black and white copies are cheaper and if printing large quantities, then the suggestion would be to go to a local printing company. Or, maybe your ministry has its own industrial sized office printer that can meet the need. Next just print, fold & distribute! The same is for ministry tracks. Each track ca cover a variety or separate scripture text, use these for new members and for outreach. Personalize everything by creating different label sizes, for envelopes, folders, gift bags. Create business cards and

brochures for the ministry. Keep in mind, this is based off of how much you intend to distribute & how often. It does not matter the size of the ministry, it is the impact of what you deliver!



## NEW CONVERT MINISTRY TRACK



## MINISTRY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS



## ***YOUR LIFE BALANCE***

Take a moment and enjoy life! We can never go back in time to live, once that moment is gone it is gone. So live. The life of ministry or shall we say life in general is a ever-challenging obstacle and we must find ways that will bring some balance. Balance keeps us refreshed and can pull us back from being burnt out. Let's become truthful, we are not going to attend every meeting or service. Yes, we are going to miss some rehearsals, simply because we need to! Yes, you just read that! Works for the kingdom will not secure our place in heaven, it is our faith to believe and our obedience to the Will of God, so running here and there is not the key. Let us become faithful to the things of God, while following the examples of both the Father and the Son, they both took out time to rest!

There is a place and position of balance, and each person must find it! And we all must learn how to place things/projects/life into a prospective of priorities. A very valuable lesson that I learned, is that it can't get done all in one day, so doing things at small portions at a time has assisted me in my life.

Years ago, my mother taught me to clean something in the home every day, in this way things don't get a chance to pile up on you, and till this day, this is what I do. One day, I developed a habit that if I felt myself getting a cold, I would thoroughly clean the house, make a big pot of soup for me and other quick meals for everyone else that would last a few days so that I could get the proper rest and not hear any complaints. It worked! And as my children grew up, my method remained the same, just the portions of meals decreased.

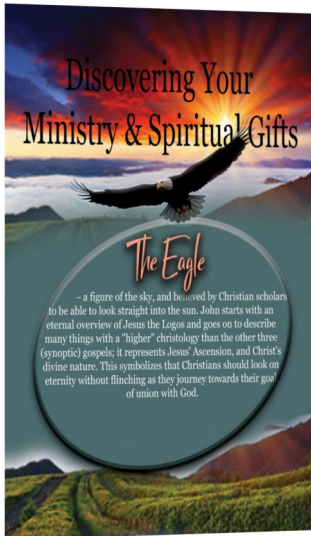
One of the best things that has happened in my life is when God sent me an assistant that helped me see the light of not working on Sundays! For years, I would read manuscripts, answer emails, etc., after church. I was literally working 7 days a week, with no down time. Thank God for change! Now my schedule has me with a day off during the week, this allows me to step back and breathe. Not only that but, there has been a cut off time for my work day, no more sitting at the computer till 1 or 2 am and then again at 9 am. We live and we learn! So it is ok to evaluate and reroute your scheduled so that you too cand find some balance in your life. This will keep you refreshed & renewed for the work that is sure to be ahead of you!



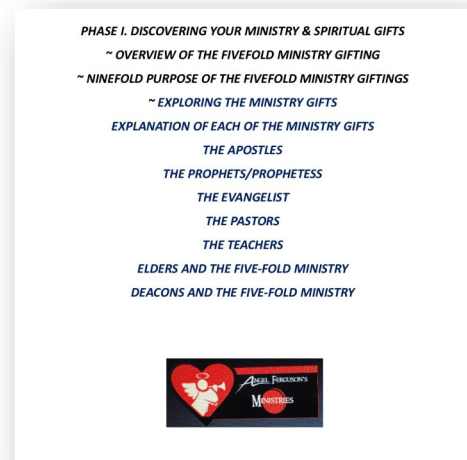
*A few books from our publishing division*

And he gave some apostles, and some prophets,  
and some evangelist and some pastors and teachers.

Ephesians 4:11



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## ***BUT YOU DIDN'T FAIL!***

We have all had some tough times that has caused us to readjust our plans But We Didn't Fail! In fact, anytime we take the necessary steps to accomplish a goal it is not failure but growth. If we never learn how to endure the tough times, then we will fail.

PROPHETIC RELEASE: I hear in my spirit to tell YOU that you didn't fail, you just need to readjust the plans! Readjust the structure and the end result of accomplishment will be the same. Just readjust. What got you through in the beginning will not get you through this next stage. The ladder goes up, which means you must use the effort to push your steps UP. In other words; it is time to STEP IT UP! It may seem that your normal practices are no longer working, and the truth is this, they were meant for your beginning, you are now in the middle, so it is time to upgrade/shift/grow with where you are now.

Now the key is to know where you are. And if you don't know where you are then you will remain in the beginning. The things that you did in the beginning were to get you started, you have grown from the starting point and you must readjust for the benefit your current stage.

You can do this! Because of who you have as your Father! Allow the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide you in the areas that are in need of readjusting, stop fighting the pain of growth. Look over what has been placed within your spirit to do, check for the areas that are stagnant, wait for the Holy Spirit to guide you in these areas and move accordingly.

Your **BABY IS GROWING! GROW WITH IT. DON'T LET IT OUTGROW YOU!**



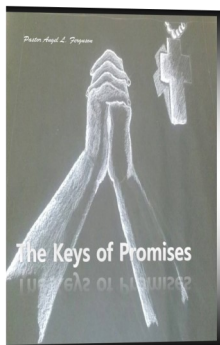
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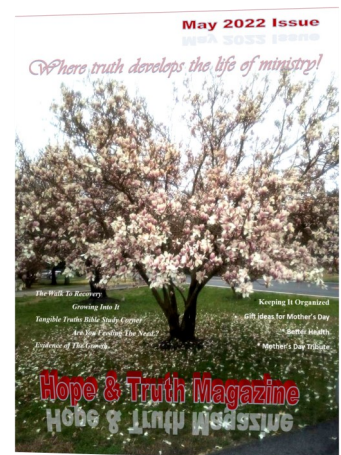
***What an honor to spend time with Pastor Lillian Allen of FODC BNJ & Sis. Shay Stevenson as we passed out Mother's Day cards to two nursing facilities in the New Jersey area!***



**We had the met Evangelist Linda (in the green) while in Swainsboro Georgia during the It's A Blood Thing Revival**



***We were able to bless a few with a copy of our latest book **The Keys of Promises** as well as the May issue of **Hope & Truth Magazine*****



## **STAND FIRM IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN!**

Over the past few weeks we have shared with you words of encouragement that included phrases such as Rebuilding, Refreshing, Refocusing, Travailing & Birth and as I was praying over a few personal things concerning God's direction for me, I heard these words "Stand firm in what you believe". And so, we are going to take a look at what this means:

- The phrase "stand firm" is used almost twenty times in the Bible. A Christian needs to expect that there will be times of intense pressure from the opposition. The stakes are high. The winner receives the crown of life and the loser eternal damnation.
- From the KJV Dictionary: Fixed; steady; constant; stable; unshaken; not easily moved; as a firm believer; Established; confirmed. Stability; strength; as the firmness of a union. Steadfastness; constancy; fixedness; as the firmness of a purpose or resolution; the firmness of a man, or of his courage; firmness of mind or soul. Certainty; soundness; as the firmness of notions or opinions.

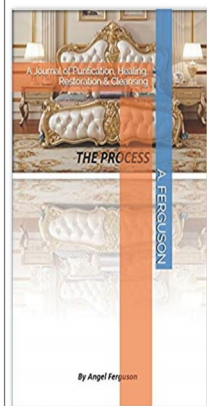
Need we go on! Right now, the stakes are high. We have been given a Promise of Birthing of some great things that God will bring forth for the kingdom through those that have become willing vessels, stand firm on the Word of God! When we have nothing else to go on, and when all seems as if nothing is happening; Stand Firm on the WORD of God! When the journey seems like a period of being in the wilderness; Stand Firm that we serve a God that will never leave us or forsake us. And when you feel uncomfortable during the time of a SHIFT....Reach for the Comforter. Reach for His spiritual gifting of Guidance. Reach for His spiritual gifting of All Truth. Grab hold of His ability to Reveal unto you the mysteries of the Word of God and Stand Firm.

As we take a look at Ephesians 6:10~17 the word "STAND" is mentioned 4 times with the emphasis of what we should stand against and what we should stand with!

**My God, beloved, in all that you do STAND FIRM!**

10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. 14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. 15. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith, ye shall be able to quench all of the fiery darts of the wicked. 17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

## On the bookshelf!



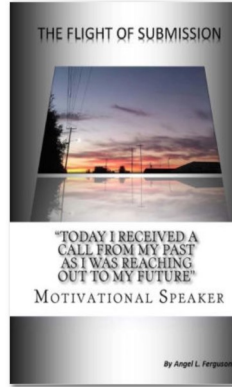
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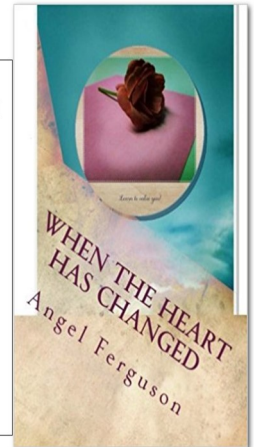
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# The Closed Room!

Do you believe that you are the key to your open doors? Everywhere we look or tune into, someone is saying the same thing; “it only takes one person to come across your book, ministry, or business idea for you to take off.” The majority of the time it is someone that is close to you that has read your book, sat in the audience as you ministered or has enjoyed your business services, and the truth is they might have become dull to what you are saying. And so, to encourage, you or think that they are encouraging you, you are really being passed along. Now, while this is true, it is not a time to sit and wait for “that someone” to come in and rescue you. You have the right keys to open those closed doors and it starts with allowing God to direct your path. Move when He instructs. Speak when He gives a Word.

Stand still when instructed. Show up when He sends an invitation. God is the person that is waiting for us to make our entrance, publish our books, minister to His audience, and launch that business.

***Point of Transparency!*** I was once stuck behind the points mentioned above, and it was very unproductive and not to mention frustrating with a touch of depression. And so, I found myself trying to improve to impress in the hopes that the day to be noticed was near. When it did not happen, I felt like a failure. Yes, my agenda was not in the right place, I went from pleasing God to trying to attract the attention of people. I was stuck behind a

closed door. Thank God for deliverance!

My beloved Covenant Partners In Prayer, this is an area that we can all identify with. Yes, we are meant to reach a certain audience during different seasons and at various times during those seasons, but are we preparing to meet the need? While you are waiting for the “go ahead” from God, prepare.

Here’s something else that I have learned, and it has been such a struggle for me, and it is in slowing down on what, when and with whom I share! Some things that I have shared with those that are close to me, was not meant for their hearing, and so it was snatched from those that were supposed to receive it.

The key in being able to open those closed doors is to recognize the doors. Are you approaching your doors or are you attempting to go through another person's threshold? In other words, what might have worked for them was for them, we each have our own paths. Don't get caught up in methods but instead seek guidance. When we seek God's guidance, he will direct our paths, all we have to do is know his voice, believe by faith, move in obedience, and walk in humility, and God will do the rest.

I think that we have become stuck on trying to impress those that are familiar with our life's struggles. We are constantly trying to prove through our works that we have changed, matured and that we do in fact have gifts and talents. And then there are the one's that we have met while going through the storms of life and feel that "this is your beginning" when it in fact it is just another turn within your long-traveled journey. In either case, these are not the intended audiences for you! If we remain with what and whom we are so familiar with than we have ourselves thrown away the keys that will unlock those closed doors.

With this revelation, I have learned that I am the voice that is waiting to be heard! How can they hear unless one is sent.

And how can they go unless they are sent. In closing, I would like to share with you a letter that we sent to our Covenant Partners In Prayer entitled "The Cost of Your Visibility." It is time for you to prepare so that when you have been directed to use the keys given unto you, there is no reason not to go forth!

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Greetings to each of you our covenant partners in prayer,

What an honor that we have entered into a new year! Think it not strange that by the grace and mercy of God that YOU were permitted to enter INI And because of that, just know that there is a great purpose for your being here.

Within our last issue, we began to discuss Preparing For Your Visibility, and now this month we are going to take a look at the Cost of Your Visibility. It is not the actual cost that we are taking a look at but the cost of spiritual preparation. Anything worth presenting or not worth presenting will go through some sort of preparation process. The outcome is determined by what or how much we put in, and that it is the cost, determining just what you are expecting in the end result. It is not in how many attended nor is it in how many purchases were made or who signed up for your ministry during the first second or even the third encounter, but it is the impact received from the encounter.

Let us go back to this question, "what did you put in to it?" If led by God, then all components were covered, and if led by our emotions, then self-gratification was the front center and end result without considering those that attended.

Whenever God calls us to ANYTHING, there is a COST, and that cost is if we can rely on His knowledge of the outcome. The cost is obedience. The cost is our faith to believe. The cost is our faithfulness. The cost is to lean not to thine own understanding but that we acknowledge Him in all of our ways so that He may direct our paths.

Although, this may seem simple, it does carry an extremely excessive cost that has nothing to do with money but of faith. Now the questions became/ becomes more intense, are you willing to pay this cost? If we want the same outcome as God has intended, then we will have to accept the cost. Any other approach will result in His expectations not being fulfilled. When we do what is less than what He desires than we will miss the opportunities to make the right connections, close those deals, reach our next, hear clearly or to speak with power!

In closing, if you pay the cost upfront which your faith, then you will not have to pay the penalty in the end of not meeting His Expected End for YOU! The decision is up to YOU!

Stay encouraged, encouraging others along the way!  
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**SPEAKING LIFE TO YOUR LIFE**

*Today, we shared the following KEYS with you  
 Create positive thoughts  
 Remember what God has spoken concerning YOU!  
 Speak positively to ourselves.  
 You have the power & authority over your own coast!  
 Surround yourself with positive peers.  
 Guard your thoughts & your mouth!  
 Do not entertain negative thoughts, words or actions unless it comes to WHAT God has purposed for YOU to DO!  
 Failure is only accomplished when we don't try or give up!*

**REMEMBER**

*You can Do ALL things through Christ Jesus that strengthen you!  
 As you enjoy the voice of God, you have access to the things mentioned in Deuteronomy 28.  
 YOU ARE LOVED! God gave His only begotten Son for YOU!  
 Christ, gave up His life for us!  
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