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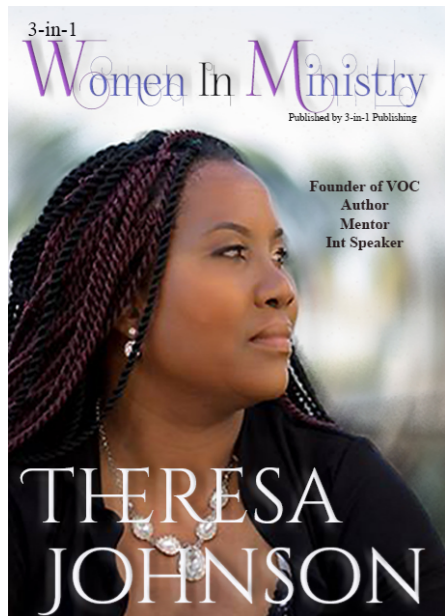
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A portrait of Theresa Johnson, a Black woman with long, dark, braided hair, looking off to the side. She is wearing a black top and a necklace with large, clear, teardrop-shaped stones. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor setting.

**THERESA
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Meet Theresa Johnson

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When Voices of Christ was founded over a decade ago, the Lord established the ministry under Matthew 28:18-20 (Complete Jewish Translation). The Lord placed it upon the ministry to hold fast and to hold true to this call in the earth and to their eyes focused on the final request that the Lord Jesus Christ made to His disciples while He was still on earth:

‘Yeshua (Jesus) came and talked with them. He said “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim (disciples), immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age.”

In everything that VOC does the work of reconciliation is the central focus of the ministry. Nothing surpasses it as it is the very heartbeat of the Lord. When VOC publishes, teaches, prays or mentors this ministry does so expecting the Holy Spirit to bring everyone into deeper places of understanding. This ministry is truly a gem in the Kingdom’s crown...



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Biography

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For over 13 years, Theresa has served as a mentor to prophetic scribes globally – especially those who write creatively. She is the founder of Voices of Christ Literary Ministries International and the Voices of Christ Prophetic School of the Scribe, where students are rooted in their spiritual identity and then re-introduced to the academics of the craft – giving them a Holy Spirit focus, perspective and vision concerning their call to scribe for the King. Scribal gatherings, schools and workshops hosted by Theresa rely solely on Holy Spirit in every area of instruction as The Scribal Anointing® within the student is awakened and ignited. Students receive instruction intertwined with hands-on activities and prophetic demonstration that help them practice the Lord's presence; clearly hear His voice; gain the courage to speak; and then boldly release and/or demonstrate what they hear in authority and power – rather they write administratively, instructionally or creatively.

Theresa holds a B.A. in Mass Communications, and is months away from completing a M.Div. in Biblical Studies from Liberty University. She has spent over 22 years in the communications and publishing at an executive level in print news, government, education and other nonprofit organizations. She has won awards from the Associated Press, the Georgia Association of Educators, the Georgia Press Association and more for her writing. She has authored more than eight ground-breaking books on the ministry of prophetic writing in The Scribal Anointing Book Series; hundreds of blogs on scribal ministry, accountability and integrity; collaborated on multiple national writing projects; and has aspects of her personal testimony featured in a bestselling book. Theresa travels extensively teaching scribes about their call, purpose and destiny.

Finally, her scribal ministry is rooted in inner healing, Godly character building, affirmation and bringing significance to the lives of others. She is poet at heart who often ministers with a team of prophetic scribes to facilitate healing to the broken.

Theresa Johnson

Interview



1. How did you come to know the Lord Theresa?

My mother was an evangelist who suffered from severe mental illness, and still does to this day. She loved God, but often battled for her mind. I loved her then, and I love her now in every way that a daughter could love her mother. I share this as a glimpse into my salvation testimony only. Today, I know my mother loves me and I trust God with her healing.

But by the time I was 12, she was consumed by her illness and I spent most of my time taking care of her and raising myself. I remember doing my own hair, cooking my own meals, sowing the holes in my socks just as I combed my mother's hair, helped her bathe and prepared her meals. There were days when my mother only got out of bed to go to the bathroom – with my help. By this time, my father had already moved out of our home.

This was one of many serious issues that deeply impacted my life. I would spend the remainder of my teenage years in the foster care system after being picked up by police one afternoon as I exited the school bus, while watching paramedics wrestle my mother into the back of an ambulance. The last time I had seen anything like this was when I was about six. This time was equally devastating. I was taken to children services, interviewed and placed immediately into foster care.

I was plagued by severe depression, violent rages, nightmares and overwhelming fear that only my husband was truly aware of at that time. Shame was the center-point of my existence. I lived one life before people who didn't know me well, and another one in my home before my children. It's God's grace that I still have my family today. I survived my early adult years by becoming obsessed with my career and proving that I would never live the life I had lived as a child.

I had a promising career, friends who loved me, but only a few who knew my personal struggle, even fewer who knew my intimate torment which led to a suicide attempt and eight weeks in a mental health facility. From that time until late into my adulthood, I still battled severe depression which was treated unsuccessfully with medication and therapy. Yet, I still lived on extreme highs and even more extreme lows for years which was frightening to my family.

I had planned my suicide by the time I was 28 – right down to the day and time. I wasn't one to boast, leave clues, and threaten to kill myself, etc. – ever. No one knew what I was about to do but me and God. For the first time in my life, I had experienced a type of peace that I had never known. It was truly a demonic peace. There was no fear, no sorrow, no nothing... and it was not a bluff. Theresa had inwardly died. I just needed to make it official in the natural. I knew about Heaven and hell and was ready for hell unapologetically. In my heart, it couldn't be any worse than the torment I was experiencing day after day in my mind. At that time, my therapist thought that I had inherited my mother's mental illness. I had determined that I would rather die than to live through what she faced every day. (Looking back at this now, I see my mother as a hero in context with her life struggles.)

On the "last night of my life," I had an obligation to keep as a member of a Board of Directors that I was serving with at the time. I had promised to come and support an annual banquet. I did even though I was already dead inside. While there, I was stopped by a pastor during the dinner who wanted to talk with me. He indicated that God had a word for me. I must admit that I believed that there was a God. I believed in Jesus, but I just didn't believe God cared anything for me. In addition, I didn't know what prophecy was and I believed all pastors were liars and money hungry charlatans with a never ending building fund and raffle ticket sales.

I had seen so much ungodly stuff in the church of my childhood that I didn't want any part of what anyone's "church" had to offer. Many evangelists had come before this pastor with their bible tracks, death, hell and the grave messages and I had run all them off with mocking words. The only thing they convinced me of was that I had made the right decision to stay away from their church building. Who wanted to worship a God that looked and acted like them?

But this pastor said to me: "If you go through with those plans tonight Theresa you will succeed. You will die this time. God sent me to tell you two things – he loves you, and this is not his will." I was dumbfounded. How could this man know this about me? He was a complete stranger. Within seconds He was prophetically ministering to my dead soul – telling me things about my life that ONLY God could have revealed as I had never uttered them to any man, including my husband or my therapist. Immediately, I felt Holy Spirit enter my heart – without a sinner's prayer, without a single utterance, without the laying on of hands or anything. A woman who could hardly shed a tear was crying like a raging river in the midst of a room full of strangers. God alone had touched my heart and saved me from imminent death. I knew instantly that GOD wanted me to live and not die. I knew that I was saved even though I could not tell anyone what the next day would be like for me. Right then, I had a hope that I had never experienced before. More than that, I could feel the love of God all around me.

The entire banquet had stopped. Everyone in that place was in a mode of intercession and prayer – for me. I didn't even know all of those people in attendance were believers. But God did. He set that banquet up just for me. I know I would have died that night had I not come.

2. You had a successful journalistic career, how much of your work background has helped in your ministry?

I've been a scribe all my life. When I learned to read and write, I was hardly ever seen by anyone without a pen and notebook in my hand. In middle school, high school and college I pursued all things literary, even being editor of my schools newspaper and creative writing magazines. My passion was ignited by my career and it fueled my love for all things literary even more. My career helped me gain a strategic and mature understanding of the publishing industry – especially print. In addition, I learned how to write for newspapers, magazines and trade publications like a pro. Back then, I took great pride in earning awards and receiving recognition for my writing. Yet, writing was not a hobby but an intricate part of my identity in private and in public. I worked in print media not only in newspapers, but also in government and nonprofit arenas. This experience has been invaluable in the midst of ministry. I credit this experience with bringing balance to my writing life – both spiritual and natural. God has allowed me to flow seamlessly between writing the spiritually focused articles as well as being able to write non-spiritual features and news – seamlessly. Most importantly, however, I am able to relate on multiple levels to professional writers that come into the ministry of Voices of Christ for guidance and mentorship; as well as help develop those without a professional background.

3. Would you agree that your ministry embraces the Messianic Christ – Yeshua? Can you explain the viewpoint of looking at the Christ from the Jewish perspective and how this increases our faith?

Yes, I would agree with this and also say that we are daily growing in our understanding. We believe that Christ is the prophesied Messiah foretold of in the Old Covenant and the Son of the Living God revealed in the New Covenant. In order to understand who the Son of God is, what He said, what He fulfilled and what is taking place today, I believe we must seek to know Him within the context of His life – including history and culture. Much of what I learned about Christ during my early days as a believer was totally from my western mindset and many things didn't make sense to me until I began digging deeper, studying language, going farther and further with the help of Holy Spirit in uncovering some basic, biblical truths. This completely transformed how I study, how I read the Word, how I teach and how we minister the Word.

Honestly, seeing Him from this perspective puts "self" to death and "exalts" the continuing mission of Christ. It also puts to death many of the teachings and practices we see escalated in some Western congregations. Grasping hold of the Word from this perspective realigns us with our eternal purpose in the earth realm. As a result, our faith or trust in God increases as our focus becomes solely rooted in Him, meaning His eternal purpose which is reconciliation.

4. How important is it for us all to keep focused on Jesus?

When we fail to focus on God, we will fall prey to the pull of our own flesh which loves the things of this world. Daily, we must wake up with the expectation of focusing on Christ, the true prize. Holy Spirit can help us with this if only we'd ask for help.

5. You have a published work on the Scribal Anointing amongst your other books, can you define in a paragraph for us what the scribal anointing is?

The Scribal Anointing: Scribes Instructed in the Kingdom of Heaven was first published in 2007. Its purpose is to build the identity for literary ministry from a foundation of the Word instead of our traditional academic understanding. It walks those who are compelled to move in scribal ministry (which isn't just limited to writing) through their God-ordained identity, unfolding the deep rooted purposes of reconciliation that are revealed in their gifting.

6. Theresa you have a school now and offer courses, what would be a good course to start with and why?

I would recommend taking "An Introduction to The Scribal Anointing." This is our first course. I recommend it because it focuses on the biblical ministry of the scribes of old which sets a foundation for who we are today. The teaching alone brings great conviction, deliverance and healing. Scribes are transformed from the ways of Babylon to the Dominion of Christ just by hearing about the spiritual walk of the godly scribes of the Bible. Yes, there were devout scribes whom we can look to historically and spiritually for understanding concerning who we are. All scribes who come to Voices of Christ are encouraged to begin here. Some courses we do not allow scribes to enroll into without taking this one first.

7. So how would someone starting out contact to you?

The best way to contact me is through the Voices of Christ website at www.voicesof-christ.com. There's a form on the contact page that can be easily filled out. I read and respond to all of them.

8. Who can we contact to begin a course etc?

It is best for scribes or even ministries to contact us via the website directly. Generally, our national administrator will return all calls and email inquiries within a couple of days. When people ask to speak with me personally, we accommodate their schedules and attempt to make this happen. One thing about me is that I love the people of God, and have dedicated my life to service in whatever capacity the Lord designs. We reach back out when people reach out to us.

Editorial Note

During this Interview process Theresa experienced terrible loss whenever her beloved nephew was murdered. All of us at 3-in-1 Walking in the Light Ministries (int) express our sincere condolences to Theresa and the entire Johnson family. We thank her sincerely for agreeing to continue with this incredible interview which in itself is a testimony of God's strength in her life. Part II will be featured in 3-in-1 The Voice at a later date...

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