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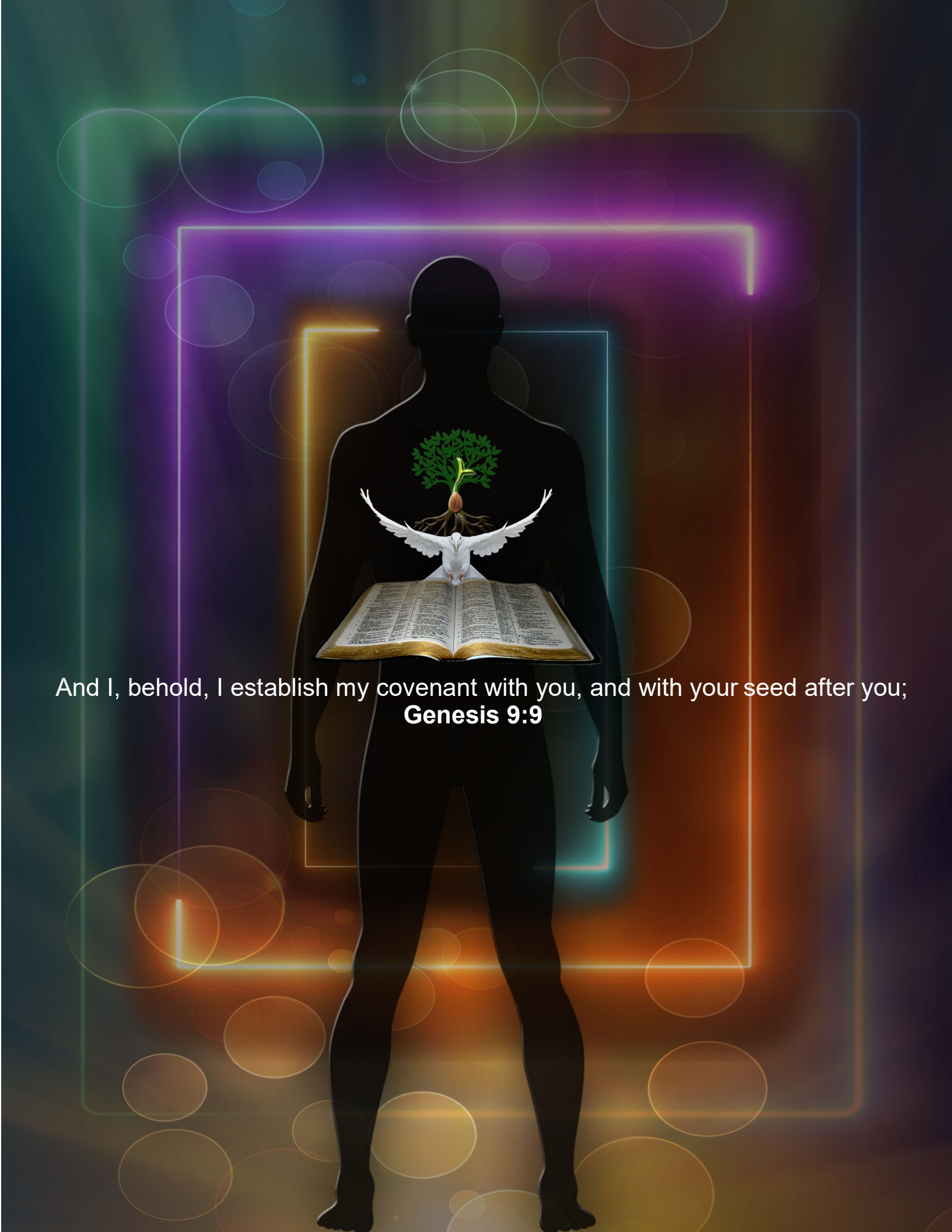
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# FORTIFYING THE SEED

That God has placed within us



And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;  
**Genesis 9:9**

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## Note from the Editor

I wanted to take this opportunity to first thank everyone who has supported this publication throughout the year with contributing your articles of encouragement that others might be uplifted and strengthened. Also to those that have shared the links to others that we may not know of that they too could be blessed. We truly appreciate you all!

As we approach the threshold into 2020 I would like to encourage you to begin to walk out your purpose in Christ. You are created as a unique individual equip for the Father's use and purpose for such a time as this. I encourage you to look inward and strengthen your relationship with Him so you can recognize the potential that has already been established in you.

Throughout the incoming year of 2020 forge ahead in your walk with Christ, study the Word of God, if not established a set prayer time that you may talk with the Lord. This will help you in reaching your highest potential. Be open to new opportunities and always pray for guidance. Don't become complacent within a normal routine. You were designed to be an out of the box thinker because with God there are endless possibilities. It will take Faith (Forging Ahead InThe Hope) and Trust that He can and will direct your path. Learn to recognize His voice through the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I am prayerful that you will allow God to move within your life this year showing you all the things that you may have never thought were possible. Breaking the chains of your past that may still hold you hostage keeping you from realizing your untapped potential and your intended future. For those persons or those things that control your mind blocking your path, pray to God who is able to clear your pathway to victory.

You don't have to wait until New Year's Day, begin today allow your eyes to be opened and walk boldly to your purpose and destiny in Him. Become more than a conqueror right Now! His strength will look good on you!

In the New Year for those who enjoy being a blessing to others if God gives you something to write in the form of an article please submit it to [inform@thetransformu.com](mailto:inform@thetransformu.com). Again we speak unto you with this atmosphere that God will grant you a blessed and prosperous Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year in Jesus name Amen!

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# Fortifying The Seed That God Has Place Within Us

## *Spiritual Growth and Maintenance*

By Eunice A. Christian  
December 7, 2019

**Genesis 1:11-12** ~ <sup>11</sup>Then God said, ***Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth;*** and it was so. <sup>12</sup>And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

**Genesis 3:15** ~ <sup>15</sup>***And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.***

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Points of reference:

- Opening Scriptures<sup>\*/\*\*</sup>
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- Fortify God's Seed
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### INTRODUCTION

This article is focused upon the theme: *Fortifying God's Seed That God Has Placed in Us. What comes to mind when it comes to being fortified by God? What does it mean to acknowledge and receive that God has place a seed within us?*

When thinking about the attributes and needs of a seed, it is usually in the context that it is a living thing that is at its basic form. It is not fully developed, and that it has the potential to reach maturation; that it has much developing to do. We understand that a seed requires nurturing in order to grow. Most seeds require a support system involving elements such as soil, water, and warmth. Also, if not interfered with or hindered, a seed tends to replicate itself over a process. For example, after a seed develops into its matured form (breaks forth from its outer coating, develops roots and stems, develop leaves, and maybe a flower, depending upon the seed). Most importantly, what a seed is known for is its ability up maturity, to reproduce a new seed of its kind.

### Abraham's Seed

For the most part, when a seed transforms into its full state of maturity, it will not take on the form of another. In other words, an apple seed begets an apple tree, which bears more apple seeds—and not grape, cherry, or lemon seeds! In addition to the above, the Holy Bible symbolically uses the word *seed* to characterize certain aspects known to humans. For example, *the seed of Abraham*.

**Romans 4:13-16** ~ <sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all <sup>17</sup> (as it is written, ***I have made you a father of many nations***) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; <sup>18</sup> who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, ***So shall your descendants be.***

Now, the question is: *Have you received and acknowledged according to the Holy Scriptures, that you are the seed of Abraham?* If so, it means that you are actively sowing The Word of God in your life and in the lives of others so that your living is not in vain. This and similar questions are relevant, because if your answer to the above question is *No*, then there is no way that you can truly claim you are fortifying The Seed God placed in you.

**Galatians 3:24-29** ~ <sup>24</sup> Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. <sup>26</sup> For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

## The Vinedresser and The True Vine

As it is written, Jesus referred to His Father as *The Vinedresser*, Himself as *The True Vine*, and to us as His branches:

**John 15:1-8** ~ <sup>1</sup> I am The True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of The Word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in The Vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am The Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

As expressed above, God The Father does the pruning; He takes away unfruitfulness from His Son Jesus, The True Vine, which enhances the fortifying process of the branches that remain and that bring forth fruitfulness to His pleasing. Jesus made this plain: Anyone who does not abide in Him will be cast out. So, in order to fortify The Seed God placed within us, we must continually demonstrate our love and respect for God The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit.

## Hindered Growth

Forbid that we should grow weary in kingdom building. Forbid that we no longer focus upon sharing the gospel that heals the sin sick soul, or that we become complacent about sharing the love of God.

Many years ago, I was told by an authoritative figure in ministry, who at that time was still young in years, that he had done all that he could pertaining to his walk in Christ. That was alarming to hear, since I considered him mature in Christ. He did not clarify after I responded to his statement; at that time, we had just concluded a ministry session with others. *Perhaps he meant the various types of ways that one can minister to another? Frankly, we do not have the mind of God; how can we know all that we are capable of doing for.* For me, it reinforced how we—regardless of our spiritual gifts and growth—need to continually fortify ourselves in God's Holy Word to know that the race is not given to the swift nor to the strong, but to those who endure to the end.

**2 Timothy 4:1-8** ~ <sup>1</sup> I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> *Preach The Word!* Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup> But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. <sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Matthew 24:12-14** ~ <sup>12</sup> **And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.** <sup>13</sup> **But he who endures to the end shall be saved.** <sup>14</sup> **And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**



## Parables

*Interesting...does this mean that Christians who have grown in Jesus can still be cut off due to a lack of fruitfulness desired by The Most High? How can we as Christians deter from being unfruitful?* It is not enough to feed ourselves with scriptures. We must spread the gospel to others who may be spiritually lost. Remember this, even Jesus did not share His divine wisdom to just anyone—this is evident by His parables and the reasons He presented parables to others without clarification. Jesus pronounced parables to those who made the cares of this world their priority.

**Luke 8:4-8** ~ <sup>4</sup> And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: <sup>5</sup> **A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.** When He had said these things He cried, **'He who has ears to hear, let him hear!'**

While it is written that multitudes were healed, saved, and set free, not all gave thanks and glory to God The Father. As Jesus walked the earth, He was concerned about drawing those to Him that were sincerely concerned about Kingdom building, and not just about helping those who they cared for. To describe this, one word that comes to mind—*cliques*. Jesus knew the heart of man. He knew who would worship His Father and nourish His seed, and He knew those who would not.

**Luke 8:9-15** ~ <sup>9</sup> Then His disciples asked Him, saying, *What does this parable mean?* <sup>10</sup> And He said, ***To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'*** <sup>11</sup> ***Now the parable is this: The Seed is The Word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away The Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive The Word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. <sup>14</sup> Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. <sup>15</sup> But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard The Word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.***

It is not enough to be fed by The Word of God, we must be diligent in sharing the gospel to as many as God gives us strength to share—and we should be governed by The Holy Spirit to make our message of the gospel clear.

## Fortifying God's Seed

As usual, I prefer to share definitions so that we are on the same level of reference and understanding—this time, towards the end of my article. So, as we know, *fortify* means to strengthen, reinforce, and secure. So, I pose this question: *How do we strengthen, reinforce, secure The Seed—God's Holy Word—that He has placed in us?* We fortify The Seed God has placed in us by reading the 66 books of the Holy Bible and applying it to our lives. We fortify The Seed God has placed in us by not only being hearers of The Word of God, but doers as well.

**James 1:21-25** ~ <sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted Word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of The Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of The Word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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## Stay Encouraged

We cannot truly fathom how great our Lord and God is, but what we can identify with is our Lord and our God's mercies towards us. Knowing that there are recorded accounts of how Jesus walked this earth—and knowing how He lived and died for us—should cause us to serve Him with

an abundance of gratitude and humility. We know that we could never repay Him for what He has done, and continues to do for us, by the power of the Holy Spirit—we know this—but the way we can honor Him is to love and obey Him.

*We should, therefore, be willing to spread the gospel so that the Holy Word may be received by all who will believe—and for those who truly believe, may we rejoice together, and be continually encouraged in knowing that we have a glorious expected end in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 2:14-16** <sup>14</sup> Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast The Word of Life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

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*There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption.*

*So, if you've have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus while you still have time.*

*Have a transformed mind, look to Jesus.*

Be blessed and be a blessing. ❤️

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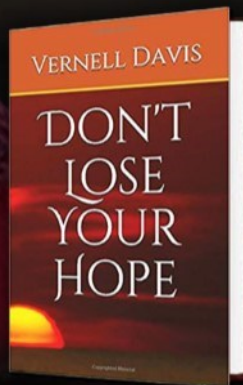
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# DON'T LOSE YOUR HOPE

In *Don't Lose Your Hope*, Vernell Davis presents spiritual strategies for overcoming feelings of defeat and despair; confronting obstacles and disappointment. This powerful book provides words of comfort that can transform you to experience a healthy level of hope when confronting discouragement and hopelessness. She encourages readers to incorporate prayer, trust in God amid rejecting feelings of defeat and insecurity. Vernell embraces the concept of the confident assurance of what is hoped for is intertwined with faith. This emotional read will evoke tears, smiles, and motivations to deepen your commitment to healthy physical and spiritual health.

# **Distraction Create Delays**

Dr. Claude Dangerfield II

Have you ever notice or realize that when you sometime get on a successful course and all things appear to be going in the right direction and you are focused. All of a sudden from out of no where a distraction comes to divert your attention, momentum, and course of action. At times it changes the trajectory of your aim making you veer off course not necessary winding up in a ditch but delaying the process. Usually, we became despondent feeling somewhat overwhelmed contemplating throwing in the towel. But from experience, I can say when God has given you something to do he has already seen the end before you have seen the beginning.

This takes me back to the understanding that I received from the passage of scripture in Jeremiah 29:11, 12 "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me and I will hearken unto you". I have learned to utilize what I refer to as the keys to the kingdom with the main key always being prayer. This provides me with a calming spirit and the ability to assess the situation and reach a resolution.

Honestly, this has not always been my course of action, but as I have grown in grace and matured in my faith because of strengthening my relationship with Christ. When we do that we come to trust the Lord and understand the revelation of the Word more clearly. So when the distraction may come we then respond rather react. Having the knowledge that we gain from the Word of God helps us to reach our full potential in Him. Keywords in Him, because he provides permanent results (Victory).

Should we choose to adopt a different narrative about looking at outcomes and situations we would then come to the understanding that God is trying to grow our faith and maturity in Him. He is truly working things out for our good. Eventually, understand the full meaning and benefits of aligning up with the Word of God and obeying that which He has asked us to do. Just like Job God enjoys having bragging rights on the abilities of His children and He will never leave you or forsake you and provide double for your trouble.

One day during your quiet time truly take a self-assessment and see if you can truly see God's intervention on your behalf and notate for yourself each time you came forward from those circumstances. Then take it a step further so that you can truly learn from it. In the midst of those instances were you in disobedience or actually in a test. That would grow your faith. You can truly see it when you on course something happens and you apply faith and still make it on time. Learn to celebrate every aspect of your growth in Christ. Learn to communicate with and trust the leading of the Holy Spirit to guide you to all truths. As a brother that resides in my area has displayed all around the community "No Matter What Trust God".

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## Fortifying The Gift That God Has Placed Within You

By Elder Diane Harvell

December 10, 2019

At some point, we've all asked God, "why am I here?" "What am I supposed to do with my life?" We've asked ourselves, we've probably even looked to friends and leaders for the answer to this question yet, it seems the answer to this question is not easily found.

This is what I have found. Everyone has a gift. But how do we know what our gifts are? As far as I can remember, I have always loved to write. I remember as a young child, when I didn't know how to write, I literally "yearned" to do so. I was about 3 or 4 years old, and I yearned to know how to write my name. And so I scribbled on everything I could get my hands onto. Until my dear sister taught me how to write my name, I didn't even know how to read, but I yearned to write.

By the time I entered school, I already knew how to read and write and then I cherish the ability to do so unto this day.

So early in life, I learned the value of my gift, but only to the extent of writing my name. But I lacked the wisdom to embrace what I had, and I was too young to understand that this ability was God given, a gift which did not come to others as easily I didn't have a clue as to how valuable this gift was. But through schooling and practicing, time was allotted to cultivate and perfect my gift, and that didn't seem to take long at all. This is my *natural gift*.

But spiritually, what are we called to do? What are our Spiritual gifts? **Ephesians 4:11 says, "And he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers;**

**v.12-For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

Many strive to become preachers and bishops, but that's okay too because in I Timothy 3:1 it says, **"This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."** But all cannot be pastors, and all cannot be bishops, so God has given many gifts to the body of Christ for the edifying His church and the perfecting of his saints for the work of the ministry.

**I Corinthians 12:4-11-Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5-and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6-and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7-To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8-For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit. 9-To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit. 10-To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11-All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.**

Therefore, just as I learned to write effectively, I also had to learn how to read effectively because it is impossible to do one or the other without understanding. Reading and writing are the first fundamentals we learn in life because these are the tools that we need to communicate with in the world. And the more we understand the meaning of words, and their importance, the better we can express who we really are.

But who are we in the Spirit? What are our Spiritual gifts? When I was young I only desired to “write” my name. But I also had to learn how to write with understanding. Just as I learned the value of my natural gifts and their meaning, it is even more imperative that as children of God that we learn what our spiritual gifts are as well and their meaning to the body of Christ.

It took awhile for me to understand what my spiritual gifts were. For me, reading and writing came easily, I learned them quickly. But the Spiritual gifts that were given me came from another place and from some of life’s hardest experiences. But I have no regrets as to what I’ve learned, because now I know that what I went through cultivated my Spiritual gifts for the edifying of the church and for the perfecting of the saints of God.

There was a time before I understood this fact, I didn’t know how to accept the things I could not change and I didn’t understand why I went through some of the things that I did. I didn’t understand who I was. But the more I hung in there, and honestly, at times, that’s all I could do was to hold and hang on, and the more I did so the more The Lord revealed Himself to me and He revealed to me what my Spiritual Gifts are for, and their purpose in the body of Christ! Glory Be to God!

Through life’s trials, God prepared me to be a part of the edifying of His church and to encourage His people and for that I am so grateful.

Just as a child, I learned that my communicative skills had to be developed, in Christ, I also learned that my Spiritual life had to be developed as well.

Even when I didn’t understand who I was and what Spiritual gifts I had, God and He knows what He has placed inside of all of us. He knows how much we can bear and He knows how much to refrain from us.

**Romans 8:28-”We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”**

Finally, not only have I learned to fortify the gifts that God has placed within me, I also love and respect these gifts because they are of great value and are of great purpose!!

May All God’s People Be Blessed!



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For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. *Jeremiah 29:11*



## First Annual Retreat "Where Are You Now?"

Session I: POSITION VS. POSTURE  
Bishop Carlton Williams, Roanoke Rapids, NC

Session II: PURPOSE VS. POPULARITY  
Pastor Debra Hill Vanceboro, NC

Session III: PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE ENEMY  
Dr. Frances Reid Anchorage, Alaska

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| 1. June 17, 2017      | First Baptist Church        | Kenilworth, NJ    |
| 2. June 24, 2017      | Beebe Chapel CME            | Washington, NC    |
| 3. July 22, 2017      | Light of the World Ministry | Honolulu, Hawaii  |
| 4. September 23, 2017 | Empowerment Temple          | Anchorage, Alaska |
| 5. November 18, 2017, | New Covenant Faith          | Fayetteville, NC  |
| 1. March 22, 2018     | Mt. Ararat Christian        | Suffolk, VA       |

## Second Annual Retreat "When God Speaks"

Session I: Bishop Carlton L. Williams  
Preaching: REALIZATION

Session II: Dr. Frances Reid  
Teaching : REVELATION

Session III: Presiding Elder Aalsey T. Williams  
Teaching: REACTION

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| 1. June 23, 2018       | Beebe Chapel CME            | Washington, NC   |
| 2. August 11, 2018     | First Baptist Church        | Kenilworth, NJ   |
| 3. October 20, 2018    | New Covenant Faith          | Fayetteville, NC |
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# The Need of the Seed

Evangelist Ella J. Alexander

*John 4:14*

*“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”*

*Jude 1:20*

*“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost”*

Most planters get seeds and want to plant the seed to see it grow. The most important thing when it comes to seeds is to identify what type of seed it is and then research the seed. When researching the seed one will find out what the seeds are, what they contained and where the seed(s) originated. They will find out what conditions to plant the seed in and how much sun and water is needed. Once the seed is placed in the right soil, the two main ingredients are the sun and the water.

These seeds compared to the seed that God placed within us requires the same ingredients: the SON and WATER (Holy Spirit). God has a specific seed that he places within all of us which has the ability to grow into many different things depending on the right conditions in which the seed is planted. According to Romans 12:3 God has dealt to every one of us a measure of faith. What do we do with that seed of faith within us? Are we to just let it sit within us and tell people that God placed something within us? Are we to let it die? What are we to do with it?

As a seed in the ground it needs water. The one thing about the seeds in the ground is that their water temperature is as dispensed by Father God. If it is a seed planted indoors it requires water of a certain temperature so that the roots won't be placed into shock. Isn't that something to think about? The outdoor seeds need no specific tempered water, but the indoor seeds do. Father knows how much water the seed of faith can handle. We need to hear the Word of God. When we hear the word it empowers our faith to grow. There is so much more need to the seed within us that is not considered. We can't just hear the word, but we must be willing to intake the word. We must be willing to pray and drink from the Spirit of God daily. We must be open to God. Fully trusting and relying on Him to feed us when we are hungry and to quench our thirst when we are thirsty. The Word says, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” (Matthew 5:6). We have to learn to drink from the fountain of God. Learn to sit at the feet of God and allow Him to pour into you. Open up scriptures, give new revelations.

Let us not bypass the SON. In order for anything to spring forth or to grow the seed needs the SON. It is because of the son that we have God's seed within us. John 7:38 says, “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” We must have the SON in the equation. Seed plus water without the SON will leave us barren. 2 Peter 1:5 tells us what to add to our faith which is virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity which is love. Verse 8 states, “For if these things be in you and abound, they may you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The Son (Jesus Christ) is the most important factor when it comes to the seed and its growth, and strength.

Once we have the Son and the water we now could fortify the seed within us by building ourselves up on our most Holy Faith. We have to trusting God, pray, pray in the spirit, and pray in the Holy Ghost. Be willing to sacrifice things so the flesh could be crucified. We may desire for God to utilize us and that is great but we need the faith to believe that God will do that. I will leave the natural things for another time. I am focusing on the seed that is within us. Our faith must grow. We should go from faith to faith. That means growth, strength, development.

The Bible tells of Jesus speaking of different faiths: little faith, weak faith, strong faith, no faith, great faith and mustard seed faith. Each seed required to be watered and if the planter refused to pay attention to the seed and give it what it needed; the seed was weak or died (was not able to grow, was not able to produce what was within it).

God wants us to fortify that seed of faith. Why, because that seed is powerful. If we would only take the time to understand the need of the seed within, then and only then would we be able to strengthen the seed by giving it what it need so that it would spring forth.

***ISAIAH 61:11 – “For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.***



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# Those Who I Have Called

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

God has bestowed his favor on quite a number of us within time to serve him. This is one of the highest honors that we could have been blessed with. It is afforded to us with the greatest of expectation because have been trusted and equipped to create an atmosphere of change within another life so they too can realize their unique purpose. With that being said we also must remain attentive and humble within our God-given assignment.

Utilizing the gifts of the Spirit to keep us in line with the will of God, Love-Peace-Goodness-Joy-Faith-Meekness seasoned with Long-Suffering, Temperance and Gentleness. Our task is even greater at this time with all of the distractions and fear that bombards our environment on a daily basis truly effecting the very societies in which we live in. We represent Hope for a greater tomorrow individually for those whom we encounter on a daily basis. We are here to assist with building up their faith in a true and living God. Helping to re-establish the connection that once was guiding them back to their individual purpose and most importantly taking away this world's blinder. So they can re-establish their relationship with God the Father.

In saying that we must remain focus on the call and most importantly the mission. It has nothing to do with us it all about God and Him glorified. If we allow ourselves to be distracted or even caught up in who we think we are and lose sight of humility to a swollen ego we will harm more than we help. We are in a crucial and critical time in our history there is so much deception in our mists. We have to stay focus and pay serious attention to the details to discern motive to gain the right understanding. It is also vital that we hold fast to the fundamentals studying to gain more wisdom and knowledge, prayer and fasting to keep an open line of communication to God and His purpose for us. Worship and Fellowship that we might strengthen and encourage one another. Having the ability to recognize and hear the Holy Spirit as He is directing and guiding us throughout this path towards victory within our assignment. Holdfast to the real truth.

Remember we are chosen the Bible is these few passages of scripture explain the importance we have to God's plan.

## **Deuteronomy 14:2**

*For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.*

## **Exodus 19:5**

*Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:*

## **Titus 2:14**

*Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

## **1 Peter 2:9**

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

In understanding these passages and there are even more found throughout His Word of God that continues to justify our existence should we chose to align ourselves with God and His purpose.



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# Fortify The Seed That God Has Placed Within Us.

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

Today is a day of new beginnings, how do I know by this statement "Every day that we are blessed to awaken is an opportunity for a New Beginning!" God's grace provides change as well as chances, there is not any situation with the help and love of God that we cannot overcome. He has the ability to transform us at any moment of our existence. The script of our life can be re-written and our desires can be fulfilled when they line up with His purpose for us.

We have to come to the understanding that we were created by God for God. This then should demonstrate to us that we are intentional and the circumstances of how we entered into this environment should not be the focal point. We were meant to be here because we were created. Within the creation of you and me, God placed a seed(s) within us that would grow into our greater purpose and how we impact this environment and, others within who may have lost direction and even the understanding of their true purpose.

I've come to realize in any given situation there is something I refer to as cause and effect. To gain a broader understanding is this, there are two outcomes, your environment and also yourself. The condition of the environment that you place yourself in will impact one or the other. Either you affect your environment or your environment affects you. Either way, the outcome will be noted as a change because one will impact the other creating an experience.

With that understanding, we can gain some further knowledge in the scriptures in the Book of Jeremiah 1:4-19.

**4** *Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*

**5** *Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.*

**6** *Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.*

**7** *But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.*

**8** *Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.*

**9** *Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.*

**10** *See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*

**11** *Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.*

**12** *Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.*

**13** *And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.*

**14** *Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.*

**15** *For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.*

**16** *And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.*

**17** *Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.*

**18** *For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.*

**19** *And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.*

Verses 4-12 God provides the understanding, the assignment and also reinforces His purposes and checks for clarity of understanding and seals it with a promise from verses 12-19. Clarity on who you are God will always show Himself working in our lives. We have to not allow our self to become distracted by this environment. That why in Romans 12:2 it states " And be not conformed to this world: going back to the fore mentioned point regarding the environment/ situations that we place ourselves in.

The best thing is we have been provided freedom of will, which allows us the opportunity to make a conscious choice for change. Being aware of the opportunity when it presents itself to transform into our God-given potential and press toward our true purpose, therefore becoming a conqueror and not a victim to circumstances. Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Again this passage of scripture takes us right back to purpose and the fact we were created. We ourselves create things for a reason so there is a motive and a purpose.

So this takes me to my next bit of knowledge which should provide greater understanding. Within this realm called earth, we are all present because of God. He had an essential reason for creating us not as carbon copies of one another. But, uniquely fashioned after Him and with various gifts and talents. Have you ever really stop and assess yourself and noticed the areas in which you excel and how natural certain things seem for you. Well, the truth of the matter is you were created that way.

We spend so much of our time comparing our abilities with others formulating envy and sometimes allowing that to grow into jealousy and strife. Rather than asking God who has all answers, "What do you desire of me? So that I can get to the place that you created me for. It is when we gravitate to that mindset, doors and opportunities make themselves open and available to you. No longer are we time wasters but true participants in this life and span this of time.

We become more effective at the things we have been blessed and created to do and become more driven by purpose. All of the foolish weights that we pick up and dragged along through our course of life. We find and understand that it's no true relevance in who we are and what were we created for. When the blinders come off and the distractions have no more power. We depart from the nonsense! We then become explosive within our awareness of our discovered purpose. Challenges become stepping stones to higher heights and greater victories in God. Yes, God because we have found our true alignment and alliance with Him. Realizing with this knowledge there is no greater freedom because we are focus on truth.

I need you to take a moment and understand what I just stated because in this understanding you will uncover the great wisdom that is there for you. It takes me back to a song I use to hear when I was little that I now have a greater understanding of. The chorus was "Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, just trust and obey." The quicker we are able to grasp the understanding of the words the more relevant they will play out in your daily life. Of course, some may choose to debate there meaning, counterproductive because unless you try something you



will never know. These lyrics just take us to that passage of scripture where Jesus defines his purpose "I come that you might have life and that more abundantly" It goes back to God's initial intent, His creation of us, individually purposed.

Just as God spoke to Jeremiah " I have created and formed thee in your mother's womb equipped with a purpose for the Kingdoms' sake and placed you in the earth for such a time as this. I need you to awaken and arise unto your purpose. "Don't waste the seed (s) that I have placed within you". The path has already been laid for I'm a lamp unto your feet and a light unto thy pathway. The hours have been far spent fear not men who try to control you, hear me now through my word as I speak unto you. Go forth to bless and be blessed.

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It is the same with us God knew we would play and do things in life that would make us dirty so He "brought extra" by giving us His Son Jesus. God never threw you away you. Maybe you wandered off, got lost or just ran away but come back please and remember what you have in you. Nurture it, fortify it and strengthen it.

Allow Him to change, cleanse, wash, and refresh you.

He will help you but you have to strengthen the remains of what you used to be. Maybe you've been tattered and torn but God says "I make all things new." Forget the former things nothing is too hard for me come, come, come to the fountains and drink of the living waters. Admit it and recognize your thirst for me Come and Drink"

I wrote you on the palm of my hand I have not forgotten you. Where you have lost sight of who I made you. I still remember I see your tear stained eyes. Lift up your hopes believe again. See me in my Word, praise me and talk to me again. I hear you but you must come after me. Hold fast to what you know and nurture that.

When you see yourself defeated I see a warrior. I see who I made you. Rise up and strengthen the remains, preserve your faith and allow me to put Divine Connections of people to heal you.

God is not finished maybe like Peter you have toiled all night and caught nothing but God has a Word for you a Rhema Word as to where to cast your net. Don't be tempted to quit God has a plan **A Great Plan**. Let Him breathe on what He has begun. Pray without ceasing worship in Spirit and Truth fortify the seed that's been placed in you study His Word diligently to show thy self-approved rightly dividing the Word of Truth. His Word is sharper than any two-edged sword. Any words that come against you can be defeated by the weapon of His Word. God is not done - keep coming-keep watering the seed. FORTIFY!!!!!!!

MY CHILD PLEASE DON'T CONCENTRATE ON WHAT'S WEAK INSIDE OF YOU. Focus on the prize I have died and rose for you to have. As long as you receive and walk in My Grace - I will never leave you.

Hold on and stand strong, My Love takes over and I make all things attainable. I make a miracle of you. You see ugly I see lovely. You see ashes I see beauty peace for despair. You see destroyed I see perfected.

Marcie excitedly planted flowers and in the middle of waiting she got impatient and wanted to dig up the seed to see why they weren't growing. "No!!!" said mother if you disturb the seed every time you don't see the harvest you will stifle the growth. You must know within yourself that with good nurturing it will grow. Keep praying, keep fasting, and continue to believe. You can't uproot the seed that God has blessed. You must have faith. You must nurture.

Allow others to sow into you. Stand on the shoulders of giants.

This song was the inspiration of my writing I pray it encourages you throughout your struggles.

How many times can one heart break?  
It was never supposed to be this way  
Look in the mirror, but you find someone you never thought you'd be  
Oh, but I can still recognize  
The one I love in your tear-stained eyes  
I know you might not see him now, so lift your eyes to me  
When you see broken beyond repair  
**I see healing beyond belief**  
When you see too far gone  
**I see one step away from home**  
When you see nothing but damaged goods  
**I see something good in the making**  
I'm not finished yet  
When you see wounded, **I see mended**  
You see your worst mistake  
**But I see the price I paid**  
**There's nothing you could ever do, to lose what grace has won**  
**So hold on, it's not the end**  
**No, this is where love's work begins**  
**I'm making all things new**  
**And I will make a miracle of you**

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