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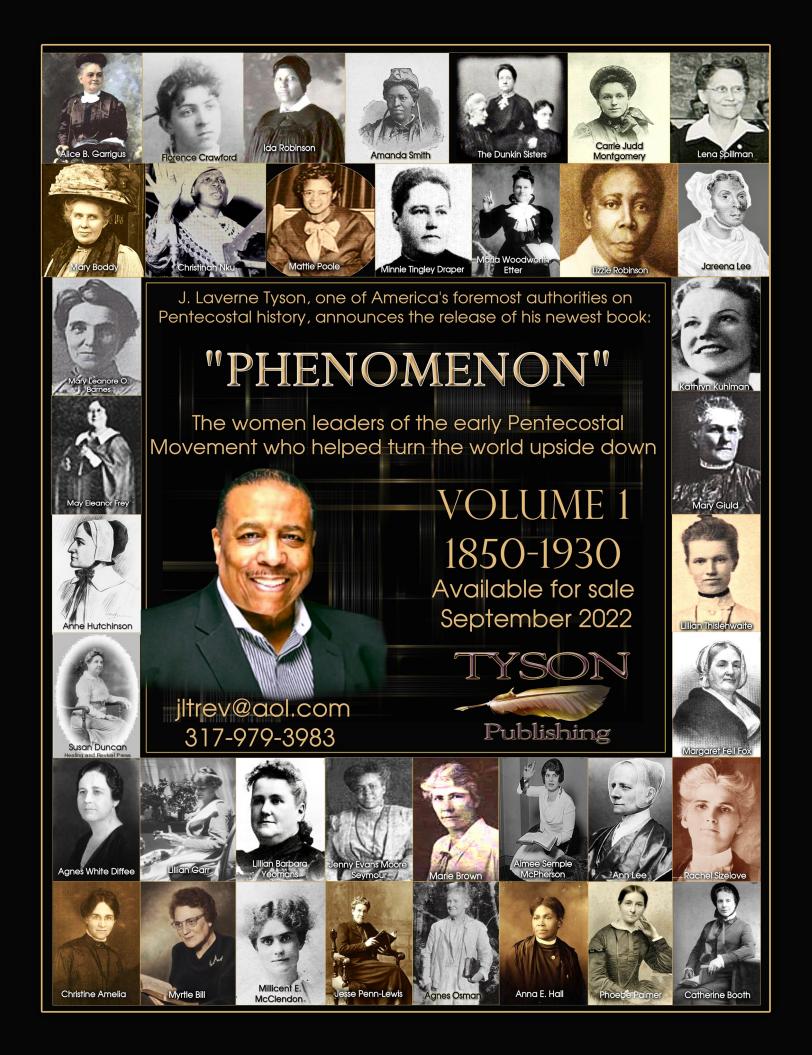
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# THINK A BOUT IT

In times of crisis God creates opportunity for change. The issue becomes our ability to see the open door Every crisis may cause an ending of something. But it is also the beginning of something new. The choice of the direct in which we go has been left up to us. Will we murmur and complain about the lost or will we recognize the open door of opportunity and venture in. With the understanding that a forrest can develop from a single seed. Every day that I am blessed to awaken is an opportunity fo a new beginning. Go ahead a begin today walk out your opportunity. God will bring the increase. C. A. Dangerfield II







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And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;... 2 Cor 5:16-19

Supt. Kartra J. Johnson Pastor

**Guest Speaker** Bishop George Carter Ohio Southern Jurisdiction, Prelate

#### **"THE INVITATION"**

Come and Dine John 21:12-17 By Elder Diane Harvell

Normally when we invite someone to our home for dinner, it's usually with those whom we have delegated to share our time with and to whom we want to share our most important matters with. And It's usually with those whom we love and care about. Those in whom we trust. It is a known practice that certain generations and families from various cultures, sit together during dinner time and the head of the family or the family patriarchs imparts family legacies to the next generations. This used to be a great part of the American Way.

I remember as a child, dinnertime was always at the dinner table. And the head of the table was always respected as such. Conversation and family time were always the predominant factor and a joy to partake of.

Just as it may have been unbeknown to me as a child of the importance of this time, it was also unbeknown to the disciples, that here on the shores of the Tiberias River, that Christ was presenting himself as The Master Benefactor, as He beckoned them to come and dine with him. This was an open invitation to everything He was, and everything he had, and He wanted to impart himself unto them. Jesus wanted to reveal Himself to those who would carry on in His name and to those who would teach and who would carry on His legacy.

Twice, Jesus invited His disciples to "come and dine" with him, first, before his crucifixion at The Last Supper, when He broke the bread which is symbolic of his broken body, then offering the wine, symbolic of his blood which was shed for the remission our sins. And, now here at Lake Tiberias with the disciples an appearance he made after His resurrection.

Everything Jesus said at this time was symbolic. He told them to put their net on the right side of the boat, symbolizing that he now was placed on the right hand of the Father. He told them that if they did, they would catch some fish. They caught many fish. To me, this symbolized the souls that would be received in Him that when we are in God and if we obey His Son Christ Jesus, not only will we bring many others to Christ, but we will have the power and authority to do so as well. Prior to this, before Jesus arrived on the scene, the disciples worked all night and had caught nothing.

Jesus knew the disciples were ready for physical work, but now He had to ensure they were ready spiritually. He asks Peter three times, "Lovest thou me more than these?" "More than these?" Peter was a fisherman by trade, Christ was asking him, do you love me more than your money? Peter becomes upset because the Lord asked him three times about his love for him and Peter replies, "thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, "Feed my sheep."

These three simple words are insightful and impactful because the sheep Jesus referred to are His people. Peter was given a face to face RSVP by Jesus Christ himself. Jesus requested a response from Peter, one that would bring Him many returns. And so, within this "The Invitation", Jesus offered Himself as a living sacrifice The Holy Eucharist for all people, old and young (lambs and sheep), black, brown, red or white, to "Come and Dine."

Please RSVP as soon as possible. God Bless You All. Elder Diane Harvell



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#### The Invitation

Claude Dangerfield II Th.D.

The invitation that we will describe today will be like no other, that one will ever experience in life. The main reason one will receive it is that it has been determined that you, yes you matter in more ways than you can ever imagine. It doesn't matter that you may have or have not had shortcomings in various areas of your life. It has nothing to do with your race, gender or economic status. It just comes down to the fact that you are you and you have heard the extended invitation and have not hardened your heart. But you have actually opened it to receive that which is being extended unto you! You have decided to change the narrative in your life and to become a Victor and not a Victim. You had a choice and you took it.

Even in accepting this invitation you felt compelled to be transparent. You felt within yourself that you were unworthy of the grace which is being extended to you, so you felt a need to confess the reasons for such feelings. Upon confessing you also felt such a heavyweight of guilt being lifted off of you. An immediate feeling of gratification consume you and a joy unspeakable is now a large part of your demeanor. You physically look different to others because your countenance appears different to those who know you. Your conversation has totally changed and your outlook on life has taken a new path to the point of inspiring others.

The invitation from Christ for the new birth is real. For we were born into sin when we enter this life due to the environment that we are in. The focus of this world is to follow the trends of this world at all cost even to the detriment of others. We found ourselves being self-consumed and manipulative to those who cross our paths. The amount of harm that we tend to administer created devastation to others with no remorse. That's the lifestyle of the lost not always aware of how we were so destructing. But once grace and mercy stepped in and awareness was present the blinders were removed and reality became truth. Now that we were able to see shame overwhelm us to the point of repentance because of the outcome of our future being death.

Jesus offered many passages of comfort within the scriptures: Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come into him and will sup with him, and he with me. Revelation 3:20

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I have come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John.16:33

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1John 4:4

These are just a few to reassure you that the invitation is real and available to everyone the choice is ours to take and receive this great invitation and experience a great life in and with God through his son Jesus Christ. Who paid the ransom for us with his life that we too can have eternal life. Who could have endured the cross with such torture and pain? Only our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The invitation is available right now, even now if you are reading this article and don't have a relationship with him. He makes himself available in so many different ways. All you have to do is confess with your mouth that you are a sinner and ask Jesus to forgive you of your sin and to come into your life that you too may be saved. Becoming an heir of salvation along with his grace and mercy to sustain you throughout your life. When you become part of the family you truly learn what real life is about you gain the keys to the Kingdom giving you access to an abundance of His wisdom and knowledge. You will discover your true path, potential, and your destiny. Your transformation will take you to places that you may have never seen. Now that you are converted you will see life through a different lens and create a different narrative for yourself as you introduce others to your new blessed lifestyle. Oh taste and see that the Lord is good! Come on board and welcome to the family!





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#### <u>Time for some Good News</u> By Sgt. Nate Griffin of Sgt. Nate Fitness LLC.

#### Commentary:

In today's climate of chronic bad news, it is beautiful to hear good news from afar as well as news close by. Be it good news of the Gospel which speaks of our salvation. Or, a good report from a friend. What kind of news are you sharing?

#### Subject Scriptures:

Romans 10:15 Genesis 39:21-23 Luke 1:41 Matthew 14:22-29 Luke 23:42-43

#### Today's Life Application:

Let us live a life that brings joy to those in sorrow, hope to the hopeless, and strength to the weak. Let us be a light to a dark world as we share the good news of the joy we found in Jesus.

#### Set Free by the Spirit, not Bound by Our Emotions

#### Commentary:

The emotions can be a very tough force to resist when it comes to being manipulated. People can easily push certain buttons that can have us behaving in a way that is unbecoming a disciple of Christ. We must work at allowing the Spirit of God to lead and guide us into all truths less we fall victim to the wiles of the enemy.

#### Subject Scriptures:

Romans 8:14 John 16:13 Galatians 2:20 John 8:32 John 8:36 Romans 8:2 I Corinthian 7:22 Galatians 5:1

#### Life Application:

Learning to wait on the move of God can be hard at times, but over time while walking with the King, we will gain the victory over the flesh. We no longer need be held victim to our fleshly bonds. But set free by the shed blood of Christ and freed from the pulling of the flesh



I cordially invite you to join with me for an in-depth Bible Studies, Prayer and Fellowship.

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THE POWER

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Proverbs 18:21

Words have power! They have the power of life and death actually. The Power of Self Love in 31 Days is an affirmation devotional to help you speak life and love yourself by declaring positive words and the Word of God. As you read the affirmations out loud, daily, you will be reminded of your greatness and inner beauty.

True self-love is the commitment to objectively know yourself as you are, to fully experience life as it comes to you, and to honor your potential by continually seeking ways to grow. Cherie L. Eldridge is a licensed minister and a life coach. This book is a testament of her personal journey with God which led her to becoming whole and taught her to love herself. She shares categorical and affirmative statements that she personally used to help empower you to learn to love yourself, too!

The Power of Self Love in 31 Days will help you increase in your belief of your own value and importance. It will help you to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually, resulting in personal growth. God does not want us to go through life filled with hate, insecurities, disappointment, and confusion. God desires for us to be made whole. Being made whole is the state of forming a complete and harmonious whole being, unbroken or undamaged. That is what you deserve and this book will help start you on that journey.

With God all things are possible! No matter where you are in your life right now, by reciting and believing the affirmations in this book, a great change will take place in your life for the good. If you believe, you will experience the power of God's love and self-love in just 31 days! THE POWER OF SELF LOVE IN 31 DAYS

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#### **SPOKEN WORDS**

By Elder Diane Harvell September 8, 2023

Harsh spoken words from the start Are unresolved feelings within our heart,

So, when speaking to someone speak with love and respect for once words are spoken, we can never take back,

The words that have been spoken will always reveal, Whether good or bad how they make one feel

And it is not a fact that if we do not forget we have not forgiven,

For GOD has designed our minds that we will always remember

The good the bad and all the in between So, speak words of life, and help others live!

Thank You Jesus! Your Daughter, Diane

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#### I Know It's Hard

Dr. C. A Dangerfield II

Sometimes in life it's hard to really get to that intended place that God has for us. Simply because we ourselves are continually blocking the way and we are too blind to see the repercussions of our ways. We have a real big issue about relinquishing control to the creator of us all. So, we operate in a prideful, entitled, overbearing mindset which at times can but overwhelming and stressful to others around us. But again, we can't see the impact because we don't pay attention to that part. It's all about what I want.

Have we really paid attention to our own conversations and the words in which we use?

Are we overly boastful and can't accept feedback or instructions from others?

Are we always looking for something to be wrong so we can criticize and launch the blame game?

Are all the suggestions made by others just shot down because we know best, and their opinion or suggestion doesn't have any merit as far as we are concerned? Does everything that people around us do or say get on your nerves and irritate you?

If the answer to any of these statements and questions is yes, your current journey is on a pathway to a reprobate mindset. We must take the first exit to repentance and Redemption as soon as possible. The current path lacks, compassion, grace, mercy and patience, it will drive us into a destructive situation and can cause a catastrophic lost. The Word of God enlighten us as to say, "warning comes before destruction", especially when we don't take heed.

So, I know it's hard to break habits and behaviors that we have become accustomed to, we have to tell ourselves not my will, but thou will be done and yield control to God. Truly, we delay our own blessings because we have to face the facts that we are stubborn and a big mess. Not willing to admit it. To coin a couple of phrases 1. Your slip is showing, and you're not as put together as you thought you were. 2. This is for the extreme cases. Your pants are down, and your underwear is showing, you forget to secure a belt. Now, don't you feel embarrassed everyone is looking at you and pointing in your direction.

This doesn't have to be this hard or extreme. First of all, Jesus has stated "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20 KJV

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5 KJV

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27 KJV

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26 KJV

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

John 15:26-27 KJV

This is why relationship with Jesus is so important. When we run towards the delusion without His guidance, we allow these situations and circumstances to emerge, because we cannot see, there we walk in ignorance to the promises and that was not God's desire or intent.

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 KJV

Then shall he fulfill His promises as He said He would.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.



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Isa. 65:24 "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

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#### Who Will Stand?

B y Elder Diane Harvell

Like many, my heart is saddened to say the least, concerning the current events of today. As I prayed, I heard the Lord say, "Sons of Korah" and so I searched the scriptures for the answer to the Lord's instruction and He directed me to the 16th chapter of Numbers.

It was amazing to me how quickly the Lord "heard my humble cry."

In short, the story within the 16th chapter of Numbers tells of Korah who had an important responsibility within the tabernacle, but he wasn't satisfied with that. He wanted to be a priest and challenged God's appointed Moses and Aaron and their priestly positions, thus he challenged God. Korah's sin is that he rebelled against God's authority to appoint as leaders' men of His own choosing.

Korah also influenced many others to go along with him in his revolt and God destroyed them all but by this time the congregation of Israel accused Moses and Aaron of having killed the people of the Lord. Consequently, God slew 14,700 more people with a sudden plague. People began to die!

To stop the plague, Moses instructed Aaron to take incense from off the alter of the Lord and carry it quickly to the congregation of the people. And Aaron ran into the middle of the assembly (church), to make an atonement for the people; "And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stopped."

Lesson: God is The Only One who has the authority to appoint leaders of His own choosing. **Going against His authority brings horrible consequences, and many will suffer and die**, but we the true leaders of God, must stand between the dead and the living and make an atonement for the sinful rebellion of man!

For me, it's no more church as usual, no more conferences, no more convocations, it's time to Stand Between the Dead and The Living and Pray like never before!

May God Bless You All!

#### How Are You? No, How Are You Really?

Pastor Linda Guest

I'm not talking about "how are you?" when you are around family. I'm not talking about "how are you?" when you are with your coworkers. I'm definitely not talking about "how are you?" when you are in church. But how are you when you are alone with your own thoughts. When no one is around as the tears fall. When your mind is racing, when your faith and hope have been thinned out so much, you see holes through it. How are you when your back is against the wall, and you see no way out? How are you really on those sleepless nights?

May the peace and unconditional love of our heavenly Father bring you comfort and peace. NOTHING you are going through or have experienced has caught God off guard. God promised in his Word that He will never leave you nor forsake you. You are not alone! God loves you, and so do we. You don't have to go through whatever you are going through alone. Don't allow the enemy to tell or make you feel that no one understands or that you are alone. God had you read this as proof that He has you on His mind. Reach out and get the help you need. If that means talking with someone over a cup of coffee or tea, talk. If that means you need God, a couch and medication, know that it's ok. Get the help you need so one day you can say yes, I am ok.

#### Pick Up Your Faith

Pastor Linda Guest

Life has a way of throwing us curve balls. Things happen suddenly and unexpectedly that can seem to knock the air out of us. Sometimes it may even seem like it's one thing after the other and you just can't catch a break.

Things like this can cause you to question if God sees you, if He hears you and your faith in God.

Circumstances and situations can stretch us to a breaking point. Unanswered prayers can weigh down our faith. Delays that appear as denials, frustration from trying to stay ahead and just not understanding why God has not moved on your behalf can be crippling to your faith.

But I say to you today pick up your faith! God is mindful of you. He sees and hears you. God is not slack concerning you. God is not a man that He shall lie. Every promise that has been spoken over you shall come to pass! Don't stop believing now. Pick up your faith and continue to trust in the Lord thy God! You are too close to give up now.

Keep holding on to God's unchanging hand.

Pick up your faith!

Prov. 3:5&6

"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Job 11:18–19

"The righteous cry out, and ; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Psalm 34:17–18

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be careful. Hold firmly to your faith. Have courage and be strong.

The Inner Place Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

There is a place beyond life's challenges An inner place of peace, love, and joy. A place where you can find solitude and strength. The great thing is each individual possess a personal key to provide access. Once inside one gains restoration, transformation strength, and a sound mind,

with a greater understanding and impactful wisdom that will elevate and put you on the path to your destiny of true intent of who you were created to be.

In the inner place, you will learn to trust one completely and will be shown how to love others correctly, as you yourself are experiencing love from the one that matters.

When in the inner place you will also learn how to communicate effectively and erase all guilt and shame.

In the inner place, you will come to the understanding of true intimacy and what it feels like as well as what it will now mean to you. The greatest understanding is that it will always as it has been, be accessible to you.

When you use your key and enter into the inner place. It is not a place of fear, it is a place of love, wrapped in peace, joy, and understanding and each experience will provide you with greater wisdom and tranquility.

Experience your inner place the world will become a different place for you. Because your inner will radiate to your outer place.