



YOUR DESTINY IS HERE INC

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GREATER IS COMING**DESTINY CALL TO ACTION ::: TEACH YOUR FAMILY SAFETY OVER COMFORT**

Rev. Linda Ivey

Today's families understand how we are living in challenging times, and not everyone has Christian morals and values. As Christians, we understand how we must stay connected to God. Yet, even though we are Believers and follow God's tenets, not all our family members and friends live by the same standards and values.

Recently, my pastor and I taught a series of conflict resolution workshops at LaSalle University. Our goals for the educators and the teen counselors were to teach them how to identify and safely intervene with students who were in potentially unsafe situations. However, our goals for the preteens were slightly different. We taught them how to identify when their safe situations became unsafe and what they should do to keep themselves protected to avoid being victimized.

This workshop's information could have helped the students in the Columbine High School, or Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, or Trayvon Martin, Nolan Wells, Cyrus Carmack-Belton or some of the other hundreds of other children who were victims of violence when their safe situations became unsafe.

Our premise is that conflict starts in the mind. Many young people misinterpret conflict because they misread the signs. When an action occurs, the person must decide if the action was positive or negative, safe or unsafe, intentional or an accident. It's in these situations that we want our young people to be surrounded by peers who have the mind of Christ. Unfortunately, many neutral actions or situations are misinterpreted mentally as negative, which escalates into conflict. It also works in reverse, that often, negative dangerous actions or situations are minimized or ignored and result in conflict and innocent people being hurt.

Years ago, we were raised by parents and grandparents who had faith, but who also believed that we as children were sheep being sent outside to interact with wolves. Consequently, we could only interact with identified family members and neighbors who had been designated as safe. They had safety rules for us: "don't leave from in front of the door", and "come in the house when the streetlights come on" and "if you leave as a group, you better come back as a group". In fact, our elders knew the heart was the real indicator of a person's true thoughts and intentions. They were wise and would caution that the bible says man looks at the outside, but God looks at the heart because some hearts have evil thoughts that turn into evil actions.

This call to action goes out to everyone who interacts with young people. Teach them how to identify and avoid conflict, and that safety is more important than their comfort and the familiarity of friends. Teaching young people how to protect themselves when their safe situations become unsafe is why we work hard to offer our conflict resolution curriculum to schools, churches, and community centers.

Your Destiny is Here, Inc. provides resource information as a public service for persons in need.

While we try to keep the information timely and accurate, we make no guarantees. Services provided by listed organizations and businesses are the sole responsibility of the organization or business.

WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



Galatians 6:10

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" emphasizes acting kindly toward everyone, prioritizing fellow believers.

Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Psalms 86:15

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.



with **Ashanti Raysor** ::

::: Refuse to Accept Injustice as Ordinary

What is the American Dream to you? Has it been forgotten, a lie, or a facade used to make those who have searched far and wide believe that America is a place of overflowing opportunities, wealth, and resources? As America celebrates its 250th birthday, many Black Americans reflect on centuries of slavery, decades of Jim Crow, and the thousands of men, women, and children lost at the hands of what many would deem as fear, hatred, and injustice. My question is, 'Is America Great Yet?'

American culture has been built on the backs of those subjected to deplorable, indescribable actions, all in the name of the American Dream. Perhaps the American Dream is just that—a dream, carefully constructed by those who shaped history to serve their own interests. History is often told by the victors, but never by the victims. Victims who have been beaten, scarred, forced to take their last breaths under the boots of those who have signed up to protect and serve.

Who gets to define history?

Who benefits from the American Dream?

Who gets to decide whose humanity matters?

Protect and serve who? Protect the wealthy, the skillfully unskillful, the people who have placed us in opposing categories for years. To believe that you are better than the next is to have an inflated ego. To see that you are but the same sides of one coin placed on the same Earth, breathing the same air, fighting to understand oneself is to be human.

In the wake of yet another miscarriage of justice, may we remember Nolan Wells, a young man gone too soon. While we cannot rewrite history, we can shape the future through how we respond today. One of the many things we can do as those who care is to connect, rebuild, and speak out. Our voices are the most powerful tools we have in a world that turns a blind eye. Instead of being a bystander, you can be the change. Rebellion is often seen as a negative; however, those who behave rarely make history. Kindness is one of the virtues God extended, and as we are of his body and of his blood, we should make an effort to be of his serenity.

Kindness is not extinct, nor does it cost us anything. Silence and complacency, however, come at an immeasurable cost. Come with an open mind—ready to learn, to listen, and to challenge what you've always believed. Real change begins when we refuse to accept injustice as ordinary.

TRIVIA QUESTION...

How did the paralyzed man's friends show him true friendship and loyalty?

(Answer on last page)



PLACES FOR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Looking to learn more about God and gain insight into His Word? Explore the list of resources below! If you have a recommendation for a place that provides spiritual enrichment, please let us know so we can add it to the list. Thank you!

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- ▶ **'Girl Talk'** | Every Sunday, 2pm – 3 pm on: Facebook: WTGB or online: click name above.
 - ▶ **[Abiding Love Deliverance Center | 1520 West Blvd. Suite 1, Charlotte, NC](#)** 28208
Sabbath Worship Experience Saturday 11am - Live Streaming via Zoom
Password: JESUSJOY / Apostles Tomy and Stephanie D. Jordan
 - ▶ **Change Church** | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060
Sunday morning worship - 9:30am & 11:30am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
 - ▶ **Dare to Imagine Church** | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., PA 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
 - ▶ **Ebenezer Baptist Church** | 2259 N. 10th Street, Phila., PA 19133
Sunday morning worship - 10:45am | Pastor Malcom Medley
 - ▶ **Faith Chapel Church** 1 108 E Price St, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am | Pastor John H. Graves
 - ▶ Mediator Lutheran Church | 2845 N. 28th Street, Phila., PA 19132
Sunday morning worship - 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
 - ▶ **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia** - 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., PA 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:30am - Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
 - ▶ **Polite Temple Baptist Church** - 38 E. Price Street, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning Worship - 10:00am - Pastor Bernadine Waterman
 - ▶ **Providence Baptist Church** - 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am - Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
 - ▶ **Temple of Divine Love Church** - 1518 W. Girard Avenue, Phila., PA 19130
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Reverend Phillip L. Hudson, Jr.
 - ▶ **[Tindley Temple United Methodist Church](#)** - 750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., PA 19146 | (215) 735-0442
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Pastor John Brice



RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

At the time of publication listed resources were available. Please contact to verify accessibility.

Feel free to share with friends, family, neighbors, social media and ministry groups, etc., or post on bulletin boards.

If you know of a resource not listed here, feel free to let us know and we will add them to future issues of the newsletter. Thank you.

FREE FOOD & PRODUCE

- ▶ Tue 8am - 1pm & Thu 1pm - 4pm - JeffCARES Community Pantry, 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141
- ▶ LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA Helpline: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield>
- ▶ Philly Free Food and Meals Finder: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.phila.gov/food/#/>
- ▶ PA Food Pantries: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html>
- ▶ Philly Pantries on Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Share Food Program, **Find Food**: Call 215-223-2220 or [CLICK HERE](#) or insert the following URL in your browser: <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/find-food/>
- ▶ The B.U.I.L.T. Community weekly community pantry distribution program. Every Wednesday, 1pm, 6702 Lebanon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151. Distribution times and available resources may vary based on inventory. Free food, household items, personal care products, clothing, and other donated resources for individuals and families in need. Bring your own bags. [CLICK HERE](#).

OTHER

- ▶ Clark Park Farmers Market: Saturdays 10 am- 2 pm - 4300-4398 Baltimore Ave., Phila. 19104, 215.686.1776 [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ [East Falls Farmers' Market](#): Saturdays - 11 am - 1pm - 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Philly Farmers Markets Finder: <https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/> - [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ [The Food Trust](#): Includes info for several neighborhoods in Philadelphia. [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- ▶ **Community Legal Services**
Center City Office - 1424 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 | 215-981-3700
North Philadelphia Office - 1410 W. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140 | 215-227-2400
Services: Public Benefits, Employment, Housing, Debt & Consumer Rights, Utilities, Family, Criminal Records, and help for Seniors.
- ▶ **The Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)** supports programs and services that help residents with home repairs. Free repairs to correct electrical, plumbing, heating, structural, and roofing emergencies in eligible owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia.
Philadelphia Land Bank, 1234 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 686-9749

Key Organizations Offering Household Assistance

Philadelphia residents can access a variety of free or low-cost household services through local non-profits, city programs, and community resources.

- ▶ **Family Promise of Philadelphia**
Supports families experiencing housing instability with temporary housing and case management.
7047 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19119, (215) 247-4663, Mon–Fri 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Broad Street Love**
Provides community support, including access to food, basic household assistance, and connection to other social programs. 315 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 735-4847, Mon – Fri, 11:30AM – 3:00PM
- ▶ **NKCDC (New Kensington Community Development Corporation)**
Offers home repair programs, weatherization aid, and community development resources for lower-income residents. 2771 Ruth St., Ste 1, Philadelphia, PA 19134, (215) 427-0350, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Community Legal Services**
Provides free legal assistance to low-income residents for housing issues, mortgage assistance, subsidized housing, and home repairs. 1410 W Erie Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19140, (215) 227-2400, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Eviction Prevention Project 267.443.2500.** If you are at risk of being evicted from your rented apartment or house, the agencies listed below may be able to help. The Philadelphia Eviction Prevention Project offers resources for tenants. Learn more about the legal help they offer, or visit their website for information on direct negotiation. If you think you are the victim of unfair rental practices or unsafe housing conditions, contact the Fair Housing Commission. This list is maintained by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS).

Energy and Utility Assistance (via city programs)

- ▶ Energy Coordinating Agency: Free home repairs including heater repairs and weatherization.
106 W Clearfield St, Philadelphia, PA 19133, (215) 609-1000, Mon – Fri, 8AM – 5PM
- ▶ Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF): Financial aid for residents facing utility shutoffs.
743 N 24th St 2nd fl., Philadelphia, PA 19130, (215) 972-5170, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) is giving away free fans (while they last) through local senior centers to senior citizens 60 and older. Contact Philadelphia Corporation on Aging (pcacares.org) or PCA Heatline 215.765.9040.
- ▶ PECO Customer Relief Fund offers programs and services to help those in need, including energy assistance, help for customers with special needs, and ways for neighbors to help neighbors. [CLICK HERE for more info.](#)
- ▶ Philadelphia Water Department Financial Assistance Programs
If you're having problems paying your water bill or maintaining your service, Philadelphia Water Department has programs that may help you. For a view of the options available visit: <https://water.phila.gov/financial-assistance/>
- ▶ PGW – Beginning November 1, 2025 PGW will not disconnect service for residential customers who are participating in PGW's Customer Responsibility Program (CRP) or who have directed their LIHEAP grant to PGW this year in an early application with the Department of Human Services (DHS). To enroll in CRP call 215-235-1000 or [CLICK HERE to Apply Online](#)
- ▶ Smoke Alarms - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/>
Philadelphia residents can call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation.
You can also [submit a request to Philly 311 online.](#)

HEALTH & HEALING RESOURCES

- ▶ Prevention Hotline | dial 211
If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Specialists will listen to your needs and provide information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our [search page](#) to explore programs available in your community by category. Connect with a resource specialist via [chat](#) during business

hours. [CLICK HERE](#). NOTE: While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911

▶ **Suicide & Crisis Lifeline | dial 988**

If you are experiencing mental health distress or if you are considering self-harm, the 988 Lifeline can help. Life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.

[CLICK HERE for more info.](#)

- ▶ City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health ([city of Philadelphia health centers](#)) operates health clinics that offer free services regardless of your ability to pay. [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#).
- ▶ [North Philadelphia Resource Hub](#) at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA 19120, <https://www.misaludwellness.org>, offering the following services and much more:
 - Free At-Home Covid-19 & HIV Test Kits Mon - Thu 9am - 4pm Fri - 8:30 - 3:30
 - Free Walk-in Health Screenings - No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street)
Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm
- ▶ For [COVID-19 vaccine locations near you](#) [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ For [COVID-19 testing site](#) [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ For Mental Health help or support [CLICK HERE](#).

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ [Build Freedom.US](#) :: Build Your Future. Closing America's Skills gap. One scholarship at a time. The mikeroweWORKS Foundation, is on a mission to close America's growing skills gap by putting people on a path to essential, well-paying work. Through the largest trade scholarship program in the country, the Foundation has helped over 2,600 people train as electricians, welders, plumbers, HVAC technicians, and dozens of other in-demand trades – rewarding work ethic over GPA and proving you don't need a four-year degree to build a fulfilling, six-figure career. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)
- ▶ [Philadelphia School District Relaunches Parent and Family University](#)
Philadelphia school leaders are reinvesting in parent education to improve student outcomes and build trust between families and the district. They've announced the relaunch of the district's [Parent and Family University](#) program. Parents will be able to access new resources, like online classes, physical and mental health information, and tools to support their children's learning. In-person sessions will feature free babysitting and childcare services, food, and other resources. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)
- ▶ [Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center](#)
The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support student's success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. For more information call [215-400-4000](tel:215-400-4000) or go to: <https://www.philasd.org/backontrack/>
- ▶ [Project Home/Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs](#)
Check the website for FREE community events, adult learning classes, workshops, job fairs, wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, art shows and fundraisers: <https://www.projecthome.org/events>
- ▶ [Free Classes](#) - The Free Library of Philadelphia offers a wide variety of free classes at branches around the city. Additionally, the City of Philadelphia works with community partners to give adult learners access to education, digital skills training, and a path to job readiness. CLICK the links below for info...
 - [Adult education at the Free Library](#)
 - [Other programs and services at the Free Library](#)

Children's Corner

1st Things First – The Word for this month is **CHALLENGE**. In life, challenges are inevitable. They test and refine our faith, and they produce perseverance, character, and hope. Challenges assure us of God's constant presence, sufficient grace, and ultimate victory. We can meet our challenges through prayer and by doing our best each and every day. How many common words can you make out of the word "**CHALLENGE**"? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours. (It's not cheating if you use the dictionary, in fact we encourage you to.)

2nd Thing - Last Month's word was **SUMMER**. Our Google search says there are approximately 54 or so words that can be made of **SUMMER**. Here's our top list of 16 of the most common words. How many words did you come up with?

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| 1. emu | 5. rue | 9. sue | 13. umm |
| 2. me | 6. rum | 10. suer | 14. us |
| 3. mum | 7. ruse | 11. sum | 15. use |
| 4. muse | 8. serum | 12. sure | 16. user |

Now on to More Fun! (Click underlined links for details.)

- ▶ August 2026 in Philly [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Fairmount Park Conservatory (myphillypark.org) is sponsoring free family movies at local parks throughout the City. Check for movies in your local area.
- ▶ Friends of FDR Park and Jazz & Other Soulful Sounds hosts free "Not Just Jazz" summer music concert series on Tuesday evenings, (and a couple Saturdays), at 1900 Patterson Ave. [CLICK HERE for details.](#)
- ▶ Aug 16, 12pm - 8pm – FREE - Philadelphia Caribbean Festival - PECO Multicultural Series – Cherry Street Pier and Race Street Pier [CLICK HERE](#)

Other Things To Do

- ▶ Philadelphia Family events. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Explore Historic Germantown. [CLICK HERE for details.](#)
- ▶ Philadelphia for Families: A Year-Round Guide to Kid-Friendly Activities. [CLICK HERE.](#)
- ▶ 40+ Free Things To Do In Philly. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ 25+ Free Things To Do In Philly. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ The 41 Essential Things to Do in Philadelphia (By a Local). [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Kids Out & About.com (includes the following)...[CLICK HERE](#)
 - Big List of Kid Friendly Museums in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Indoor Play Centers in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Escape Rooms in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Top 20 Places to Take Kids in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Mommy Poppins – All Events for All Ages: [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: [CLICK HERE](#)

DISCOVERY...



Matthew 7:12

Do to others what you would have them do to you.

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WORD LIST

American Dream
Build
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Decades
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Family
God
Grow

History
Humanity
Injustice
Jesus
Morals
Protect
Resolution
Shape
Serenity
Serve
Value
Voice

TRIVIA QUESTION...

How did the paralyzed man's friends show him true friendship and loyalty?

THE ANSWER...

Luke 5:18-20 - The paralyzed man's friends lowered him through the roof to Jesus, who forgives his sins and heals him.

The story unfolds as Jesus was teaching in a house crowded with Pharisees and teachers of the law. A paralyzed man was brought by his friends, but they could not reach Jesus because of the crowd. Demonstrating ingenuity and faith, they went up to the roof, removed some tiles, and lowered the man on his mat directly in front of Jesus. Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven".

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