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# THE EDITOR'S DESK



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**P**roverbs 18:16 A man's gift maketh room for him, And bringeth him before great men. King James Version (KJV).

Angela Marie Williams continues to be a source of inspiration to many as she employs the divine gifts and talents with which God has blessed her. Such is the power of the divine deposit of these giftings in Angela that it illuminates, drives and defines not just her but many others who have been drawn to her light.

The prestigious annual staging of the Call Productions' "Poetryfest" and publication of its Magazine are manifestations of determination and consistency on the part of Angela, by the grace of God, in putting those gifts and talents to work. Indeed, not one to bury her talents (Matthew 25 v 14 - 30), Angela has honed, nurtured and developed these talents as a result of which these signature events were birthed.

Poetryfest 2023 was an intimate affair. As you browse through this edition of the Call Productions Magazine, you will notice however that though intimate, it was a dynamic and scintillating event providing clean fun while giving glory and honour to our God. It was certainly an immensely satisfying experience.

Hosted by the energetic Raquel Russell and yours truly acting as co-host, the event commenced with prayer and praise and worship which set the tone for a God centered and immensely entertaining function. The participants and their performances were diverse and distinctly creative; we are talking about fun, fun, fun! At the end we joined with Pastor Marsha in agreement as she brought

the event to a crescendo with her piece, "God can gwaan eh." You will not want to miss Poetryfest 2024!!!

The Call Productions' Magazine main purpose is to seek, find and feature stories of individuals who have overcome the odds, share quotes, prayers and Jesus Christ with all. So, in this edition of the Call Productions Magazine, you will find not just the pictorial of Poetryfest 2023 but also the brilliant minds of our young upcoming entrepreneurs creating waves from hat creation to wealth creation. We also feature some thought-provoking articles from our very own Contributors original works such as one on the issue of tattoos. In addition, the subject of mental health has become quite topical over the years with much less of the negative stigma that has been attached to it in the past and there is an article included here on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

We are quite certain that you will find this issue of the Call Productions Magazine quite beneficial. Thank you to all the contributors and creatives who make this possible.

See you at Poetryfest 2024. God bless you!



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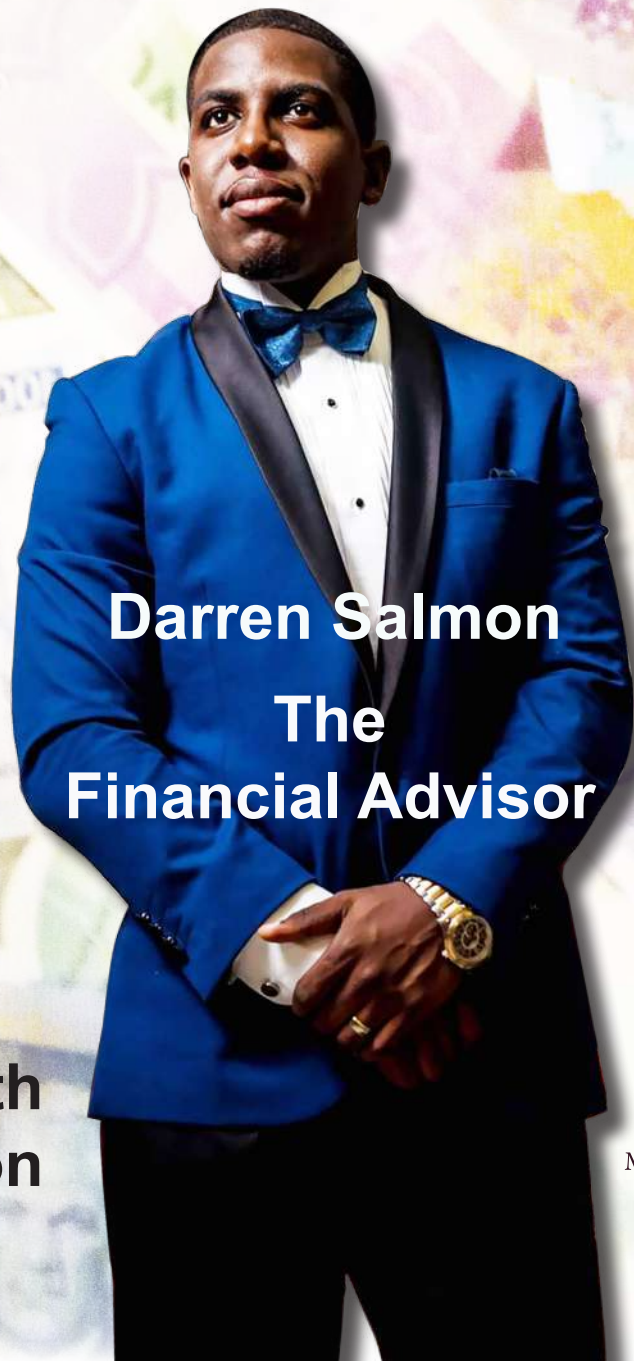
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# How Does The Body of Christ Handle PTSD?

Contributor, Tanya Powell Edwards Guidance Counsellor, Radio Personality, Business Owner, Founder of Taynas Body Care, & Author of an Anthology of Poems entitled 'A Jamaican Girl Writes' and "The Power To Get Wealth".

What is PTSD?

**B**y way of definition, PTSD properly known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is considered to be a mental health problem that is developed after a person has either witnessed or experienced a traumatic event. Some traumatic events include but are not limited to traffic accidents, being a victim of a crime including rape or murder, experiencing a difficult birth or being in a conflict that was left unresolved. Many soldiers leave combat with this disorder.

PTSD, especially when untreated and unresolved often leave the person unsure of how to respond in similar situations and can trigger panic attacks and varying fight or flight responses. When a person who is not affected with this mental health challenge sees a person in PTSD mode, they will know that the person's behaviour is unusual because their response to the event is unusually different from other persons in a similar situation.

Let's delve a little deeper into how PTSD may affect a person by looking at some of the symptoms that include intrusive memories. Intrusive memories can pop into the mind at any time and impact the person's behaviour in distressing ways. These can impact their social relationships as well as work relationships and daily tasks. They may also re-

port either an inability to dream or very upsetting dreams, nightmares or flash back to the traumatic event. Individuals with PTSD also often try to avoid events, places or persons that remind them of the unresolved trauma. They may harbour many negative thoughts or have memory problems and detach themselves from persons who they formerly enjoyed interacting with. They may also become avoidant persons or persons who become involved in destructive behaviours.

Does Post Traumatic Stress affect the body of Christ?

This is a very important question which has a lot of considerations. However, it's my postulation that PTSD can affect the body of Christ. We need only to reflect on what's happening in the Middle East where there are many conflicts between Israel, Hamas and other nations. In the news we read about bombings and retaliations. The ordinary citizens in these countries live on the edge as they face hunger, their neighbourhoods decimated or families displaced and loved one killed in combat or conflict.

In the western world, we see many newscasts of murders, loss of jobs, economic instability and other things that cause people to begin to see and experience life in very uncertain ways. Closer home in

Jamaica, many citizens are living in poverty and in crime riddled communities where their lives are controlled by 'dons'. In some of these instances, children are recruited into gangs or sexual activities and parents are too afraid to do anything meaningful about it. We also live in a society with high incidences of sexual violence against children. While we have agencies to help persons manage these crises in their lives, the resources are limited and many families do not appreciate the importance of therapy but instead choose to encourage victims to forget about the traumatic event rather than getting needed therapy and learning coping skills.

So though the Church is a place of salvation and healing for the lost, many persons become members of churches searching for healing and often have the misconception that by just attending a fellowship, they will be healed from their trauma and begin to progress.

After some months or years of interacting with persons in the church from different social backgrounds and schools of belief, some may come to realise that their faith in God is insufficient to release from the mental anguish associated with PTSD. There are persons in church and depending on the beliefs in their congregation that may attend deliverance sessions or speak with the pastoral team about their mental struggles and the genesis of it. This may work for some, while for others, it may add to their trauma as they interact with pastoral teams that are neither trained nor qualified to guide persons through their trauma.

How does the body of Christ handle PTSD?

There are many denominations in Jamaica and across the world that make up what we call 'the body of Christ'. Some of the more established churches may have either persons trained in counselling and psychology or Counselling units that offer 'healing' support to persons with PTSD. However, it must be acknowledged that there are many churches where the pastoral team has no formal training and is not equipped to help their church members through their trauma to healing and living productive lives.

How does one recover from PTSD?

To recover from PTSD, the victim must recognise and acknowledge the pain of the past associated with the trauma, recognise how the trauma has negatively impacted their self-esteem, coping mechanism, mental attitude and their view of life. They may also need to recognise how the trauma prevents them from taking on new challenges and from success in certain or all areas of their lives.

In summary, one recovers from PTSD by recognising that they have a problem and resolving to themselves to continue trying to find the right professional to help them confront and deal with the painful memories, come to terms with the trauma and begin the work to chart a new way forward. We see in scripture and are reminded of the woman with the issue of blood. Her trauma was living with a bleeding con-

dition for twelve years but then she heard about Jesus and decided that 'he' was the 'professional' that she needed to make her whole again. She pressed and pressed until she touched Jesus and was made whole. To recover from PTSD, the victim must be determined to move from victim to survivor status. They must recognise that their enemy the devil has done everything he can to destroy his or her future but must have a resolve to keep pushing forward, searching for the right professional or the right woman or man of God to share their story with as they 'press' towards healing. May the Holy Spirit guide us to healing.

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# Tattoos & The Church

Contributor, Violet Vassell

## “Is Getting A Tattoo a ‘No Go’ Zone for Christian?”

From time immemorial, mankind has always been consumed with the desire/need to add or improve on their physical persona. They, at will, make changes to their physical appearance to look more attractive, to feel more satisfied or to appeal to the opposite sex or to carry out some cultural/tribal ritual. There always seems to be a need to fill an ‘improvement or enhancement’ void where appearance is concerned. In today’s world, there is such a deep-seated preoccupation with looks, that some people will spend thousands of dollars to enhance their physical appearance to get their desired beauty look or physique.

To add to the fascination of physical appearance, a very ancient practice, has in recent times, become widely and wildly popular worldwide. What is this practice? The wearing of tattoos. The Oxford English Dictionary gives the etymology of tattoo as “In 18th c. tattaow, tattow. In the West, it was Captain James Cook and his scientist Joseph Banks who introduced the verb “tattoo” which is derived from the Tahitian word “tatau” which means to mark or strike the skin”.

Tattoo imprints can range from just a small subtle image (which may be covered for the most part) to imprints that are literally from the crown of the head to the soles of the feet with varying patterns, designs and styles. Tattoos can also be used as a form of rebellion or non-conformity, challenging socie-

tal norms and expectations and can symbolize a person’s cultural or spiritual identity. Tattoos can be used to express a person’s connection to a particular tradition or belief system. This is what makes wearing a tattoo something serious, more than a fad. What are you connecting with in the physical and the spiritual realms?

These inscriptions, whether persons understand or realize it, transcends the physical realm of just sporting a tattoo for fashion or just following a trend to the deeper and more dangerous spiritual realm where there is a linkage to the diabolic realm. Unfortunately, most persons just perceive having a tattoo as nothing serious or evil – just a style and if you ask them why they have done it, most answers will be ‘Oh I like how it look’ or some will tell you it is a form of art and expression of themselves that they are portraying.

Although the practice of wearing tattoos became popular in the Western world in the 18th century, the practice existed thousands of years before in many forms by many different names all over the world. In the Holy Bible, after God delivered the children of Israel from Egypt and they journeyed through the wilderness, God gave specific instructions to Israel concerning the use of tattoos. In Leviticus 19:28 (KJV) ‘Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.’ For those who prefer modern English, “You

shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am the Lord.” (NKJV)

Israel as a nation and people was chosen by God to be His holy nation. They were slaves in Egypt for 430 hundred years and were surrounded by heathen nations who did pagan worship. These pagan nations did abominable and detestable practices in God’s sight. God told Israel not to follow the evil practices of these nations nor even mingle with them in marriage.

The heathen practiced cutting their flesh and printing marks upon their bodies (both types of disfigurement to the flesh) and did this to somehow try to appease their false gods (demonic entities). Do you remember how the prophets of Baal cut themselves with knives and lancets on Mount Carmel when the Prophet Elijah challenged their false god? (1 Kings 18:17-40). It is wrong to cut your flesh, and it is wrong to print marks upon your flesh. They are both disfiguring to the body, and mar the appearance of it. God used the example of what the heathen did for their dead to condemn two practices which He forbids — cutting the flesh and printing marks on it.

Christians never got the idea to get tattooed from the Bible — they got that idea from the world. I John 2:15 says, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

In the same way that the children of Israel had to be different from the heathen nations around them, so must the Christian be in lifestyle, attitude and conduct. Our identity is in our Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Read what 1Peter 2:9 (NKJV) says, “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

The Holy Bible is filled with scriptures for our guidance and instruction on this topic. Other scriptures that come to mind are:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV) Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body.”

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV) “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Colossians 3:1-2 (KJV) “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (v.2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

There are two trains of thoughts on the matter of tattoos that I would also like to address.

1) Some persons are of the view that when our Lord Jesus Christ returns, he has a tattoo as stated in Revelation 19:16 (NKJV) “And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Jesus wearing a tattoo on His return?? Nothing could be further

from the truth!! When I heard that, I was amused and amazed with how people can justify something that is wrong when they want to do it! Our Lord Jesus Christ was obedient to God, His Father while here on earth and Jesus our Lord certainly kept His Father’s commandments. There is no way that the Lord Jesus Christ would do something that God told Moses in the laws and commandments that the children of Israel should NOT do and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ turns around and does the same. No way! Our Lord Jesus Christ knew the scriptures and was obedient even to death, the death of the cross. Jesus Christ did not sport a tattoo while He was here on earth nor will be wearing a tattoo when He returns. Certainly, his title KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS will be written on Him but this is not a tattoo.

2) The only scripture reference about tattoos is in the Old Testament not the New Testament. Therefore, for New Testament believers, there is no instruction to refrain from wearing a tattoo. From Genesis to Revelation, both the Old and New Testaments is the Word of God which cannot expire, is eternal, transcends time and is a complete and continuous record of the will of God for mankind throughout every age. The scriptures cannot be broken. As it was relevant and instructional for persons in the Old Testament so it is relevant and instructional for persons in the New Testament. The practice of tattooing is not pleasing to God, but is forbidden by Him.

As Christians and believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, our belief system and instructions must be taken from the Word of God – the Holy Bible. The scriptures tell us that ‘we ought to obey God rather than men.’ (Acts 5:29) Based on the Word of God in the scriptures, tattoos are not God’s instructions to Christians. They are worldly and therefore should not be done by Christians.

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# Hats off to ...



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**Angela Williams of The Call Production caught up with Lamoya Cole a young and upcoming Christian entrepreneur of Lamoya's Designs JM who is making waves of creativity in the hat-making or milliner industry right here in Jamaica and beyond.**

**AW:** Lamoya, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to speak with me. I am fascinated with the bold step you have embarked on in starting a business being so young. A business does not pop up, like a Jack in the Box – it takes time, sweat, ups and downs and a never-ending rush of adrenalin. Tell me, how did it all start?

**LC:** So, I always wanted to do something in fashion. Actually, I did Clothing and Textile in High School and received my CXC in Clothing and Textile. After that, I attended Heart Trust Garmex Academy for one year doing Fashion Designing. It was not an easy journey because it was costly, but I pursued my dreams and attained a Level 2 Certificate in Fashion Designing. I did further studies as well on the internet with Allison Learning and I obtained a Diploma and Certificate in Fashion Designing from Allison Learning.

Currently I am pursuing my Bachelor of Art in Apparel Design and Production Management at the University of Technology (Utech). This desire to make hats did not come about like that. I started off sewing clothes and stuff but it did not work out. I tried so many times and it all failed. So, what I did was to wait a bit and seek the Lord. In my waiting, one day I bought four hats for myself and customized them to my liking. I started wearing these hats and I realized that persons were very attracted to the style of the hats! Each time I wear them persons wanted to know where I bought them as they wanted to purchase the hats too. They did not know I was the person who re-designed them to suit me. When I saw this demand and great interest in getting the hats, I realized it was the leading of God through His Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus for me to go in this direction in making customized bedazzling hats.

**AW:** Oh, you did not originally make the hats, but customized them with your designs.



**LC:** Yes, that's what I did. I bought them in bulk and I literally made them over. They were so beautiful! Not only were the hats eye catching and appealing, but they were meeting needs and providing solutions. So you know what? I said let me try and see what will happen. This is where I am at right now. I have a business that is online and also physical. I have a website to showcase the hats and upload new designs.

**AW:** Tell us the name of the website and give us a contact number, if persons want to reach you.

**LC:** The name of the website is lamoyasdesignsjm.godaddysite.com My contact number is (876) 595-0218 on Whatsapp

**AW:** Lamoya, tell a little more about Lamoya behind the hats.

**LC:** So Lamoya is a very jovial person, she is sold out to Christ and she believes that in everything you do, because the Word of God in Colossians says, the things that you do, make sure you are doing it unto the Lord. If God is not getting the glory out of it, it does not make any sense. So that is how I view life. That is the perspective I have on life. At first, this business I was doing was not anything to glorify the Lord. I realized the remedy for this was to ensure that it was glorifying the Lord. The wearing of head covering is from the scripture in the book of Corinthians which says that a woman's head should be covered when she is praying or prophesying. That's the inspiration of the hats as a head covering.

It came from the scriptures itself and not just me getting up to make bedazzling hats. You know everyone does not like head covering, but when they see my head covering, they want to purchase it.

**AW:** I recall that you were a student at Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) before you started working at CMU.

**LC:** Yes, I did. I spent two years doing an Associate Degree in the field of Shipping and Logistics. They call it Intermodal Transport Operations. Someone might ask the question, 'How does logistics go hand in hand with fashion? Yes, logistics go hand in hand with fashion because you have to know the logistics of how to work, how to deliver the products to persons, how to market your goods, know the demand for it and all those things. When I did this Associate Degree, I did not know why I was doing it. I got a scholarship. God provided it for me and I proceeded to do it. It all worked out because the knowledge I gained can be used into the business at the moment.

**AW:** So Lamoya what is it that you want persons to remember you for?

**LC:** I do not want persons to really remember me, but when they see my product and what my brand stands for which is modesty and the Word of God and to glorify God, I want them to remember that, that is a sign to them, to ladies mostly, that modesty is a good thing and not a bad thing. You know we are living in a time where young ladies are not modest.

**AW:** I understand what you are saying.

**LC:** They wear provocative garment and

**AW:** ..... advertising 'legs, breast and thighs'

**LC:** Yes, they advertise everything. That is not what my brand stands for.

**AW:** I see you as someone who is walking in purpose and you are doing it by faith. What advice would you give young person's regarding pursuing their dreams or walking in their purpose in life?

**LC:** I would encourage them to ensure that they know who they are in Christ and that they live a very holy life because without

living a holy life, you are living a lie; so that is my encouragement to young females as myself and young girls like me.

**AW:** And someone who wants to go into business?

**LC:** Yes and someone who wants to go into business as well, I would give them the same advice; if you take God out of everything, there is no foundation and that is sinking sand.

**AW:** Integrity counts. Well, Lamoya, thank you for stopping by and talking with us here at the Call Production Magazine. We say hats-off and congratulations to you on your bold and innovative business ministry to advance the Kingdom of God. We pray that the Lord who gave you the ability to do this business will increase you more and more.

Acknowledgement goes to Violet Vassell Contributor, Editor/ Proof Reader who wrote this transcript of Interview.



# Lamoya's Designs JM

Hats that are eye catching and appealing!





# Boundaries

Contributor, Angela Marie Williams

**Today's Scripture: Job 38:8-11 (NLT)**

***"Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, 9 and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness?  
10 For I locked it behind barred gates, limiting its shores. 11 I said, 'This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!'***

**G**od sets boundaries for His creations. However, this does not mean that God is limiting us from enjoying good things. In the above Scripture we read that God set boundaries around the sea, that the waters could not come any further than where He had commanded them. AWESOME!!! We read also in Scriptures that our boundary lines are secured by God in pleasant places (Ps. 16:6) - that is when we have come into a relationship with Him. We inherit all the wonderful blessings that He has for us. Remember, they were ours in the first place; yes, they were rightfully ours before Adam and Eve were tricked into handing them over to the crafty one. But God made a way. He sent us His only Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, to redeem us to Him, so that we can enjoy His presence and share in His glory with Him.

It is most important to put personal boundaries in place. This allows us to have healthy relationships. Personal boundaries establish basic guidelines of how we want others to treat us and how we want others to behave around us.

If we as earthly beings can set boundaries for our children, how much more our Heavenly Father? God wants us to have healthy boundaries, but He does not want us to limit Him from working in our lives. Revisit

your life; see where you have put up a RESTRICTION sign to God that is pushing Him out. Go ahead and take off those limits that you have put on Him and allow Him to work in your life.

Let Us Pray:

"Abba Father, we welcome Your presence in our lives. Lord, we welcome Your Holy Spirit who comes to search our hearts. Father, as we come to You, we come in spirit and truth. We come knowing You are God, all by Yourself. Lord we come, in humility of soul, spirit and body and we come Abba, in wonderment of You. Lord, the heaven declares Your glory, and we Your people see Your goodness all over the earth. Lord, we declare that there is no one like You Lord. None can ever compare to Your greatness or Your love towards us. Thank You for placing Your boundary lines around us to keep us from all harm and danger. Thank You that our boundary lines are fallen in pleasant places. Thank You for protecting our island and our sea, to which You have already given Your command saying, "This far you will come and no further; here is where your proud waves halt." Lord, we thank You.

In Jesus' name, we take charge of the atmosphere and we BIND the strongman that comes against us to do us

evil. We BIND (Matthew 18:18-20) every vain imagination and everything that sets itself up against God working in our lives! We come, knowing that we have the armies of the Living God on our side. We come knowing that the King of kings and the Lord of lords has conferred upon us His blessings and protection in battle.

We come in the one and only NAME, the name that has power to deliver and we come knowing that in Jesus, who has all the full deity, we are more than conquerors! We come against every mind-binding demon and agent of the kingdom of darkness that would wage war against us and against our families and we BIND you in JESUS NAME! WE SPEAK THAT, "THIS FAR YOU WILL COME AND NO FURTHER; HERE IS WHERE YOUR PROUD WAVES HALT!" We speak to every evil wave of infirmity - unexplained sickness and diseases - and we say, "THIS FAR YOU WILL COME AND NO FURTHER; HERE IS WHERE YOUR PROUD WAVES HALT!"

Abba Father, we thank You for lifting up a standard against every evil flood of the enemy. God, thank You for Your manifested power working on our behalf. Thank You for protecting and defending us from all evil. Thank You that we are the apple of Your eyes, and that no weapon formed against us will prosper (Isaiah 54:17). This is our inheritance and it comes only from You. Abba Father, thank You for allowing us to stand in the liberty wherein You have called and sent us. Thank You for hearing and answering our prayers, in Jesus' name I pray, AMEN!



## Words

By: Brianna Gardner  
November 16, 2023

Let me be like a sunflower  
Or a buttercup, a dandelion  
shower me with empowering words  
So I grow and take root  
Budding shoots ready to bloom  
With hope and faith to conquer fear  
Don't tear me down with words  
that are useless by calling me worthless  
Let me dream and cherish my childhood.

I've often heard  
That word is wind  
But words are spirit and they are life  
And death and life are in the power  
of the tongue and those who love it will eat its  
fruits.

Don't curse me and call me dunce  
Don't tell me how me naah come  
out to nothin'. Let me dream with the faith  
to believe, For indeed I believe I can do great  
things.  
Words can make you and they can break you  
Old time people always seh

"If yuh nuh have nothing good fi seh nuh seh  
nothing", they knew the power of the spoken  
word.

Let positive words be your daily bread  
Spread it like nutrient till your head  
Surrender and your soul become united in one  
accord.

Like David in psalm 19:14 which read  
"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable in thy sight..."  
He knew the weight and power the spoken words  
can create

God spoke light into darkness  
that gave birth to positive words over us  
And wi fi be falla fashin and do di same ting  
That will ignite our lives with words to heal  
and not to blight  
Fanning the flame with words of kindness  
and praise.

Words are not just words  
Words are Spirit and Life!

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## of *Poetry Fest 2023*



Welcome and Opening Remarks done by our Energizer Emcee Raquel Russell & Co-Host Roxaine Smith

**R**aquel Russell an ordained minister of the Gospel of God extraordinaire worshipper of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ since September 2022. She doesn't talk much about herself, but if truth be told this woman has an overwhelming love for God that sets her apart from being ordinary. She is a gifted 'Sought-After' Energizer Emcee, and a Radio Personality both locally and internationally. Her core ministry is to women who are abused, broken and need to be reminded of the hope in Jesus Christ.t.

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Co-Host Roxaine Smith

**R**oxaine Smith is a highly qualified Jamaican woman who is an Attorney-at-Law and a Partner with the law firm Williams Smith. Ms. Smith specializes in the areas of criminal and civil litigations, conveyance and family law.

Ms. Smith is one of the first to have been featured on the Cover of 2016 Edition Call Production Magazine and has an article on pages 16 & 17.

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## Asha-Rae Morgan

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**Above:** Asha-rae Morgan reading the Scripture taken from Isaiah 12:1-6 (KJV).

Asha-rae doing her best impression of a British accent.



**Charles  
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Opening Prayer done by Charles YeeSing



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Below: This years Worshippers at PoetryFest were Odett Shakespeare, Janel Alexander, Gail Beckford and Roxaine Smith.



The theme for PoetryFest 2023 was “Igniting the Flames of Poetry and Praise” and indeed the worshipping united their voices as they worshiped the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

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Daniel Francis sharing his talent with us as he accompanied the Praise and Worship Team on keyboard.

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Danel Edwards is ‘the young philosophical Entrepreneur behind the camera lens that produces breathtaking sceneries and glamour shots. The name of his business is called Edwards & Edwards Creative Studios.

His personal mantra is “Being creative is about giving people a reason to feel good, a reason to be happy.” Should you need a Photographer to cover any social event or professional photoshoot personalized or otherwise, Edwards & Edwards Creative will make it happen.



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PoetryFest Version of “Greetings Across the World”: Above MC Raquel Russell explaining the criteria to win the prize for the best version of “Greetings Across the World” using a British or a Trinidadian accent. Asha-Rae and Peta-Gaye Kelly participated in the challenge.

Peta-Gaye Kelly is a Beauty Therapist Owner of Awestruck Spa Club.



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### Guest Poet Veronica Francis



Epic!  
Guest Poet Veronica Francis dramatizing her title piece "God Reverse de Curse"

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Veronica Francis doing her piece, 'De curse reversed' which depicted all is not lost with persons suffering from mental issues. She is a License Minister of the Gospel of Christ and is a people's person who loves the Lord dearly. Veronica surrendered her heart to the Lord while attending high school. She has been participating in the Performing Arts and writing poems from her Primary school days. She is an active member and vibrant performer in her church. Minister Francis loves to perform at various church functions, concerts, funerals, weddings and civil functions. She is the Association Sunday School Superintendent for her Church, Faith Assembly Ministries International Incorporated.

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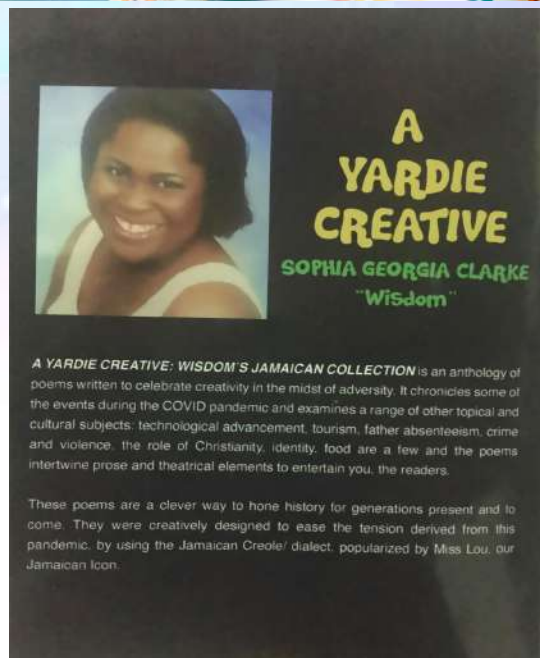
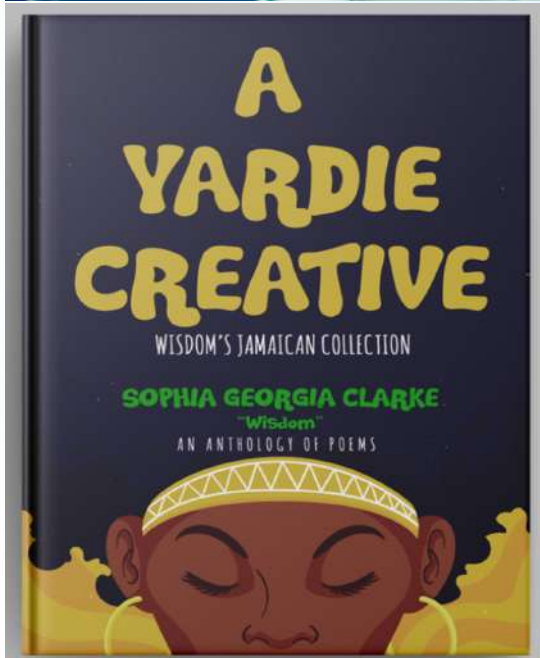


Sophia Georgia Clarke is no stranger to PoetryFest, this year she served us three delightful pieces entitled, “Sunday Fellowship,” “God’s Goodness A Run Hot”, the piece speaks to the goodness and generosity of God’s grace on everyone. She ended with “Thanksgiving,” where family and friend get together in thanksgiving through backyard celebrate settings, enjoying good food and each other company. She writes under the Penname “Wisdom”.

Sophia is a seasoned educator in Language, Literature and Communication Studies, at the Meadowbrook High School, Kingston, Jamaica. Her first book of poetry, ‘A YARDIE CREATIVE’, is in honour and memory of our literary heroine, the late Louise Bennett-Coverley

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**A YARDIE CREATIVE: WISDOM'S JAMAICAN COLLECTION** is an anthology of poems written to celebrate creativity in the midst of adversity. It chronicles some of the events during the COVID pandemic and examines a range of other topical and cultural subjects; technological advancement, tourism, father absenteeism, crime and violence, the role of Christianity, identity, food are a few and the poems intertwine prose and theatrical elements to entertain you, the readers.

These poems are a clever way to hone history for generations present and to come. They were creatively designed to ease the tension derived from this pandemic, by using the Jamaican Creole/ dialect, popularized by Miss Lou, our Jamaican Icon.

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# Ovacomma



Ovacomma is a sing J Gospel Artist from the cool, cool hills of Mavis Bank Mount Charles St. Andrew. He is also a Motivational Speaker who believes that everyone is born for a purpose. He is a Chef by profession but a Minister of God by purpose. Two of his Songs, are 'Pressing On', and "Show Love". 'Pressing On' denotes, 'never giving up', which speaks of who he is as an 'ovacomma' and 'Show Love' depicts the love that God said we should have with one another. Both Singles are power-packed with spiritual values. Ovacomma is a young man who believes that there is a way out of every situation and that you can overcome your challenges in life.

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Ovacoma on mic ministering his song entitled "Change" He encouraged us not to give up hope, we must wait till that change comes. His next song was entitled, "God Gives Life To Me" also has a message that when we hear God's voice it's best to obey than to disobey. He ended with a well known hymn of old, entitled, "Leaning."

Vibes Master Raquel kicking-up a vibes, as she bus a tune on the mic de jaing, "A lean wi a lean an we nah tap, PULL-UP!".



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Tanya a seasoned Poet and family member of Angela shared a brand new piece freshly written on location at PoetryFest entitled, “PoetryFest 2023,” which depicted the evenings event. Her second piece entitled “The Anointing” speaks to being anointed by God to arise in faith and rebuke the spirit of fear. She ended with “The Prayer of Faith” a word that is aply needed at this time.

# Darren Salmon

## Guest Poet

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**D**arren Salmon, Guest Poet of the evenings affairs, wowed the audience with his astounding piece “Breathe,” where he has everyone inhaling and exhaling. “Inhaling the aroma of Jehovah, exhaling fear and doubt caused by the silent shout only you can hear”. His second piece entitled “Perfectly Imperfect,” based on his interpretation of Matthew 5:48. His final piece entitled “The Monster In The Closet,” speaks to a child being traumatized and broken through sexual molestation by her father. Received healing through the love of a young man who loved Jesus Christ in her adult life.

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*Darren  
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by: Darren Salmon, Contributor

# Wealth Investment *for* 5 Tips Wealth Creation

“Below I’ll briefly share with you 5 skills you need on your journey to becoming wealthy.”

Most people wish to be wealthy. However, accumulating great wealth seems elusive, doesn’t it? We work hard at our jobs, save, hardly eat out, only buy new clothes if necessary and keep our recreational activities to a minimum. Yet, becoming wealthy seems a far way off for most conservative people. Most of us learned while growing up that getting a good education and having degrees were the keys to wealth and success. But I have come to recognize after doing as I was told for 30 years that the education system is not designed to help people become wealthy. Rather, it is designed to train people in how to be good employees.

Your degree is an indication to your prospective employer that you are trainable. It’s a measure of how great of a contribution you could possibly make to their organization. Getting a well-paying stable job tends

to be the desire of most people. But a job is not designed to make any of us wealthy. Whether or not a job is well paying is relative to our individual circumstances. For one person \$200,000 per month is a well-paying job, while for another person that same pay is too small.

So then how do we become wealthy? First, let’s define what the word wealthy means. The dictionary says that wealthy means to have a large amount of money, to be rich. However, if we go by this definition only, we run the risk of acquiring great wealth and then it never being enough as our lifestyle creeps up with our new found wealth. So, I believe a better definition is that a person can be considered wealthy when their income generating assets earn them more money than what their liabilities cost them. So, if you desire to be wealthy you should be working on owning as much income generating assets as possible. You

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don't necessarily need money to start. But you do need a creative mind, good relationships, good work ethics, discipline, and vision.

Below I'll briefly share with you 5 skills you need on your journey to becoming wealthy.

## **Problem Identification**

Money only comes from other people. People will only give you their money if you offer something of value to them. Develop an eye for problem identification. Then become a solutions-oriented person. The better you become at this the more you will see that the opportunities for wealth creation around you are endless.

## **Creativity**

Our brain is the origin of all the wonderful ideas in the world. Every product you use today from shampoo to cars to shoes to phones once never existed, until someone's mind thought about it. Someone thought what if we could talk to each other without having to be face to face or tied to a cord? Then they set out to create the cellular phone. The minds that have created wealth from the things we use today are no better than our minds. We must use the creativity that God has given us.

## **Marketing**

You could have a revolutionary product that could solve a particular problem that millions of people have. However, only those who are aware of the product can buy it. You must inform as many people as possible about your wonderful product. It is a numbers game. Not everyone will buy your product, even those who very much have the need for your product will opt not to buy it for themselves. There are also people who don't need it now but will buy it because they perceive a future need may arise. Therefore, you need to market your product far and wide. Let the laws of probability work in your favour.

## **Good Work Ethics**

Many people are good workers, they are focused and do their best to get the job done in a timely fashion. But this is often motivated by fear. The fear of losing their job or their position. However, after your

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creativity has helped you to conceptualize a useful product or service you need to work assiduously at bringing it to reality and into the hands of as many people as possible. Do not shy away from the work. Embrace the work it will take to produce quality and get your quality product into the hands of many people. Eventually the effort it took to produce \$100,000 in one month will become the effort it takes to generate \$100,000 in one day. As your reputation grows the calibre of people you do business with will also increase.

## Vision

Vision is last on this list but the most important. All the challenges, setbacks, failures and disappointments will derail your drive for wealth creation if you lack vision of where you are trying to go, why you are striving to get there and what you are trying to accomplish. Set a reasonable time frame for the accomplishment of your goals this way you guard your heart against the anxiety that may come up if you aren't turning into a millionaire after 2 years. You cannot out earn the level of your personal development. Your income, especially as a business owner, is only limited by who you are. The better you become as a person the easier wealth creation will become. The onus is on you to find out what disciplines and principles are lacking in your process so that you can implement them on your wealth creation journey.

## Closing remarks

Wealth in our tangible world is an indication of a person's importance and value in the marketplace. Of course, for us Christians our value is found in our relationship with Jesus Christ. But not every consumer of our services and products will be Christians like us. We need to conduct business in a manner that allows us to stay true to our Christian roots while serving people from all walks of life. I hope this article was insightful for you. Blessings to you and your family.

Darren Salmon is a 32-year-old young man who has been a Christian since he was 9 years old.

He got Baptized when he was 12.

He has been writing poetry for the Lord since 2011 and has published a book "Good Breathed... the Journey."

He currently works as a financial advisor a career

He takes it seriously even though he enjoys it.

Darren also enjoys going to the gym, running long-distance races and having deep thought-provoking conversations with friends, especially about psychology and relationship management.

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# Marsha Wade

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Our Soetry Minister took off her shoe and got flat to minister. In her gusty vocal introduction she encouraged the Lady of the evening Miss Angela Wiliams, “Big up yourself Angela. Clap her! The audience gave a vigorous applause in response. Angela is what you call “likkle but tallawah”. Don’t look on her size, she has the mind of Christ and you can see the manifestation of the mind of God here today. You see the books that she has written, you see me in her magazine? Clap me! The audience gave another rousing applaused in response.

Backed by her three back-up singers, Jason Simpson, Horace Cooke, David Thompson, Joel on Drum, and Daniel Francis on

Keyboard who all did an excellent job, Minister Marsha Wade ministered two of her piece, “Jesus You Are A Steadfast Lover” and “God Can Gwaan Eh.”



Angela Marie  
Williams

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Violet Vassell, writer, editor, proofreader and friend of Angela came in support of PoetryFest 2023. Both women pausing to share moment with the camera lense. Ms. Vassell is a firm believer of the Kingdom of God and has been serving Him for the greater portion of her life.

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From Left: Ms. Cecilia Davis and Mrs. Brenda Stamp are Angela's two teachers of Papine High formerly called Papine Secondary school. Both came out in support of Angela's PoetryFest event. Below: PoetryFest usual supporters enjoying an evening of great fellow and fun.



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Peta-Gaye Kelly, Beauty Therapist  
Owner of Awestruck Spa Club having a great time at PoetryFest 2023. Charles YeeSing in the back-ground on drums.

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After a great evening of igniting the flames of poetry and praise Pastor Marsha Wade closed off with a word of prayer.

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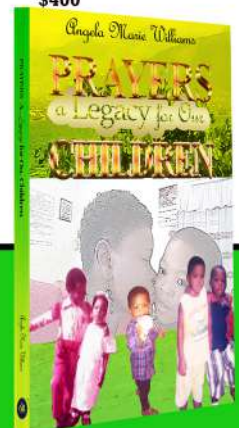


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# JESUS *the* SOLID ROCK



Contributor, Mary DanBouchi, PHNM Nurse

Scripture Reading: Daniel Chapter 3:18 (Amplified Bible)  
“But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up!”

**J**esus is the solid rock. He was the solid rock for Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and He is the solid rock for us today.

“But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up!” What are you bowing down to today? There is too much pressure in the workplace, pressure at home, pressure in the schools, pressure in the neighbourhood, even pressure in the church. But what have you made up your mind to stand on today? Are you standing on the solid rock? Daniel took his stand, all three Hebrew boys knew in whom they believed, they knew what they stand for, and who they stand for. It is in their knowing that they can stand through the fiery darts of the enemy. Daniel and the three Hebrew boys were placed in a situation because they purpose to not bow down to serve a false god or worship the golden image of the King. Maybe they expected him to take a bribe and corruption or maybe they expected him to bow down before the false god. But this did not intimidate them because they believed in exactly what they said, and they


were willing to stand by their statement. Daniel knew who he was, he knew that he belongs to God, “Jehovah” the creator of heaven and earth, “Jehovah Yahweh” the “I Am that I Am” In Exodus God said to them, “Thou “You shall have no other gods before[a] me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them...”

The people knew that the only way they would accuse Daniel was through his faith. They knew that Daniel loved and obeyed his God. They also knew that the King valued Daniels’s advice. In their eyes Daniel was too perfect and that is why they plotted to get rid of him. It can be the same for you today, people will go out of their way to accuse you trying to bring you down. People will watch you, expecting you to compromise on your faith, take bribery you name it but just as Daniel and his three Hebrews friends stood in faith, you must stand in your faith. Ephesian 6:13 tells us that “... and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the

breastplate of righteousness in place..." The God that Daniel had come to know and worshiped, rescued them, so God will rescue you from all your enemies once you remain faithful to Him.

They have tried everything, and they have failed. Yes, they have conspired against you, set traps but through God's divine wisdom and power He kept you. You did not fall into their snares.

In certain parts of today's world there are those who have legislated to take prayer and the word of God out of the school. Yet the Bible is being used to swear on in a court of law. Furthermore, it is known that Christians are faced with persecution for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As a child of God, you are a peculiar people, and like Daniel you are going to trust God and stand on His word, you will not compromise on your faith. So, stand on the solid rock which is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. 

## The Price of Love

By: Angela Marie Williams

It must have been painful  
To watch your only son's death.  
Oh it must have been painful  
to 'hold' your peace,  
To watch how they hung Him  
upon that cross,  
I know there might have been two or more Angels  
Who were willing to rush by His side  
But you rendered them powerless  
The day his persecutors cried,  
"Crucify him, crucify him!!!

Every nail that drove through  
His body tore through your flesh,  
As they hung Him on the cross  
Every blow hurt, with such agony,  
The tyranny was, my sins made Him become ugly  
And the irony, He knew no sin.

They remained speechless  
As the veil was ripped in two  
He, who knew no sin,  
Took on disgrace  
Nailing it publicly to the cross for me,  
For He knew, that I would  
Fail Him miserably At such a task.

How the tears must have flowed  
The day Jesus cried, "It is finished!"  
But Heaven's anguish turned  
into triumph  
Because He humbled Himself unto death,  
He became victorious over  
sin and the grave.

Now I can bask in his presence  
The essence of His grace is sufficient  
The ultimate price that had to be paid  
Deified all human reasoning  
This is love  
Perfect love  
The price of love.



# A Letter To My Body

By: Angela Marie Williams

**D**ear Body of Mine,

I know my flesh likes to dictate to me that you are hard to satisfy. I know that submission is not in your DNA and that my mind tries to rule my will. But you know, I have news for you, "No sin will rule over this flesh of mine!" No spirit of conceit, pain or bitterness will dictate to me.

I refuse to carry around any longer any unforgiveness, or grudge in my heart. I have a new Master - His name is Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

You see Body, all that was of the old me, which was stubborn and unyielding, I have now yielded and committed into the hands of my God, His name is Jehovah Jireh, He is my Lord and Shepherd. And so, Body, I have to tell you, I forgive you. Yes, you heard me, I will say it again "I choose to forgive you." I no longer hold you responsible, I forgive you. I no longer see myself unloved. I am loved by God and I am fearfully and wonderfully made in His image. The glory He shared with His Father, who is now my Father, has been made available to me.

So Body, I might not be able to master you

on my own, but I have power through the Holy Spirit to conquer you. Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in this world! Flesh of my body, listen to me and hear me good; I am a new creation in Christ Jesus! And I declare that you. Yes You, you shall fulfill my God-given destiny that God has already purpose for me. I declare that I shall STAND and will STAND! And I will fight you with WORDS that are NOT CARNAL and you-- you will comply with God's perfect WILL, without retaliation. Body, you see those old garments of carnality they have been removed and replaced with PURITY!

In the mighty name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I decree and declare, 'No weapon formed against me shall prosper and every tongue that rises up against me in judgment, my God has conquered!' I declare that I am healed, and I shall draw water from the wells of salvation in wholesome health and strength I will prevail. I further declare that God's favour is upon my life, I am favoured and I walk unhindered and uncontaminated under God's open heaven.

No more detour route, no more shortcuts, no more walking in darkness. Listen Body, the Word of God is a LAMP unto my feet and a LIGHT unto my PATH. It is in Jesus' name that the path of the righteous shines brighter and brighter for me! And you know what else, the Eternal God is my Refuge, and underneath me are His everlasting arms' and should you need more confirmation -- check Deuteronomy 33:27.

My lonely days are now comforted. As a mother comforts her child, so has God comforted me. You see Body, through the renewing of my mind; I can see clearly now, God's perfect will I now understand and I now know that I am strategically placed by a loving God and positioned by God to come into my blessings and prophetic destiny and nothing and no one can stop that! God has opened for me doors I know not of and He closed those doors, no one can open! So, Body, hear the word of the Lord, your time has come to be free to bask in the freedom and liberty of God's love. It is time to step into your land of Goshen, a prosperous place of unity and peace, under the banner of Jehovah Nissi.

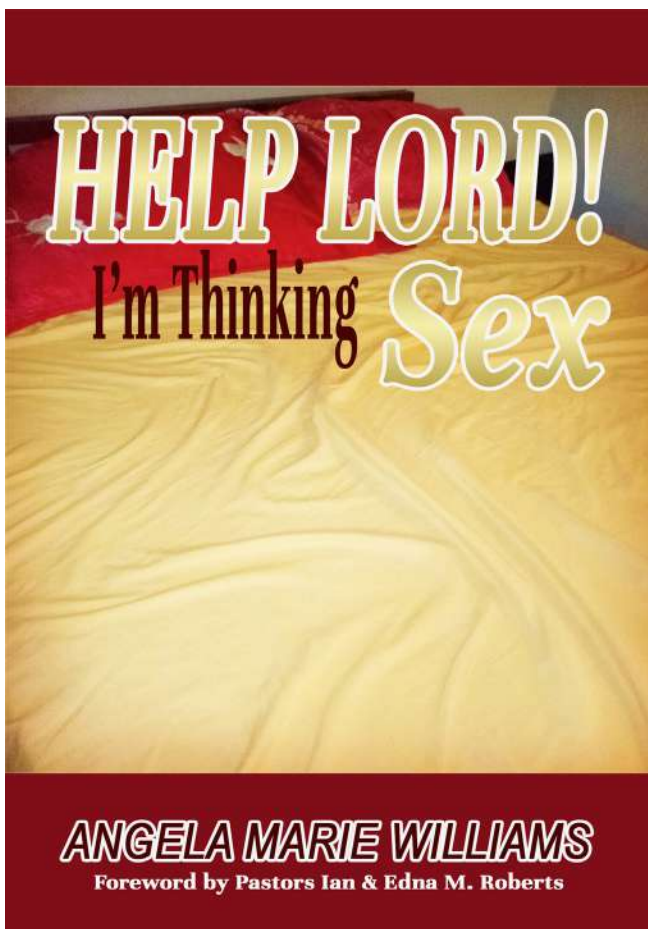
Receive it and walk in it. It is yours, in Jesus' Name. AMEN!

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV) "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." I declare that it is my time to live and declare the word of God. It is my time to walk in my prophetic destiny, in Jesus' name!

John 4:24 (ESV) "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth," In Jesus' name it is my time to worship God in spirit and in truth, so whatever comes to hinder my faith in God, MOVE OUT OF MY WAY!

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## FEEDBACK COMMENT



### Feedback from Prayer Partner Isabel

"A Letter to My Body" is a beautifully written poem that exalts the name, power, and deity of Jesus. I enjoyed listening to it, and admire how Angela uniquely inserted the Bible scriptures in this poem.

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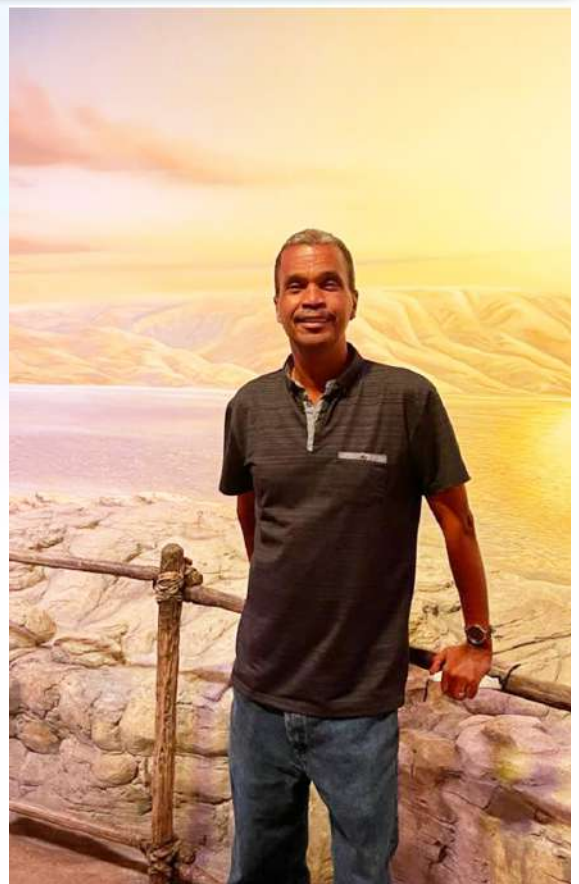
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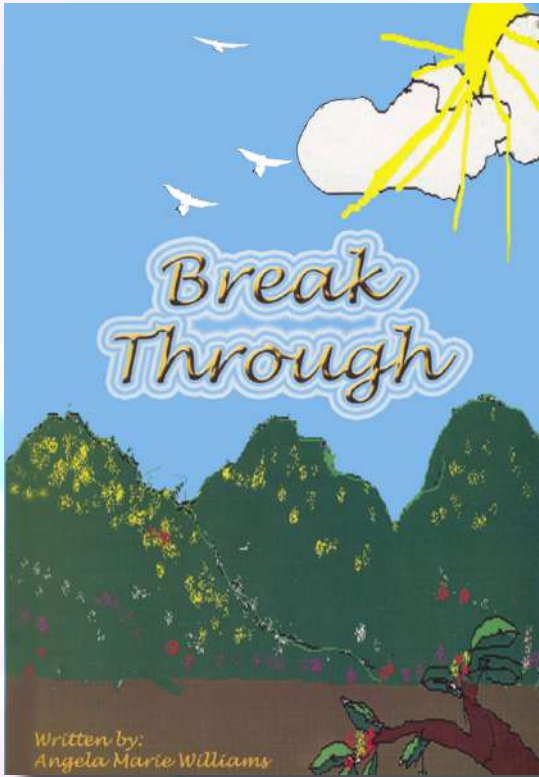


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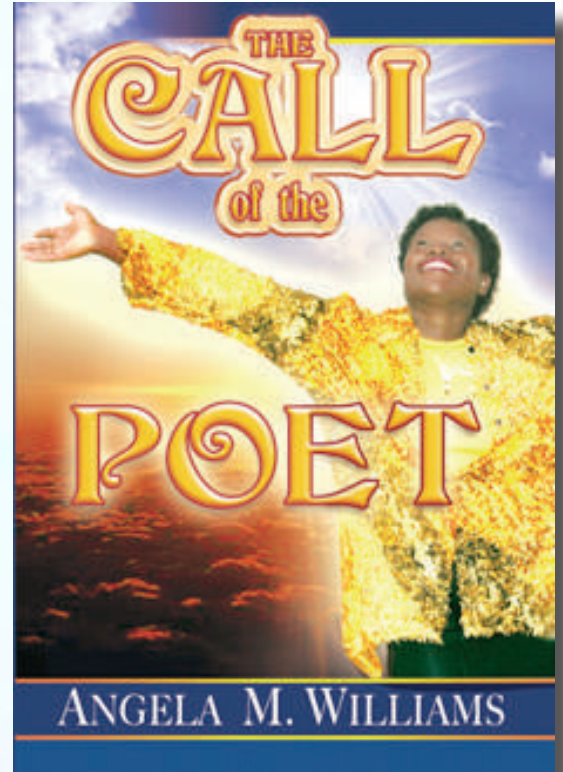
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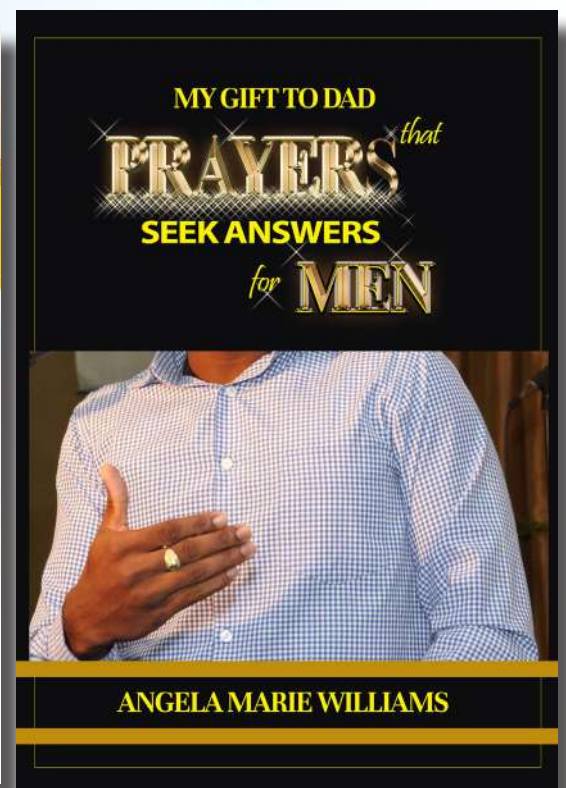
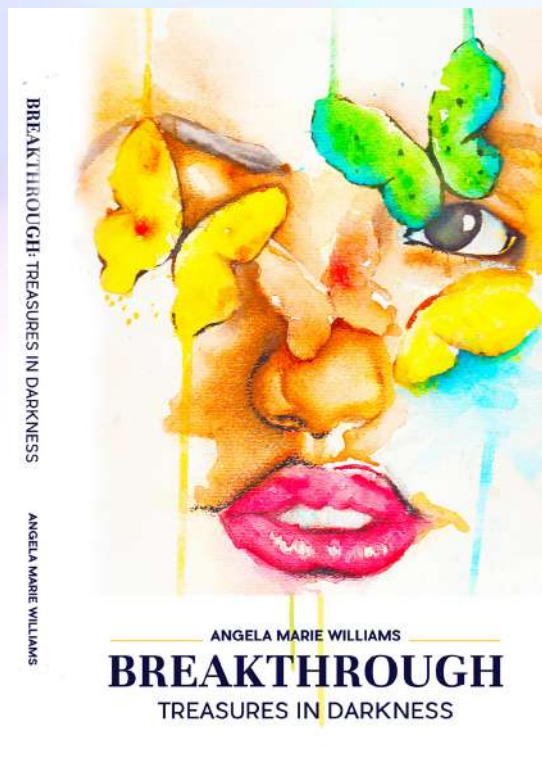


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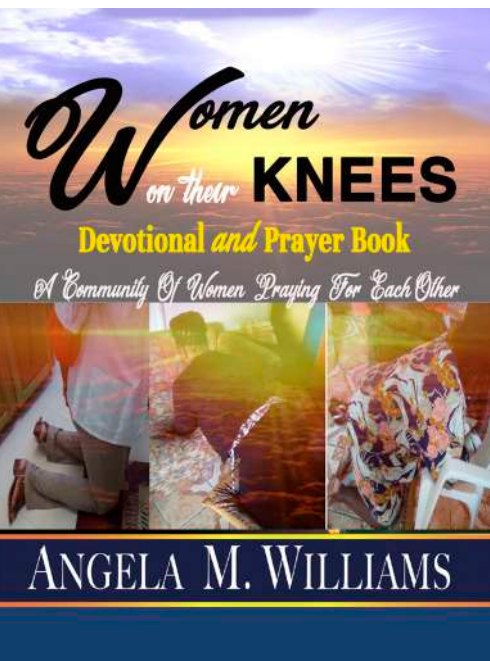
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