

April 2020 Newsletter

From Heaven's Heart

"Made by God"

One of my favorite sayings is, "God's not finished with me yet".

I sure am glad the bible confirms that this is true. From Genesis to Revelation, in Scripture after Scripture, we see God at work daily, sculpting, molding, correction, directing and crafting us into a Child of God. How's He doing with you?

One of the most important our Heavenly Father wants to do is to change our thinking about ourselves to believing what He has to say about the MASTER Piece...that's you and me...He is in the process of perfecting. The truth is, how and what we think about ourselves is critical to seeing our dreams and His dreams come true. But there are dream killers in our midst. But God has also place all around us a support system that can kill the dream killers. His Holy Word is our unfailing support. His Holy Spirit living in us is our unfailing support. And people who love you and care about you, they too are unfailing support.

A dear friend of mine sent me a birthday card this week that read. "Made by God. Uniquely Designed. Strategically Gifted. Exceptionally Durable. Unconditionally Loved and Crafted with Quality. What an awesome job God did when He made you". This is a beautiful example of a friend offering unfailing support. Thank you my friend.

Even though it was not my birthday...and my friend knew it, the card reminded me of whom God made us to be...to become. I'm going to save this card as a reminder of whom God made me to be...to become.

The truth is, what you and I think about ourselves is of critical importance to our becoming all God wants us to be and what most of us want to be. But sometimes, we have to learn to reprogram our own thinking because we've allowed other peoples remarks about us to rob us of all God made us to become. It may have been a parent, teacher, peers, boss, or the media...yes the media. It was not a friend. Friends don't say things that hurt us.

When someone says something about you that does not line up with what God says about you, you must immediately hit the delete button. She's not smart enough. Delete! He's too slow! Delete! That will never work. Delete! That's been tried before. Delete! You are not qualified. Delete!

God made you. Don't believe what others say that ring of negative, you can't kind of thinking. Believe only in what God says. "I'm uniquely designed, strategically gifted,

exceptionally durable, unconditionally loved and crafted with quality to achieve great things...for God". When it's negative, hit delete.

Here's a pretty good example of how someone hit the delete button time and time again. He refused to allow other people to tell him what he could or could not become.

A young African American teen loved sports. While playing football in high school, a few colleges showed up to watch his team play. It was almost unanimous among the writers and coaches that as a running back, he was too small and too slow to make the quick end around cuts. He'd never make it at the college level. Delete! He loved playing football so he hit the delete button!

Florida decided to bet on him. He played three years of college football with the Gators, where he set numerous school rushing records. After being named a unanimous All-American in 1989, he chose to forgo his senior year of eligibility and play professional football.

He played fifteen seasons in the National Football League (NFL) during the 1990s and 2000s, primarily with the Dallas Cowboys. **A three-time Super Bowl champion** with the Cowboys, he was **the leagues all-time leading rusher**.

What if Emmitt Smith had not hit the delete button and chose to believe what many said about him...what he lacked...what he would never do. Too small, too slow. Delete. Delete.

When someone says something about you that does not line up with what God says about you. Hit the delete button and keep digging. If no one else believes in you, God does. If no one else believes in you, you can if you will. All things are possible for those who believe. Jesus said this. Jesus proved this. There was and is an empty tomb. You are doing to die. Delete. You are going to live forever in a place called Heaven.

You have the One who created you for amazing things helping you to be...to become. He is your Heavenly Father. Don't hit the delete button on your dream. You can become anything you set your mind too because God made you for greatness.

You can and you will if you believe!

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