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WHILE MANY CHRISTIANS PROFESS TO BELIEVE IN GOD AND HIS WORD, MANY OTHERS STRUGGLE WITH THE BIBLE AS BEING THE ABSOLUTE WORDS GIVEN BY GOD. So many of our believers seemingly today accept the parts of God's word which suit them, and they will proclaim that men wrote the Bible and because of this, there were many mistakes that took place during the writings. This must be very confusing for our youth. God is the one who gave the inspiration for the writings. The God of whom I know of does not make mistakes.

God is the one who created the heavens and the earth. He is also the one who made man and placed him in the garden. What we need to understand is that when God sent his only son into the world to die for our sins he sent one who was and is perfect.

In the Gospel of Saint John 1:14 it reads, "And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." If we won't accept this statement, then we would call God a liar and that he has also made some kind of mistake choosing those who penned the Bible on his behalf. You have heard, and I have said on many occasions that God chooses whom so ever he will to do his bidding. Sure men are imperfect, but God's word is perfect. Any perfection that we may have comes by Jesus Christ.

I'm sure that God knows all about language, vocabulary, spelling and sentence structure. To think that a God who made something from nothing, has a problem with understanding all things, lets me know that there is no limit to what his capabilities are. We give too much credit to man rather than to the one who loved us so much that he gave his only son to die for us. I completely understand that some have a problem with accepting what has been laid out for us, but you have a choice. And God has given us the opportunity to choose. Even Adam had a choice to obey or disobey God.

In the book of Joshua chapter 24, it speaks of his dying exhortation. In verses 14&15 it says, "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the

other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

In the book of Revelations chapter 3:15-16 it reads, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." As Christians we have to stop straddling the fence, (We're either in or out).

For those of us who claim Christianity, everything we do and believe has to be about faith. We can't prove all we've heard, seen or suspected. I like often to put it in terms like this, and I'm sure some may want to criticize me but if we were to bet on God, or the alternative, just like we do for football or basketball games, what would you have to gain after death, considering Evolution vs. Creation? I have never heard anything exciting about what to expect from evolution after death, but I have heard about what to expect after death believing in an Almighty God, and his crucified Son.

There are two words that govern our lives which most people never think about. And they are attitude and choice. If you would consider these two words, you would find that they play a constant role in our daily lives. Some examples are: Church we attend, car we buy, where we want to live, mate we choose, vacation we plan, food we eat etc... First thing that comes is the attitude about what we are facing, then the choice. Attitudes can and will be bad as well as some of the choices we make which surely will produce consequences.

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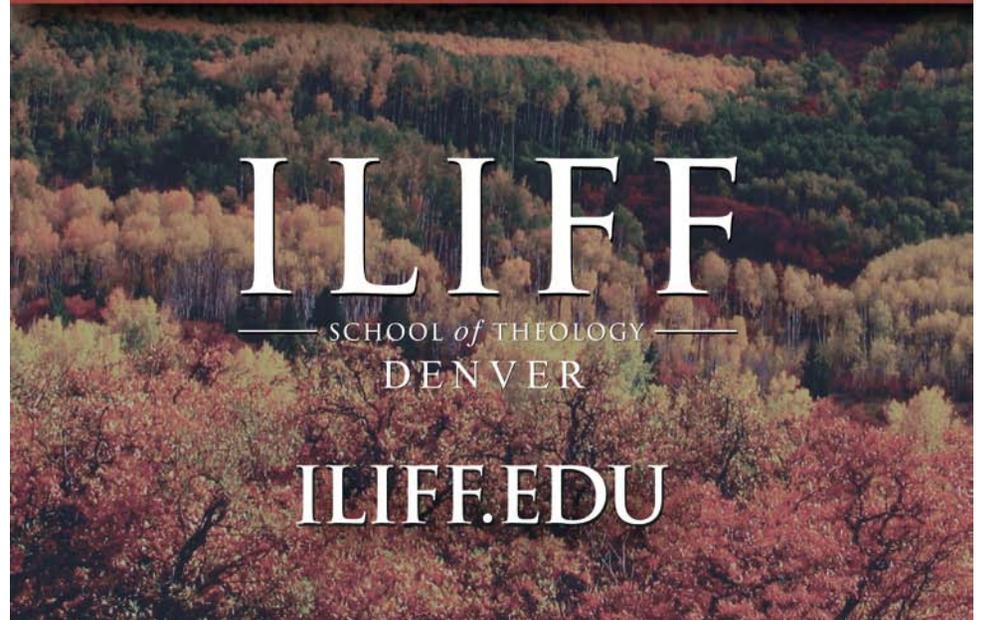
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Myths about Women and Heart Disease

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

— 3 John 2

By **Byron E. Conner, M.D.**

It may or may not surprise you to know that in America today there are some major misconceptions, and misinformation about women and heart disease. We can call these mistaken beliefs "myths".

We need to understand that these myths may do harm if we do not discuss them.

One myth I learned when I was early in my medical training. At that time, there was a major mistaken belief that women did not have heart disease or heart attacks as did men. In fact one of the major risk factors for heart attack (as it was believed in the early 1980's) was being of the "male gender".

The truth is that heart disease is the leading cause of death for women as it is for men. In fact since 1984, more women than men have died from heart disease each year. Women may have heart attacks at a later age than men, but younger women (less than 55) are less likely to survive a heart attack than men.

Younger women may not believe that they are at risk the same as say a middle aged male. In fact a heart attack diagnosis has been missed by even medical providers when a young woman in her 20's, 30's, 40's or older presents in the emergency room with what is really a heart attack.

Therefore today we need to inform the public that heart disease is a potential threat to all of us despite our gender.

Another myth is that women have symptoms of heart attack that are identical to that of men.

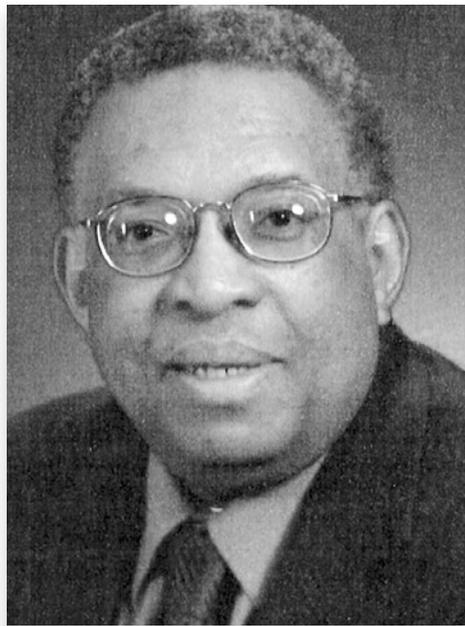
It is in fact possible that both men and women can present with symptoms of pain in the chest, arms, jaw, neck and back, with also shortness of breath, sweating, dizziness, and nausea and vomiting.

However, a study by the National Institutes of Health reveals that we need to expand our thinking about heart disease symptoms in women compared to men.

Women may have some significant differences in symptoms at times. Women may not have chest pain at all with heart disease. Instead they may have symptoms such as the following: overwhelming fatigue and feeling like a severe case of the "flu", sleep problems, shortness of breath, loss of appetite, coughing and indigestion. At times, such symptoms may occur for up to one month prior to a heart attack being diagnosed. However, these symptoms may be more acute also.

African American women are 35% more likely to die of heart disease than White women. Black women may

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Dr. Conner

also be less aware of the risk factors for heart attack. 23% of White women, 38% of Black women, and 36% of Hispanic women are obese. Black women may develop hypertension earlier in life and this is a significant health risk. We can recite statistics at great length, but the most important information to give is an action plan to help women to prevent a catastrophic illness such as a heart attack.

Here are the major risk factors that one needs to be aware of:

A family history of heart disease-father or brother with heart attack before age 55, or mother or sister with heart attack before age 65

- Obesity and overweight
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- High total cholesterol greater than 200, and high fat diet
- Smoking
- Physical inactivity-being sedentary
- Stress and depression

An action plan to protect your health would include discussing the risk factors you might have with your medical provider.

For the most part lifestyle changes are crucial. Get your blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol checked. Quit smoking if needed- and that does not mean just "cutting down". Exercise at least 30 minutes daily, and do not consider exercise an option-you have to do it.

Try to lose even 5-10% of your body weight and discuss a reasonable weight goal with your doctor. Learn how to control your blood pressure and your blood sugar if elevated. Eat a diet with less saturated fat (as is found in meat and, dairy products).

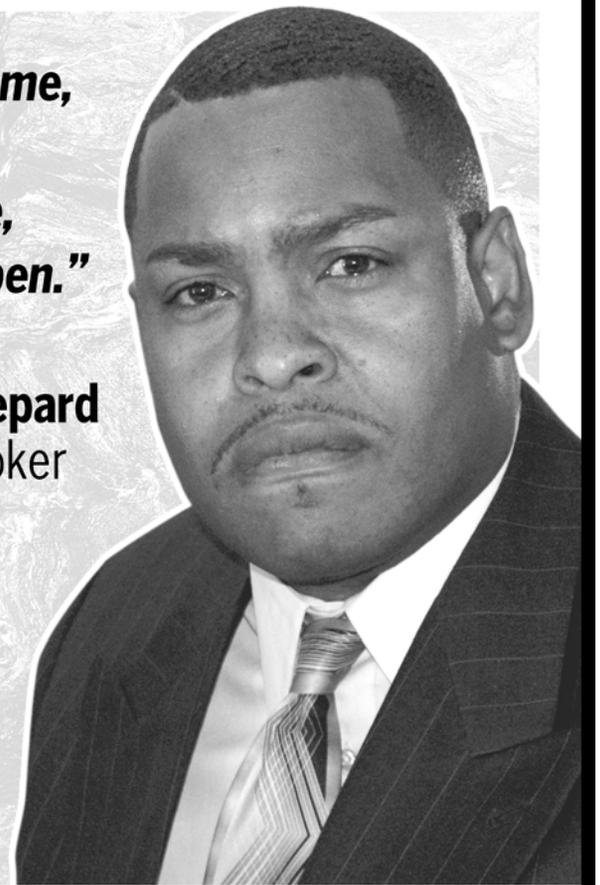
Avoid "trans fats" in foods such as snack foods, baked good, and processed foods (please read food labels).

Talk with your doctor if needed about any stress or depression you might have. If you know you are much more tired than usual, not feeling like yourself and you have some risk factors as noted above-please talk with your doctor as soon as possible. Call 911 for rapid onset or acute symptoms.

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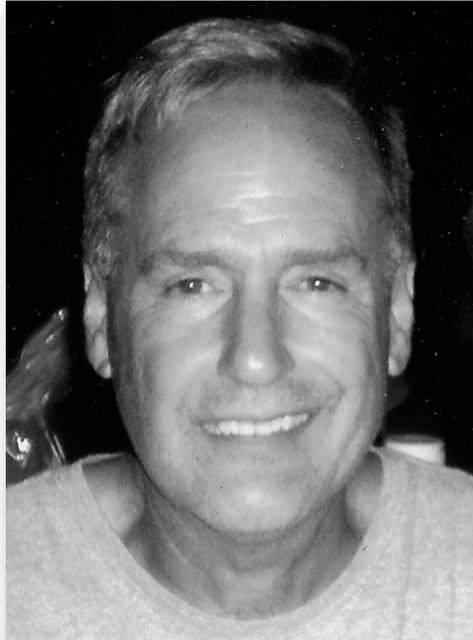
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The Love of Money and the Coming of Our Lord

By Michael Forti



Michael Forti

I have always been one of those Christians who continues to observe the signs of the times and to WATCH for our Lord Jesus Christ to return. The more that I search the scriptures; I realize that He wants all genuine believers to be EAGERLY WAITING for Him.

Come to find out, as I have studied the subject of being READY for Jesus to return, I discovered that our Lord REWARDS those who are waiting for Him with spiritual gifts, blessings and deliverances (1 Cor 1:7, Isa 40:31, Lk 21:34-36, 1 Thess 1:9-10, Heb 9:28 NIV,KJ).

However, I could not help but notice that the Lord carefully BLENDS these Bible verses closely together. You are about to see how the Lord not only BLENDS the subject of EAGERLY WAITING for His return with receiving the blessings and the gifts of the Spirit, but also with the sin of GREED and the love of WORLDLY PLEASURES.

The Lord sends a crystal clear message. Those who are coming out from among the ways of the world and who are EAGERLY WAITING for Him will be blessed. Those who are becoming more conformed to the pattern of this world will not be blessed and they will be JUDGED. If Christians are into the wealth of the world, they could not possibly be LOOKING for Jesus to come. What is more important? "You cannot serve both God and MONEY" (Matt 6:24, Jam 4:4-17 NIV).

Let's start with Titus 1:7. "Since an elder is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless-not overbearing, not quick tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not PURSUING DISHONEST GAIN"(NIV). Now, let's bounce right over only a few verses to Titus 2:11-13. What does it say? "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "NO" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we WAIT for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (NIV).

Can you see how the Lord, through His Word, blends closely together the

subjects of worldly lusts (GREED), and WAITING for His Second Coming? Why?

What does 1 Timothy 6:3 have to say about greed? "He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been ROBBED of the truth and who THINK that godliness is a means to FINANCIAL GAIN" (NIV). Now, what does the Word say only a few verses away?

"But you man of God, flee from all of this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." "I charge you to keep this command without SPOT or BLAME until the APPEARING of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Tim 6:3-14 NIV).

James, in Chapter 5: 1-3, uses the same blend of teaching concerning the problem of GREED, and then the solution of His soon coming. "Now listen you RICH people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your cloths. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will

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testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have HORDED WEALTH in the last days" (Jam 5:1-3 NIV). Now James presents the solution in Chapter 5:7. "Be patient, then brothers, until the Lord's COMING." Again, we can clearly see how the problem with GREED, and the solution of WAITING for our Lord to come, is closely blended together. Why?

What does Paul have to say in 1 Thessalonians chapter 1:9-10? "For they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from your idols, to serve the living and true God, and to WAIT for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead-Jesus, who RESCUES us from the coming wrath"(NIV).

Now, what does the apostle Paul have to say in the next chapter, just four verses away? "We were not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know, we never used flattery, nor did we put on mask to cover up GREED" (2 Thess 2:3-4). Again, we can clearly see how the blend of the Second Coming of our Lord is used as a solution for the sin of GREED.

Philippians 3:18-19 presents the problem, "For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, MANY LIVE as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their minds are on EARTHLY (GREED) things." Now the solution in Philippians 3:20. "But our citizenship is in heaven, and we EAGERLY AWAIT a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." What does Colossians say in 3:3-4? "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life APPEARS, then you also will appear with Him in GLORY."

The next verse, 3:5 says, "Put to

death, therefore, whatever belongs to your EARTHLY nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and GREED"(NIV). Again, the Lord presents a solution for the problem.

Unfortunately, we often hear from behind many popular pulpits about the health, the wealth and prosperity. No doubt, this has created a major PROBLEM.

Why? It has become a major problem because the SOLUTION of observing the coming of our Lord and the signs of the times has been ELIMINATED from behind MANY popular pulpits. Are we hearing the preaching on the FIRE and BRIMSTONE, and the Second Coming of our Lord?

What happened to the Biblical blend that God gave us to FOLLOW? No question, the time is short and the JUDGE is COMING. The church of Sardis was probably looking for our Lord to come at one time.

However, when Jesus comes, He will tell them plainly, "You have a reputation of being alive, but you are DEAD! WAKE UP-be WATCHFULL! Strengthen what remains and is about to DIE, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of My God! Remember therefore what you have received and heard; OBEY IT and REPENT! But if you do not WAKE UP and Be WATCHFUL, I will come like a thief, and you will not KNOW at what TIME I will come to you" (NIV-KJ). Are we supposed to know (Heb 10:25, 1 Thess 5:4)?

"WATCH OUT! Be on your guard against all kinds of GREED; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:14).

Until next time, Jesus is coming soon, are you going to be ready, or LEFT BEHIND? ✚

Kingdom Connection Hosts Health Fair

Joké Alao works as a diagnostic technician for Aurora Mental Health and is very passionate about mental and physical health and wellness, as well as networking within the community.

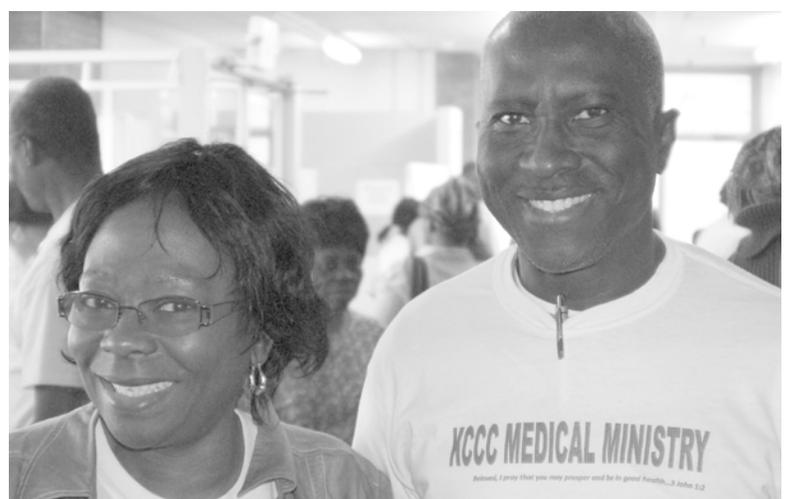
She organized an old-fashioned community health fair sponsored by Kingdom Connection Christian Center in Aurora. Area hospitals and other health organizations participated by providing volunteer staff and health screening services. Diagnostic testing was provided for stress, blood pressure and blood sugar levels, liver function, and mammogram screenings.

Full-body and foot massages were available, as well as dental hygiene demonstrations. Mental health topics were also addressed, such as abuse within the family system. There was a free lunch with hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, and desserts.

Everything was provided free of charge to the participants, the way it used to be in the 20s, 30s, 40s, and 50s, when the African American communities came together to support each other in both good and challenging times. The church was the catalyst for this unity and support, which was critical before government programs became available for Black folks.

Kingdom Connection Christian Center's first Community Health Fair was held in April as part of their Medical Ministry Week.

If your church or organization would like to participate in next year's event, contact either Joké Alao or Pastor Dr. Ade Ajala through the church offices at 720-859-1737 or by e-mail at info@kcccconline.org, or visit their website at www.kcccconline.org. Kingdom Connection Christian Center is located at 10680 Del Mar Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80010



Pastor Ade Ajala and Joké Alao

A Yoke of Bondage

Standfast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

— Galatians 5:1

By Pastor Joy Edwards

When the Apostle Paul penned these words they were directed to a Jewish audience that believed their righteousness was in keeping the law. This school of thought has made a 180-degree change.

Today believers are just as adamant about the lie that says they are no longer under the law, meaning the law does not pertain to Christians. That's a crafty deception Satan has employed to deceive the people God Almighty set apart to be His special people. One group was led to believe it was necessary to be circumcised and to keep the other aspects of the law for their righteousness. Christians hold to the belief that the law has been done away with and their righteousness is solely based on their faith in Jesus Christ.

In either instance, Satan has devised a deceptive persuasion which can be construed as a yoke of bondage. A yoke is a device used to join two oxen at the head which restricts their ability to freely move about. In like manner our adversary has joined many Christians at the head by deception, and those that have this yoke around their heads are not free to worship God Almighty in Spirit and in truth because they are yoked to deception which is bondage. This deception is powerful and has Christians being stirred and led by emotions rather than by the Holy Spirit.

Think about what you believe about the law of God. Then think about why you believe what you believe about the law of God. You should be able to answer those questions in your own heart because this is a personal journey; and at the end, it's only going to be you and Jesus. Why do you suppose God Almighty told the Prophet Malachi as the Old Testament was about to close to write admonishing us to "remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel (the true vine and those grafted in) with the statutes and judgments.

The law of Moses that God Almighty commanded at Horeb can be found in the first five books of the Old Testament. But you say the law of God has been done away with which is a lie. Look at what the Apostle Paul said at Romans 13:8-9: owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

In other words, to love our neighbor, we must keep the commandments that

pertain to how we interact with one another. Conversely, if we love God Almighty, we will keep the four commandments that relate to how we are to interact with Him. In like manner, Jesus said at John 14:15, if ye love me, keep my commandments. The commandments Jesus was referring to are found at Exodus 20:1-11. It's interesting, but someone once told me that if she loved, she was fulfilling the law. That's true only if your concept of love causes you to keep the commandments of God that pertain to loving God, and to loving man. Love apart from keeping the commandments is like faith without works. The Apostle James said: faith without works is dead; likewise, love without keeping the commandments is dead. (Malachi 4:4; John 15; James 2:17, 20)



Edwards

The yoke of bondage has many facets. There are Christians that do not believe in tithing although preachers are quick to point their congregants to the Old Testament Scriptures that command tithes and offerings. It's ironic, but the same Old Testament Scriptures that command us to tithe also command us to obey the other laws of Moses.

Just as Malachi 4:4 admonishes us to remember the laws of Moses, Malachi 3:10 admonishes us to bring ye the tithes and offerings into the storehouse. So ask yourself, if Malachi 3:10 is applicable to Christians, why is Malachi 4:4 not applicable? Or, why did the Lord Jesus say at Matthew 5:18, for verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

God Almighty does not contradict Himself. From Genesis to Revelation there are no contradictions. Hebrews 13:8 declares: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever; and Malachi 3:6 says: for I am the Lord, I change not. So for the Lord God Almighty to tell us to "remember the law of Moses", how do you suppose the law was done away with. Some may say "grace" replaced the "law"; well if that's so, why did Noah find grace? (Genesis 6:8)

The yoke of bondage that has Christians yoked about the head has deceived many by causing them to believe when their emotions are stirred up that's a move of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not moved by emotions neither does the Holy Spirit arouse our emotions. Our emotions are aroused by our flesh. It's the stirring of the flesh that has people running around the church, hollering and falling on the floor. My hair stylist once asked me how Christians could shout, speak in tongues, and fall out in the Spirit, then leave church and go to the jazz club.

That's a good question, and it's also a true happening among believers. Another good question would be to ask what makes Christians fall when a preacher lays hands on them? At John 20:22, we find the account of

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Secrets for Successful Caregiving



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Don't Despair; Let's Repair

By Rev. Dr. Ade Ajala

The importance of the fall of man cannot be underestimated. Many of us do not realize what we lost as a result of the fall of man. If you don't know what you lost, how would you know how to recover it? Until you realize what man lost as a result of the fall you may not appreciate the importance of restoration through the cross and resurrection.

Let me remind you this morning three essential truths about you before the fall took place:

You were created in God's image and with destiny and purpose far too high for you to imagine.

You were given the authority to rule and be in charge of the earth. Nothing is expected or given the permission to rule over you. Inherent in this fact is the privilege of rulership which means all your needs is provided and met by the one whose delegated authority you are manifesting. Everything on the earth was created for you to enjoy and nothing was supposed to harm you for you were well fortified and protected.

You will continue to have this authority and rulership as long as you continue in obedience and maintain a relationship of worship with God.

In a nutshell, you were created by God for relationship and for rulership.

The emergence of the fall of man broke the two fundamental reasons man was created. That is why we all need to recover from the fall of man. Until the impact of the fall is dealt with, we will be unable to find fulfillment or experience God's purpose in or through our lives.

The church over the years has focused her teaching only on restoring people to a relationship with God. We have taught about how the cross of Jesus Christ has repaired the gap and restored the broken relationship that sin caused between God and man and how salvation offers man a way back to God. Let me say that this message is absolutely necessary

and needed. However, it is just the place to start. Yes, we must be born again! (John 3:3).

What the church has not been effective in doing is teaching what happens after salvation. Salvation restores our relationship with God but then there is more to it that just being safe and ready to go to heaven.

The second purpose of God for creating man is rulership. That man will have dominion; this includes self-control, personal identity, stabilized temperament and character. Paul said it well as he enumerated to us the benefits now available to us because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in Romans 5:1-17 (Message)

Romans 5:1-19

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— 13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. 16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.



Rev. Dr. Ade Ajala

17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Brothers and sisters, Romans 5:17 says that "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)"

Did you see the second purpose? It is to reign in life through Jesus Christ. You are to reign in life and not to be dominated by anything.

If you are being ruled by things created for your enjoyment then you have your walls broken down. For example, many people are being ruled by the love of money. Well, money was made from plants created by God and to which God already asked man to rule over. Therefore you may be in church and have your relationship with God restored, but your position as a ruler is yet to be established. Your walls are broken down! You cannot rule with your walls down!

So let me remind you that the rebuilding project does not focus on a restored relationship so much as it does a restored rulership. Instead of dwelling amid the rubble of the once-glorious city of Jerusalem, the people learn to rule their daily lives.

It is unfortunate that many people are living amid the rubble of their once-glorious lives. Some are enduring life instead of enjoying life. They are just coping with life and eating whatever life throws at them. Just like the time of Nehemiah. Many people have just resulted to coping with life. Navigating through the rubbles and trying to make it by each day. As we call it ; "Suffering and Smiling."

The opening conversation between Nehemiah and Hanani reveals a very important concern:

Nehemiah 1:1-4

The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

It came to pass in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel, 2 that Hanani

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one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire."

4 So it was, when I heard these words that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

This was a classic case of people who had solid evidence of a relationship with God, their worship was faithful and pure, but the capital city is in shambles. You see, without a wall the city was open to prey to oppressors. With the gates destroyed, there was no way of keeping back any adversary.

In short, they had a life with God but had no evidence of it affecting the daily details of life. They were embarrassed.

When Nehemiah heard about the condition of the walls, he was dismayed. "So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days;"

In Jerusalem, the walls of the city remained broken down long after the temple was restored. Nehemiah knew what he needed to do to remedy the situation, just as the Holy Spirit knows what to do to remedy ours.

Let me direct your attention to the fact that the concern of Nehemiah was on the walls, and this relates to the focus of the Holy Spirit's concern, which is our soul. As Nehemiah wept and grieved over the condition of the walls of Jerusalem, so the Holy Spirit grieves over the condition of our souls.

Since the condition of the walls of Jerusalem is what brings dismay to Nehemiah, also news of the condition

of our souls manifesting by the way we talk, live and conduct our lives reaching the Holy Spirit caused Him to be grieved. Here the word of the Lord through Paul:

Ephesians 4:24-30 (New Living Translation)

24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

25 So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. 26 And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

28 If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. 29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

Nehemiah's tears and the Holy Spirit's grief both center on the broken walls. While Nehemiah focused on the wall of the city of Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit focused on the walls of our souls where rebuilding is most needed.

If our soul is dysfunctional in any way by reason of past habits and pains, our whole being will be affected. The condition of our soul determines the extent to which God's rule will be manifest in our life. What goes on in your soul determines how you feel today (emotion), what goes on in your soul determines if you will learn today (intellect), what goes on in your soul determines the decision you will make today (will). ✚

Your thinking will produce your feeling/emotions; your feeling/emotions will produce your decisions; your decisions will produce your actions; your actions will produce your habits, your habits will produce your character, and your character will bring you to your destiny.

Your reborn spirit may make it possible for you to worship God, but your rebuilt soul will determine your freedom in life, your service for Christ, your fulfillment, peace and joy.

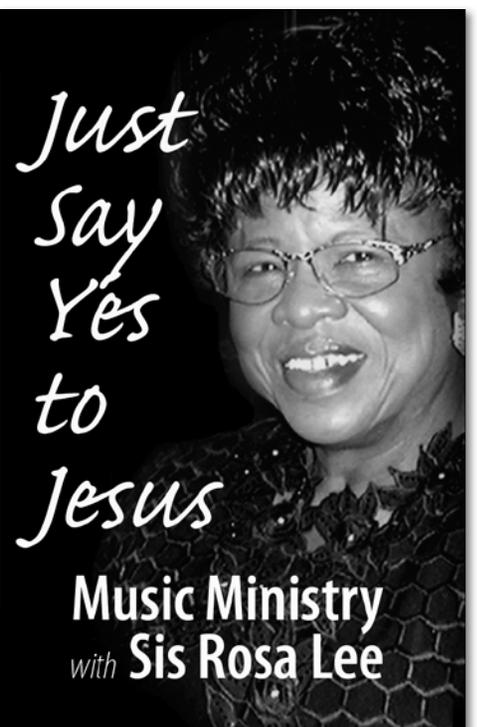
The magnitude of repairs or work to be done did not cause Nehemiah to give up, so also the Holy Spirit will not give up on us! He moved with understanding of our need, and He is ready to bring relief to the site of any weakness in our soul.

Let me close by repeating what resurrection made available to us as we look at Romans 5:17, "Romans 5:17 says in New King James that "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)" ✚

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Jesus breathing on the disciples and saying, receive ye the Holy Ghost. After Jesus Himself breathed on the disciples, there is no where that says, they fell down. At Acts 2:2-4 we read: and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. These powerful moves of God fell upon one hundred twenty followers of Christ and with all this power coming upon every one of them; we do not find any where that anyone fell down in the Spirit. That's remarkable! Several years ago a popular Prophetess told her staff that if she laid hands on them, they better not fall down. She went on to say something like, if you fall down when I lay hands on you, what will you do when Jesus lays hands on you. That's another good question although it's more of a paraphrase than a direct quote. But think about all the people Jesus touched and those

that touched Him, and no one fell out or fell down. Remember the blind man in Luke 18, verses 42-43 says: and Jesus said unto him, receive thy sight, and immediately he received his sight, and followed him (Jesus) glorifying God...the Scriptures declare the man followed Jesus and glorified God; the man did not fall out or fall down. Let's also consider the Samaritan woman at the well. After she encountered the Lord, she did not fall out; instead, she left her waterpot and went into the city telling everyone to come see the Christ. When the Holy Spirit is moving in us, the conviction that comes upon us prompts us to tell somebody about the goodness of the Lord. Every other response is emotional. This is why the Lord Jesus said: God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. The anointing of the Holy Ghost is able to destroy that yoke of bondage, but we must standfast in the liberty where-with Christ has made us free. Obeying the commandments of God Almighty will keep us steadfast and free. (John 4:1-24, 28-29; Isaiah 10:27) God Bless you. ✚

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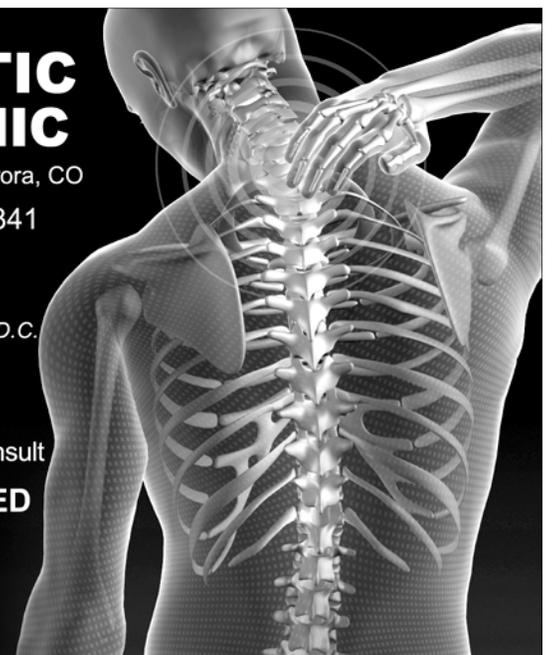
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Body of Christ News

Hell at Church's Front Door

Terrell Martin, a member and musician, was sitting outside the door, getting some fresh air after playing the drums during the worship service Destiny Christian Center in Aurora. This is his account of what happened on Sunday, April 22,

I heard a car coming really fast and screeching around the back part of our church complex. When I went out to see what was going on, I saw that he hit one of our member's car really hard, and just kept going, then that car hit another car. I rushed back into the church to get a couple of the fellows and let them know that an accident had just happened, and we needed to attend to it.

Church was still going on, with the pastor praying for people. I got my friends' attention, and we all went outside. I was the first one out. I saw the driver (Black about 20-30 years old) standing beside a bus that was parked in front of the church. It seemed like he was trying to come in to the church; but he didn't come in because he saw me. He started walking away, toward the car (a grey Charger with an out-of-state- license plate), with us following him. When we got to the middle of

the street, he turned around to face us, pulled a gun out of his shirt, and started chasing us. Since I was the closest to him, he targeted me and shot at me, but the gun didn't go off. When I saw he was going to shoot at me, I immediately turned around and started running away. I was running so fast that I slipped on the pavement, and slammed my arm really hard, and then tried to get up using that arm, so it got hurt to the extent that it is now in a cast.

All the while, he was running toward me, and when he caught up to me, I was still on the ground. He stood over me, pointed the gun to my head, and pulled the trigger. Again, the gun did not fire. He then started messing with his gun, trying to get it to work. At that time, an off-duty police officer, who is a member of our church, told him to freeze and put down his gun. This gave me the opportunity to get up and get out. That is when he got his gun to work, and he started shooting at me.

I was able to get inside the church. When I got into the church, I saw that our pastor's mother, who is a nurse, was standing outside the church. She

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Josephine Lee Echols

Josephine Lee Echols Born on July 19, 1944 in Fort Smith, Arkansas to Felix W. Driver Sr. and Sylvia Lee Ricks. She was surrounded by the love of her Brothers, Sister, Grandparents, Aunt Almata and Uncle Leon. During her childhood, she loved being with her Grandpa Nolan enjoying working on the farm with the cattle and being outside. She attended Washington Elementary School and Lincoln High School. She continued her education at St. Edwards Practical School of Nursing where she remained after graduation as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

In July 1965 Josephine was united in Holy matrimony to Sherman Straham. During that year they relocated to Flint, Michigan where they had two children, Cynthia Renee and DeLono Straham.

Her first job in Flint was at Flint General Hospital where the doctors appreciated her for her dedication to her patients and her profession. She returned to school and graduated from Mott Community College with an Associate Degree in nursing. She began her career as a RN At Hurley Medical Center and spent most of her ten year there in the Dialysis Unit. The doctors praised her for the great care she provided to the patients and families.

Josephine also graduated from Faith Tech Bible School in Flint Michigan and became a licensed ordained minister it was in the Dialysis where she began to win souls for Christ which included patients, co-workers and doctors. She began to hear some doctors who didn't believe in God say "Praise God" while in the unit. She would walk away with a big smile and say "Got another one".

Everyone remembered as being loving, encouraging, and uplifting. she could be found quite often in the chapel praying with whoever had a need. She even convinced the C.E.O. at the medical center to get a



Josephine Lee Echols

Christian channel on the hospital TV for patients to enjoy. Even he could not figure out how this happened, Josephine had a way of convincing people to do things when they didn't want to. Josephine was united in holy matrimony for a second time to Eddie Echols and no children were born to this union. At this time Josephine was introduced to something new, the motorcycle.

She became known as "Brown Sugar". She and Eddie enjoyed traveling throughout Michigan together on their Yamaha. In 2002, Josephine relocated to Denver, Colorado to join her son in his ministry at Destiny Christian Center where she became known as "Momma Jo". She served faithfully as mother of the church and spiritual advisor until her death.

Josephine was blessed with 6 grandchildren who shared found memories of their grandmother. She will be dearly missed by everyone who was fortunate to have known her. She was so amazing. May she rest peacefully in God's arms. Josephine departed this life to embrace the Lord on April 22, 2012 in Aurora, Colorado.

Satan Loves Your Being in Debt

By Taffy Wagner

Stop for a moment! Imagine if you were living "in" this bundle of dirt and various elements that we call the world. Yet, you were not "of" this existence. As Christians we face this very dilemma every day, every second.

1 Peter 2:9 identifies Christians as a peculiar people. In this instance, "peculiar" people meaning we are unique belonging to God. One can only wonder how can we be a peculiar people, when behaving the same way as the secular world if not worse when it comes to the often hushed subject of finances?

One of the biggest areas that Christians tend to struggle in is the area of money. Do your public finances line up with your private finances? Do you charge items on a credit card or agree to buy items on limited no interest plans? Are you banking on having a job when the payments start up, without any promising leads?

Satan loves your being in debt. Why? Because an uncountable number of Christians publicly DENY they are having financial trouble. They continue to "Keep up with the Joneses." Behind closed doors however, they cannot deny the creditors calling, the late notices in the mail or painful decisions to pay certain bills or feed the family. Why is this so tragic? The evidence has been in



Taffy Wagner

front of us for years:

Marriages are ending in separation or divorce due to spouses blaming each other for financial irresponsibility. No one is discussing solutions.

A reduced income in many households thanks to the economic recession has led to many couples not understanding how to live on an ever changing income. Despite costs remaining the same if not greater.

Churches no longer have the same cash flow that resulted from tithing as the primary source of income. Reduced money has led to reduced secular services.

People in debt who have a calling on their lives and a ministry are not able to fulfill their mission as they struggle to take care of themselves.

Embarrassment and evasiveness over finances is just what Satan wants from you. Your illusions of financial stability aren't allowing you to share testimony of how you got out of debt, started that ministry or even sowed into the lives of others. Will you continue to be a victim or become the victorious? ✚

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House of Joy 47th Anniversary

On Saturday, April 21, 2012 House of Joy Miracle Deliverance Church in Denver, under the leadership of Apostle Ralph E. Beechum, and Elect Lady Carolyn J. Beechum, hosted their 47th anniversary, where they honored Mother Willie Simmons one of the founders of the church.



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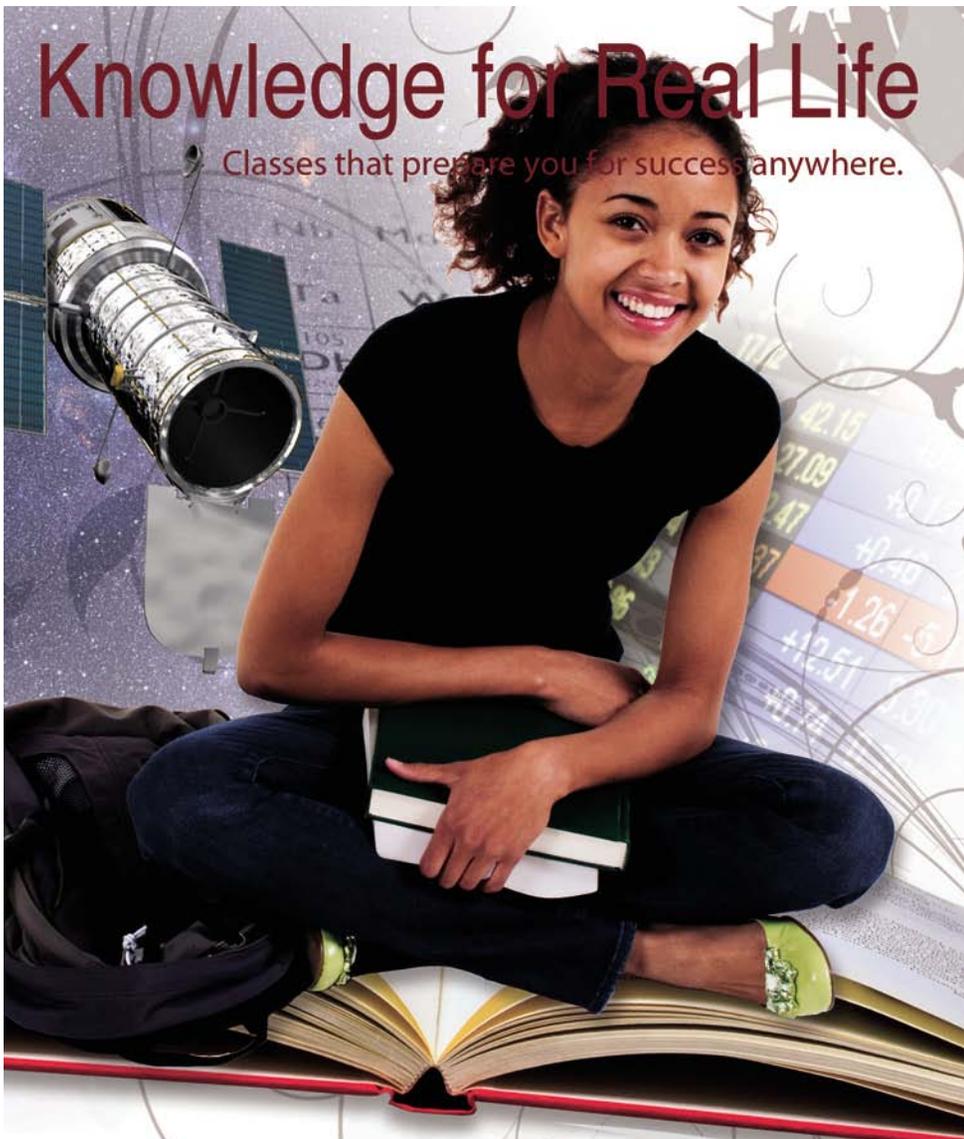
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Ronnie Stallworth

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Ronnie, an Officer and the first Black CSPD Cadet and Detective in the 1970's infiltrated the KKK and received a membership card and certificate signed by then Grand Wizard, David Duke. He later worked for the Utah Department of Public Safety, retiring as a sergeant. Ronnie is an Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor for Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City, Utah. He also is the author of two books, "Gangsta Code: The Sociological Implications of Rap Music, Hip Hop Culture, and Street Gangs" and "Bringing the Noise: Gangsta- Reality Rap and The Dynamics of Black Social Revolution".



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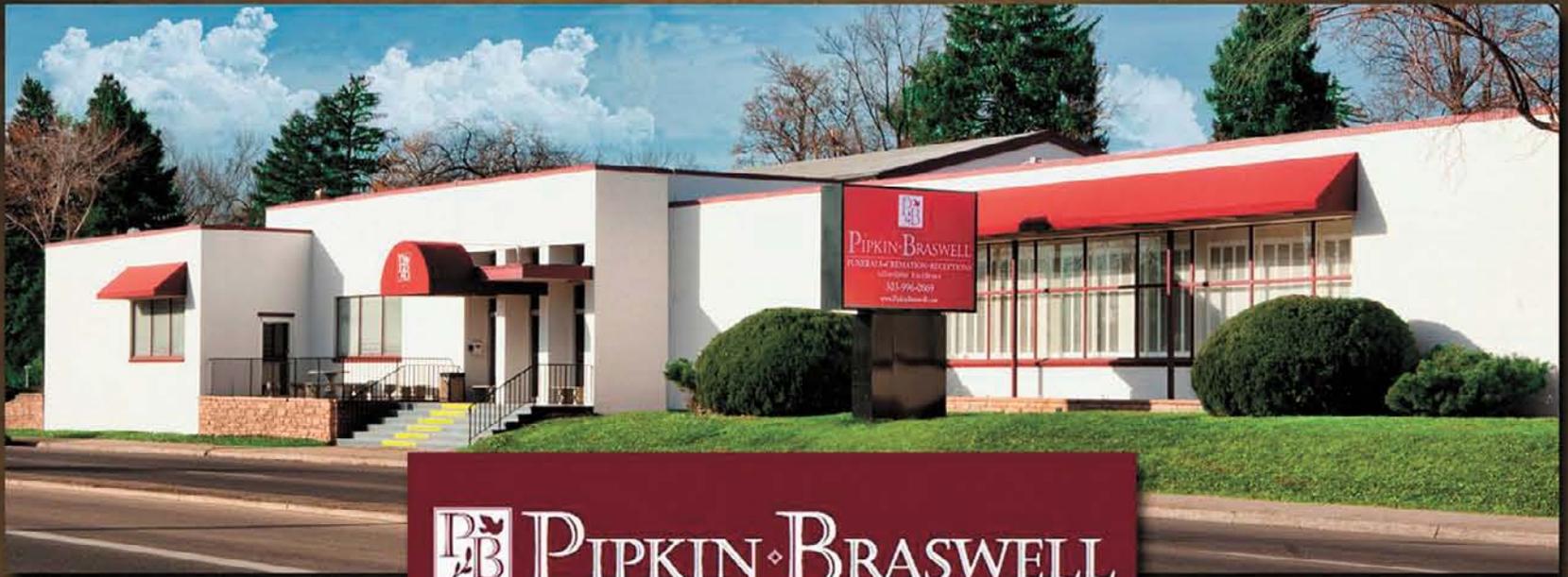
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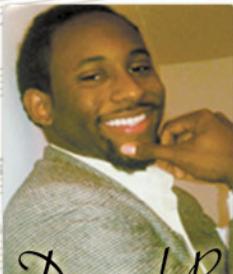
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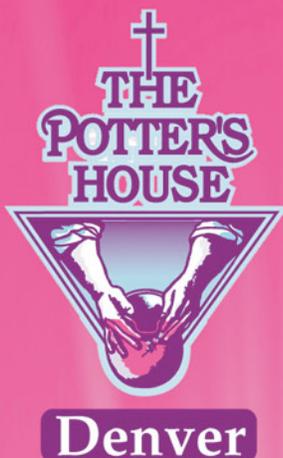
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was going to help tend to the car accident victims if any, but since she is an older lady, she couldn't run, so she was stuck there. Since he couldn't get me, he turned to her and shot her dead. Next, he approached the off-duty police officer, who was able to shoot and kill him.

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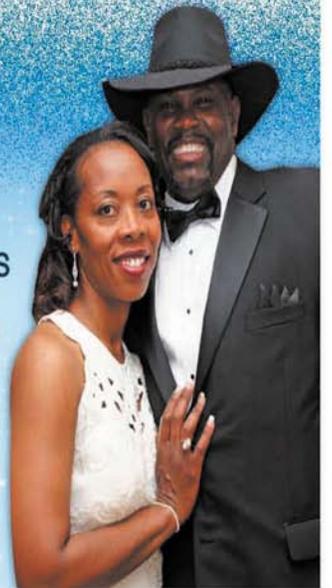


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The Strength of a Mother's Faith

"Then Jesus answered and said to her, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.' And her daughter was healed from that very hour."

— **Matthew 15:28**

By Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

The text before us illustrates the importance of the persistence of a mother's faith, for the healing of her child. As we shall see, intercession is not always an easy road. It has many discouragements; it calls for one to be humble and willing to suffer adversity to achieve the result. Others will oppose us, and God does not always seem to answer on time, but if we are persistent in our faith, believing that God is able, we can achieve our goal. How determined are we to protect our children from evil influences? How willing are we to seek God's guidance and influence in their lives? How persistent are we to see those who have gone astray healed from the unclean spirit of the world? Whether we are father or mother, let us see, and model the persistent faith of this Gentile woman?

She Recognized the Problem and Knew the Source of Her Help (Matthew 15: 21, 22, Mark 7:25). This mother's daughter had a problem that the gospel writer Matthew indicates was severe demon possession. Gospel writer Mark says it was an unclean spirit. By modern day standards, we might think she was acting crazy, inattentive, unable to concentrate, probably doing things out of character. Maybe she was cursing or talking back to her mother as if she had lost her mind (have you ever heard your momma say that---"you must have lost your mind"). Maybe she was doing things that were completely against the standards of the home, against how she had been raised. We do not know how this illness manifested itself. However, what we do know is that according to the mother's assessment some outside influence had infected this child's mind.

Some of our children are dealing with severe discipline issues and we may be called to wonder if our child is not possessed, or at least oppressed of the devil.

When a person gives their life to Christ, the Spirit of God comes in and sets up residence. The devil cannot come into a believer's life and possess them without overcoming and casting out the Spirit of God. True believers need not fear possession. The Spirit of God who dwells within us is strong enough to overcome all the evil alliances that come our way (Mark 3:22-27; 1 John 4:4). However, although the devil cannot possess us, he can oppress us. As we listen to what he has to say, as we surround ourselves with negative people and demonic influences. As we watch and read of demonic activities, we open

ourselves up for the devil to convince us that he has more power than he really has. In spite of the Spirit of God dwelling in us, we can be led to act totally out of character. Act differently than who and whose we are. The reality is that problem children can come from godly homes, and godly parents. The chances of that occurring are less, but nonetheless it is a possibility.

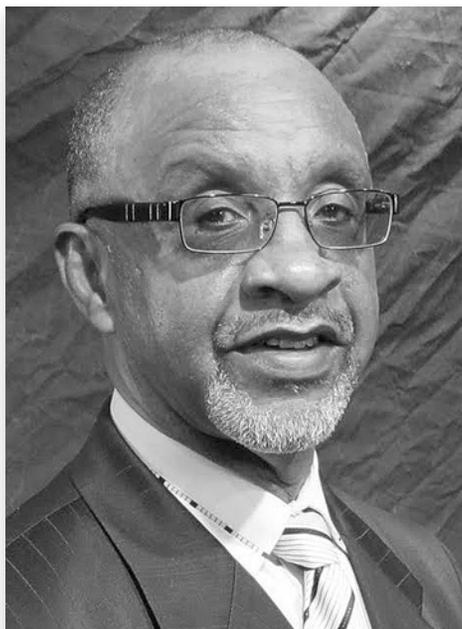
The woman recognized her child needed help. She understood the need, and believed that Jesus was the one who could heal her daughter. What need do you recognize in your child? To whom are you looking for help and protection?

She Could Not Be Turned Away From Her Goal (vs. 23-27). In order for the woman to achieve her goal, she had to overcome significant barriers. She had at least three tests of the strength of her faith: First, the woman encountered the barrier of silence. Jesus did not respond immediately to her plea. Second, she had to overcome minority status. Jesus said he was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and this woman was not a part of that flock. Third, she had to overcome words that in our day would be considered insulting and politically incorrect. On the face of it, Jesus' statement appears to be an insensitive response to the heartbroken woman's cries. "He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

The woman accepted the dog status assigned by Jesus and used it in pressing her plea. She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Little dogs, as well as children, belonged to the same head of the house, and would receive their bread in their turn. Even dogs are allowed the opportunity for sustenance. It may only be leftovers, but sustenance the less.

A mother must be will to suffer personal pain, indignity, and be willing to be put off her routine to ensure the best for the child that she has brought into this world.

Her Faith And Persistence Resulted In Her Achieving Her Goal (vs. 28-29). Jesus paid this Gentile woman a compliment that any of His Jewish disciples would have been grateful to receive. Great was her faith! Her faith was strong. Like the faith of those who tore a hole in the roof so that they



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could lower their paralytic friend into the house where Jesus was (Mark 2:112), her faith struggled against obstacles. Thus, Jesus granted her request.

For the sake of her beloved daughter, she endured difficulty and rejection to press her appeal with One she knew to be able to help. She came humbly and patiently, accepting gratefully whatever the Lord might give.

When your children reflect on what their mother was like; what image will they have that will help to sustain them in times of need. Will it be one of a mother that does not give up, that does not quit, and that pursues the very best for her child in spite of all the obstacles? Or, will it be a mother who is impatient and unwilling to pay the price to intercede for her children. I think God I had a mother who prayed me throughout my life.

My mother taught me many things. I bet you can resonate with these:

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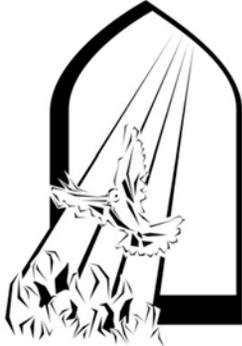
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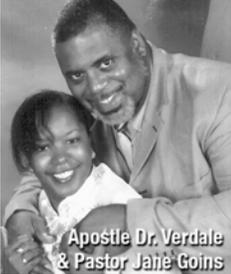
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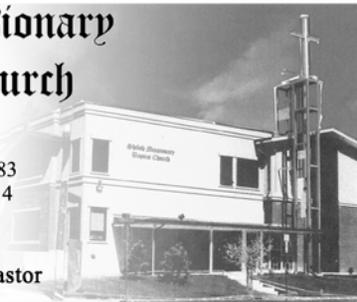
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Community Musical Honoring Deaconess Rosa L. Godfrey

Denver get ready for a phenomenal musical event honoring a phenomenal woman in the personage of Deaconess Rosa L. Godfrey, on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 7pm at Unity C.O.G.I.C..

Deaconess Godfrey was a well known woman of God in the Denver metro area. She was a true servant of the Lord, ever faithful through her rendering of service. Godfrey was a well known soloist for her home church Zion Baptist as well as for the Northern District of the Western States Baptist Convention. Also while at Zion she was the president of the Deaconess Board.

Deaconess Godfrey departed this world and entered into the gates of heaven the day before her birthday May 17, 2011. This event will mark the first anniversary of her passing. Her grandson, Cedric Johnson is coordinating this musical in her honor.

"She was a true woman of God who loved to sing praises unto her Lord," said Johnson.

Johnson says that he wants to conduct this musical in her honor as music was an important part of his grandmother's life. He wishes to remember his



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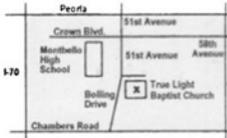
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8:00 a.m. Early Morning Worship
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ing toward you; would you listen then?"

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I've told you once, I've told you a *million* times - Don't Exaggerate!"

My mother taught me THE CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

My mother taught me about BEDDING: "If you make your bed hard, you gotta lay in it," or "If you lie down with dogs, you'll get up with fleas."

My mother taught me about COMPANIONSHIP: "Bad company corrupts good morals." (1 Cor 15:33 NAS)

But most of all, my mother taught me that God is able, that God can, and that God will.

When I think about my youth and all the potential trouble I could have gotten into, and that which I did, one thing always comes to mind. I had a determined mother praying for me. I am appreciative of my mother's prayers and her persistence. I am what I am today because of my mother's prayers. Thank you, mom!

What about you? Does your mother know how much you appreciate her? Is she aware that you are aware of the sacrifice she has made for you? Why not tell her again this Mother's Day? ✝

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Thank You for Being My Friend

By **Evan. Dr. P.M. Wynn Grove**

This is dedicated to every Mother ...

Thank you for believing in me, when I found it difficult to believe in myself.....

For saying what I've needed to hear sometimes, instead of what I've wanted to hear.....

For siding with me, when my side wasn't right....and for giving me another side to consider.

Thank you for being my friend.....

Thank you for opening yourself up to me....

For trusting me with your thoughts, disappointments and dreams....

Thank you for saying No, when I wanted you to say Yes...

Thank you for loving me, when I couldn't love myself.....

Thank you for praying with me and for me and when I

Couldn't pray for myself....

Thank you for being my friend.....



Evan. Dr. Wynn Grove

Most of all thank you for teaching me about God, our

Heavenly Father, who loved us so much that he sent

His only begotten son....Jesus Christ who died for

Our sins.....

Thank you, for teaching me that God has taught us all

About unconditional Love.....

Happy Mother's Day to each and every mother on this day and everyday!

Evangelist Dr. P.M. Wynn

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BATTLE CRY

In Whom Do You Trust?

By **Rev. Charles E. Battle**

Each day, we hear that unemployment and prices are up and jobs are down.

Each trip to the gas station is marked by the question, "How much will it take to fill my tank, today?"

The two-party configuration of Congress is bickering about what to do next.

History has shown that evil men will continue to do evil things.

Placing your trust in man is as foolish today as it has always been.

Consider this... when 9% unemployment is talked about, that means that there is 91% employment!

The Bible says that GOD will supply all of our needs, according to HIS riches and glory! [Philippians 4:19].

The Bible also says that GOD will not only take care of the 'lilies' of the field', but us as well. [Matthew 6:28]

If we do our part [Matthew 6:33], GOD will do HIS part.

As a result, we can.....

Praise HIM in advance! ✝



LOCAL EVENT

Ordination Service at Rising Star

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith Officers and Members with the American

Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountain Region Rev. Dr. Steven Van Ostran Executive Minister. Requests the honor of your presence in the Ordination Service of **Rev. Ida Gice Smith** On Sunday, May 26, 2012 at 5:00pm Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church 1500 South Dayton Street Denver CO. 80247

Mr. Jesse Lee Brown, Jr.

1953 - 2012

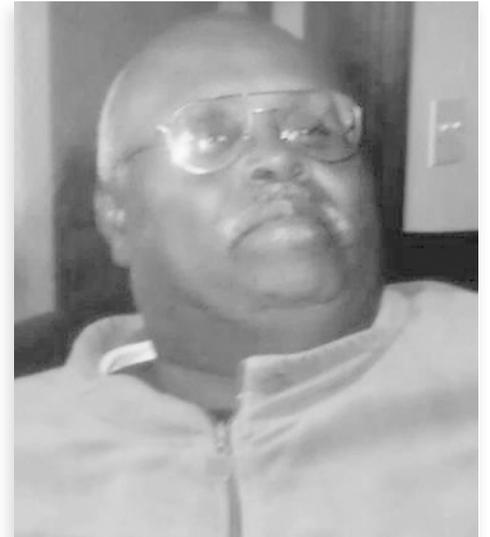
Mr. Jesse Lee Brown, Jr., also known as "Big Jesse," "June" and "Big Boy" to his family and many friends and acquaintances, was the first son and second eldest child born to the late Jesse Lee Brown, Sr. and Pauline V. Ellis Brown. Jesse entered into this world on September 17, 1953 in Homer, Louisiana. The family moved to Colorado when Jesse was very young. He received his formal education in the Denver Public School System and attended Ebert, Whittier and Columbine Elementary Schools, Cole Middle School and graduated from Manual High School.

After high school, Jesse attended Community College of Denver and received a degree in Business. Jesse worked in several fields of employment during his lifetime: as a delivery driver for the Denver Dry, insurance salesman for American Life and also a driver for Wells Fargo Bank. He also worked as a bouncer at Mr. Lucky's, Charlie Hurst and The Jet Set in Denver, CO.

Jesse was a big man and had been a popular person all of his life. Everyone knew him because he never met a stranger. He always had a conversation for you—long conversations. But talking was part of his persona; when you saw Jesse, it was about discussing old times together growing up in the neighborhood and what was going on at the present. Before Jesse became confined to a wheelchair, he was very light on his feet. He loved dancing and was a very good dancer. He and his sister Rosemary could "cut a rug" together dancing. He also enjoyed singing karaoke. His voice was heard at BBQs, reunions, birthday parties, gatherings in the park and area nightclubs.

As a teenager, he developed a love for martial arts. He and his lifelong friend and special cousin, Ervin Camack, trained and competed in competitions together. He could put a lot of fear into his opponent. Jesse was a Black Belt in good standing with the I.F.A.A.

Big Jesse has three beautiful children, and a beloved stepson, as well as six loving grandchildren. He loved being a father and had a special bond with his children and grandchildren. He always looked forward to their visits and spending time with them. You could see his love and excitement when they were together and he would beam with pride whenever he spoke about them.



Jesse Lee Brown, Jr.

Jesse accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at a young age at Zion Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado where he attended for many years. He later joined Absolute Word Church in Denver and was an ordained deacon there. He remained a faithful member until the Lord called his name to join him in Heaven. Jesse had a very special love for Bishop Demmer of his beloved church home and his special barber-shop buddies Otis, Vincent, Jesse and Christine.

Jesse is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Rosemary Brown, and his infant son Chance Brown. Those left to cherish his memory are his loving children, Tammy Brown (Lewis), Jesse L. Brown, III, Sierra Brown and Terry Gatewood (Dorree); siblings Tracy Brown (Nichelle), Papa Brown, Sr., Jean McRae (James) and Bea Williams; grandchildren, J'Lee Brown, Lewis Brown, III, Jordan Brown, Terry Gatewood, Jr., Drionna Gatewood and Sarae Gatewood; nieces, Franchon Brown, Arisha Pitts (Odell), Kiwanna McRae, Tremel Brown, Rachel Brown, Nitta Brown, Cararose Brown, Loren Brown, Jasmine Brown, Tiyron Brown; nephews, Willam O. Brown, Jr., Elbie "Papa Brown," Jr., Quentin Guffie, Bryce Stiggers and Giovanni Younger; great nieces, Daisha Pitts and Dominique Combs, and great nephew Ivan Cook, all of Denver, CO; aunts, Allie Mae Turner of Home, LA and Ella Mae Allen Falls (Robert) of Denver, CO, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. ✝

LOCAL EVENT

Tea & Talent Show for the Elderly

June 9th 2-5:00 p.m. — Godly Women Ministries is looking for ministries, individuals or churches that would like to be on program and perform for our

Elderly at Forest Street Compassionate Care. If you would like to sing, dance, read a poem etc., Lets be a blessing to the elderly. You can even make gifts for them and give from your ministry Tea and Dessert will be served to the elderly. We need volunteers to help with serving, setting up etc. Call for your tickets or if you would like to perform 720-808-9291. RSVP by May 25th

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DEADLINE:
15th of the Month

New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist to Honor Rev. James H. McMearn

FOUNTAIN, COLO. — The New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church will honor their pastor, Rev James H. McMearn with a week-long celebration beginning Apr 29 – May 6 2012. Everyone is welcome to attend the opening afternoon service at 3:30pm on Sunday, April 29, 2012 and evening services from May 2 –May 4 2012 starting at 7:00pm. The culmination service will be on May 6, 2012 at 3:30pm.

This year marks the 40th year that Rev McMearn has been the pastor of the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist/UCC Church in Fountain, Colorado and the church is planning a grand celebration to honor this great accomplishment.

Reverend McMearn is the Founding Pastor of the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. He is the Senior Pastor in both Colorado Springs and El Paso County Colorado and has been a pillar in the local community.

He co-founded the city-county

drug treatment clinic in 1968 under the Health Department of Colorado Springs and the comprehensive alcohol treatment program under the Pike Peak Family Counseling and Mental Health Center. He was a driving force for the designation of the Milton E. Proby Parkway and has been recognized by civic leaders such as the former Colorado Springs Mayor and Colorado Governor. Rev McMearn currently serves as the Founding President of the Southern Colorado Ministerial Alliance which ensures minority issues and concerns are communicated to the areas political and law enforcement communities.

Rev McMearn earned his degree in Religious Studies with a minor in Christian Education, Cum Laude from Regis University and studied in the Masters of Divinity program at the Denver Seminary in Denver Colorado. Because of his demonstrated pastoral record, he was awarded a full scholarship under their "Senior Urban Pastor Scholarship" program. ✚

OBITUARY

Mrs. Eva Mae Cowans

By Lequita J. Taylor

1942 - 2012

Our mother, Eva Mae Cowans was born on October 4, 1942 in Laran, Louisiana to the late Ossie Bell and Cleveland Young. She was the only girl and the oldest, with three brothers, Cliff, John Willie and Dennis Ray. John Willie preceded her in death in March of 2011.

When our mother was six, our grandmother died while giving birth to another son. Mother always talked about how she remembered them being in the same casket together and how her mother would always sing, sing, sing. I guess this is when our heritage started with singing in the family.

After Grandmother died, the children all got split up between families. Not long after, Mother was given to her aunt and uncle, Callie Mae and John A. Edwards. They moved to Monroe, Louisiana. When she was nine, the family moved to Denver, Colorado.

She attended Whittier Elementary, Cole Junior High and Manuel High School. She always reflected on how good times were back then with all of her schoolmates, and how times are so different now. Soon after high school, she became a mother, having her oldest child and only daughter, myself, Lequita, in 1959. Then Robert was born in 1961, along came Ronald in 1963, Sean in 1966, Harold in 1967 and last but not least, Alex, her baby son in 1970. Harold preceded her in death on July 5, 2002.

She was a very devoted mother who had some very difficult times, but loved her children. When the boys were grow-



Eva Mae Cowans

ing up and being bad, I can remember Mother saying, "They might be bad, but they are my bad kids." She could be very quiet on a lot of things, but if she thought you were messing with her kids...it was on!

When mother started having children, she also had to work. She did various jobs, mainly cleaning people's homes. She was very particular and always made sure that the house was done right. But cooking was her passion. She always told me how she was cooking biscuits from scratch at the age of nine and how Aunt Callie taught her so much about cooking this and that and how Mother took it to another level with her own style. Eventually, Mother met some people that told her about a Day Care called Child Opportunity Program in Denver and they were looking for a cook. She was hired in 1974 and the rest is history. She took care of those children and the staff. She even took care of some of the parents. If she thought you were hungry, she made sure you ate.

Her cooking was so awesome that any time COP had Board Meetings, Mother had to prepare chicken and peach cobbler. There were other fixings, but that

We will always cherish the memories that God let us share with our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. We are truly going to miss our mother, her cooking, her laughing, and her wisdom on life.

The Power of the Tongue

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

— Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)

By Rev. Dr. Henry L. Armington, Sr.

When I was younger I use to say, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but, words will never hurt you." Words have power. It is life. Whatever utter out of your mouth can damage or empower people for the rest of there life. You can tell a child that they are nothing and will never be nothing. That is a seed that have been planted with the words that went forth.

One thing about a seed once it goes into the ground and be nurtured it will come forth. It may not surface today or tomorrow but, over a process of time it will come forth. The results of it can be great or small. Depending on how the seed has been nurtured over the course of time. Those words can cause a person to look down on him or herself to the point there life will turn out to be a failure.

Due to the seed that came from a person they believed in. Only thing that they can see is the results of there life because they never put

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Rev. Dr. Henry L. Armington

forth effort. Only thing that they have been told throughout life was they were nothing. So why even try to pursue anything when it has been imbedded in you that it was impossible to do.

Words are so powerful that God was able to call the existence of this world into being. He called forth the sun and thousands of years later the sun has not stop shining. He spoke a firmament in the atmosphere and yet it still separating the earth today. Words have a long term effect. That's why we have to be careful of the things that we say.

If a weapon is not used in the right way it can cause more harm than help. Use your words to strengthen and build. Use words to bring forth life and productivity. Learn how to tear down strong holds and build the Kingdom of God. Those who love words, shall eat the fruit thereof. ✚

always stood out in my mind. She got the pet name "Ms. Eva" from working in the kitchen.

After she grew in her ability to handle so many children and staff, the late Leali Batiste offered her a position of Supervisor and she just bloomed in it. She remained a faithful employee until COP closed on June 13, 2003.

When COP closed, I saw a change in Mother. She had such a void from not working with children. It was after my husband and I started Taylor Funeral Home in 2003 that we had her come on board, as one of my funeral directors in 2006 and she remained faithful with us until her untimely death.

She loved passing out Kleenex and comforting people. She always had a smile, hug or touch for those that were grieving. When she had to go on kidney dialysis in 1999, after she began working for us, she would schedule her dialysis for 5:00 a.m. if we had two funerals for that day, so she could be at the funerals. We would tell her that we would pay her and she could just stay home, but she was determined to be there to help any family. Her chest would stick out with pride for my husband and me with our funeral home that she was a precious part of.

Because of her faith and trust in God, she was able to go through her struggles knowing that God was with her. Mother accepted the Lord at a very early age. After moving to Denver, she was a member of the Jerusalem Church of God

in Christ under the leadership of the late Elder H.F. Kelly. She later joined Antioch Church of God in Christ under Bishop Frank Johnson after Mother Callie Mae Edwards left to help Bishop start his church. She sang in the choir and she took a great part in any cooking at the church or selling dinners.

Mother was very much about God, her family and friends. She loved everyone and she was truly our rock. She was so giving and very comical. We will always cherish the memories that God let us share with our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. We are truly going to miss our mother, her cooking, her laughing, and her wisdom on life.

On April 15, 2012 at 11:20 p.m. in the St. Joseph Hospital, Mother became free, passing into the arms of Jesus. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Liquita J. (Michael) Taylor of Aurora, CO; sons Robert and Ronald Blue, Sean and Alex Cowans, all of Denver, CO; brothers Eld. Cliff (Linda) Young of Mesquite, TX, Rev. Dennis Ray (Shirley) Honeycutt of Kansas City, MI; sister-in-law, Muriel "Aunt Bill" Honeycutt of Kansas City, KS, thirty-five grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Well...this chapter of her story has now been closed, but we can always go back to her book and reflect...on her life! ✚

A Pearl for Mom

Dear Mom,

It is not often that I take the time to tell you how special you are and how your guidance has meant the world

to me. It is a mother who has the strongest quietest influence on us. You brought me into this beautiful world, nourished me, loved me and cared for me. You gave me the courage to stand on my own two feet and face this world with confidence. No words can adequately express how much you mean to mean. Today, I celebrate you and am grateful for the influence you have had on my life.

Sound familiar? These words are written in cards and sent to mothers, grandmother's aunts and friends all over the world during the month of May. During this month we pay a special tribute to the women who have shaped our lives. It was Terri Guillermetts who once said, "I love my mother as the trees love water and sunshine. She helps me grow, prosper, and reach great heights".

At Jeffery B during the month of May, we will specially price our pearl necklaces so can you pay tribute to the woman who helped nurture you through the years. A pearl is a hard object produced within the soft tissue of a mollusk. If you think about your life and the trials your mother

endured to shape you; she too was the soft tissue that sheltered you along the way.

Stop in and see the beautiful strands of pearls. Our selection varies from the traditional creamy white a multi-colored for everyday wear to luxurious black when she wants to make a dramatic fashion statement.

If you are thinking, "Mom does not really like pearls", then consider giving her a certificate to have her jewelry appraised. Treat her to the service we provide every first Wednesday of

the month. With the fluctuations in gold and silver, she should have an accurate appraisal to safe guard the value of her heirlooms. Whatever your gift giving needs, we have wonderful jewelry at Jeffery B! Stop in and let us help you show your appreciation this Mother's Day.

Happy Mother's Day to one and all; we value the pearls of wisdom you have shared over the years!

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All this, and more, is on the menu at Shampearls, owned and operated by Michael Davis, single father to his 11-year-old daughter Brittany. They have wonderful brisket, hot links that are sensational, ribs that fall off the bone, turkey, turkey legs, and chicken.

Also, collard greens that made with smoked turkey and chicken, and baked beans with brisket and ground beef. Not to mention the sweet potato salad, corn, and baked potato salad.

Michael Davis, owner of Shampearls Restaurant, credits his mom for teaching him how to cook when he was growing up, and his dad taught him how to barbeque. Michael was born in Park Hill. For 15 years, Michael has wanted his own business. He has worked as a chef at the Brown Palace Hotel, Landings Corporation, and Ya Ya's Euro Cafe, where he worked until he retired.

Michael began noticing that when he created new dishes, often, patrons would ask him to make it again when



Michael Davis and daughter Brittany

they returned the next week. And whenever he would cook something new for family or friends and gatherings, the food always received rave reviews. This convinced him that not only was he able to please diners in a four- or five- star restaurant, but that he also had a special gift that went even beyond that level. This gave him the confidence to step out in 2010 and

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grandmother through this celebration of praise and worship also as a way to continue her legacy of ministry through song.

The musical will feature many of Denver's best ministers, musicians and psalmists. Those scheduled to minister on this night of praise include

Rev. Yolonda Shaw of Living Hope Baptist Church, Minister Nathaniel Black, Minister Brian Tarver, Minister Jerrail Jones serving as Minister of Music for the event and many others.

Be sure to come out and support this endeavor of celebratory praise and worship. ✚

"She was a true woman of God who loved to sing praises unto her Lord," said Johnson. Johnson says that he wants to conduct this musical in her honor as music was an important part of his grandmother's life.

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open his own restaurant, Shampearls.

Michael's daughter, Brittany thought of the name Shampearls as a combination of Champagne and Pearls. She wants to become a pediatrician, and she also enjoys working in the restaurant, where she is learning to cook and cashier.

Michael says, "I make all the food fresh each day, and I make my own rub for the barbecue from 32 spices, and no salt, because salt draws out the moisture from meat, and also it is not healthy for our people. I have only two sauces: regular and hot; the main flavor comes from the spice rub. We use drippings from the poultry

and meat that we cook, and then we skim off the fat before we use it in our recipes.

"We don't use commercial chicken or beef broth—we make our own. We make everything from scratch each day, using fresh ingredients. We also do catering for up to 400 people."

Shampearls is located at 19741 E. Smoky Hill Rd, Unit B, Centennial, Colorado. The restaurant is next to Starbucks in the King Soopers Shopping Center. Shampearls is open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and until 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.



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