



Women of the Kingdom

He is the Answer to Every Question

BY SHARMAINE WALCOTT

I've stood with questions at so many points in my life! Throughout my childhood, adolescent, and even through my adult life there have been and still are challenges and struggles, highs and lows, ins and outs; spiritual, physical, and mental battles! QUESTIONS... I've learnt that what I have experienced are not necessarily new, because like me, many have discovered this place called life. But even knowing this, never gave me answers! I've seen folks breezed through it, others staggered through it, some had to be revived through it, while countless others died along the way, yet others remain undisturbed and confident!

In my situations, I would ask 'WHY?', 'HOW LONG?', 'WILL I SURVIVE?' 'LORD WHERE ARE YOU?!' It was not until I grew in the things and knowledge of God and who He is to me, that I now understand that everything happens for a reason, that seasons change, that I am more than a conqueror through Christ who strengthens me! I serve a God that has never left me nor forsaken me! In this season of my life I pray for strength and courage to endure, for a heart that sees beyond the physical, to better be able to assist others, for guidance and wisdom to follow through and a keen ear to hear His voice! In 2017 may we be released from the questions and begin to selflessly see the need to bless others in their struggles even as we encounter new challenges! What we go through is for us to help others through! Blessings and Divine Favour in your life completely!

God's Word in the Newness and the Now-ness of our lives

BY KATHY LEWIS

The lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places. No good thing will He withhold from us who walk uprightly. Yea, we have a goodly heritage. It is the Lord who had given us counsel. For the Lord God is our sun and shield. We've set him always before us. And now, Lord, what wait we for? Our hope is in thee, King of Glory, Lord of hosts. Thou will show us the path of life.

PRAYER CORNER: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BY MARGARET MCKENZIE

I would like to challenge us in the New Year to spend more time in God's word. A bible scholar that I listen to, who is gone to be with the Lord many years now ; once said "the hardest people to be converted is church people for they are in the church and say they are save and they are not"

A new beginning (Genesis 1:1) God created the heaven and the earth (not sure if this needs to be there...I am a littel confused as to what this has to do with the rest of the text).

The church in Ephesus.(Revelation 2:2-4) I know thy works, and thy labour and thy patience thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou tried them which say that they are apostles, and are not and found them to be liars.

The Lord commended them for their works that they have done, then he said I notice that you don't love me as you did at first.

We should search the scriptures together, and find the many hidden treasures and discover God's truth. The Lord is not only speaking to the church in Ephesus but he is speaking to us as well.

Dear Lord help us to live faithful to you as we begin the New Year and be totally committed to you and your purposes for us. Let our agenda be for you and not for this world, and love you as you have loved us.



Let your goal be to engage in a more intimate relationship with Him.

Greetings and Salutations to all the saints in the body of Christ! I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2017.

At the beginning of each New Year, we are inclined to make New Year's Resolutions. Many of us have something that we don't like, for example excess weight, an unhealthy habit, or an undesired behavior that we would like to change. We often believe that the best time to start working towards our desired outcome is at the beginning of the year. Some of us set unrealistic goals only to find that down the line we have failed, lost track or we may have forgotten what we have started out with. It has been proven that many who make New Year's Resolutions never follow through to the end.

Could it be that what we desired was not something that we really wanted? Did it just sound like a good plan? Or, did we get side tracked and as time passed it didn't seem as important as it did at the beginning of the year? While having goals are good, I believe that our goals should be something that is truly going to enrich our lives, and catapult us into spiritual growth. Our goals should be something that is critical to our spiritual well-being and without it, we would truly suffer.

The most important thing that a person should want to work towards is a more intimate relationship with Christ. The closer we get to Christ, is the more He will reveal to us the areas in our own individual lives that need to be changed. We all have "issues" and "weaknesses" that need to be touched by His transforming power. And while God doesn't reveal everything to us at once, he will expose to us the areas that he wants to immediately work on. Through the Holy Spirit's help, we will become more and more like Him. This should be our ultimate goal. As the song writer says, "To be like Jesus, all I ask is to be like Him". The best feeling in the world is to know that you are close to God and that he is lovingly removing the things that would hinder your spiritual growth. Not only this month, but every day, let your goal be to engage in a more intimate relationship with Him, while allowing God to change the areas in your life that need to be transformed.

Have an awesome January!
Abundant Blessings
Pastor Bridget



WRITE DOWN THE THINGS THAT YOU WANT GOD TO DO IN YOUR LIFE AND BELIEVE THAT HE WILL COME THROUGH FOR YOU



Greetings to all the saints in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year and May God continue to keep and prosper you in everything that you do. It is the beginning of a New Year and I am looking forward to all the wonderful things that God has in store for His children. I go into this New Year with great expectations and so should you. All of the disappointments and failures of yesterday are behind us and today we are anticipating greater things in 2017.

I challenge you to write down the things that you want God to do in your life and believe that He will come through for you. Habakkuk 2:2-3 in the AMP says, "Write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by.³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time and it hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive or disappoint. Though it tarry, wait [earnestly] for it, because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day

." Writing down your vision signifies the great importance of it. When the difficulties of life come, you can always revisit what you have written as a reminder of what is to come. Although, there is a chance that we may not see everything come to pass in 2017, we have the assurance that at the appointed time, (whenever that may be) it will be accomplished and God will not disappoint our expectations!

On behalf of Bishop James, me and the entire James Family, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and all of God's richest blessings for 2017.

God Bless,
First Lady Rosenda James



WE MUST LEARN TO RELY ON GOD NOT OURSELVES.

BY MAXINE RUSSELL

Recently, I came across a post on social media from a mother depicting the life of her young daughter. The picture posted showed her young daughter sprawled across her Disney themed chair with one foot in the air, sipping from a bottle without a care in the world. The caption read:

“How I wish I can be like my baby. When we are children we seldom think of the future. This innocence leaves us free to enjoy ourselves as few adults can. The day we fret about the future is the day we leave our childhood behind.”

Part way through reading this post I immediately thought about our relationship with our heavenly Father. As believers, we are children of the Most High God. God, our Father, promised in his word to supply of our every need. Therefore, we need not to worry and fret about our future. God not only requires that we come before him with a child like faith to learn from him, he also wants us to come to him knowing no other source, but him. Young children rely solely on their parents to meet their every need, make their every decision and every time they cry and call upon their parents they have developed the trust and faith to know that those needs will be met. We must live by faith and put everything into God's hands.

Our God is good, and which good parent would see their child in need and not meet that need? Which good parent would deny their children the things that are good for them?

Children are parents most prized possessions, their pride and joy. How much more important are we to our Father in heaven? His word says he delights in us, takes pleasure in us, loves us with an everlasting love. God wants us to enjoy our time here on earth, find joy in him and to truly rest in his promises. This world is set up to stress, depress and oppress us but if we can get back to that place of rest, knowing that we don't have to worry about tomorrow. That child like innocence will remain in us. Matthew 6:25-34 instructs us not to worry about tomorrow and the things of this world, that in spite of it all, God promised to keep us, promised to provide for us and his promises are sure. God's word says whatever we ask in his name he will do. Like children we must learn to rely on God not ourselves.

Brethren be encouraged, place everything in the Father's hands and REST! Remember that it's already done!

A Note of Thanks BY: ANNE MARIE BLACKETT

I just want to share my thoughts about family and friends. For the past few years I have found myself spending a lot of time visiting family and friends in the hospital who were diagnosed with terminal illnesses. One thing most of them had in common was the desire to spend more time with family. Some on their sick bed expressed regrets and things they would have done differently. Observing and listening to them made me more aware of the need to live our lives to the full extent of what God has for us and to love on another like our lives depend on it. As we enter into a new year by God's grace, I want to encourage you to put away unforgiveness and hatred and focus on loving one another. Enjoy family and friends. Pray together and pray for others. Do good as it is in you to do. God bless. Sister Anne Marie



IN THE SPIRIT OF NAOMI

Only in a Jar

BY LEILA SPRINGER LIFE COACH, AUTHOR AND PUBLIC SPEAKER



HAPPY NEW YEAR! to all the wonderful ladies of RTT Durham and Downsview and to everyone connected to you. May the blessings of God rest heavily upon you as you chart a bold and exciting course into 2016.

For the past three months, the Lord has been impressing upon me the message of hope and prosperity for the women of God and the need to help them see themselves as part of His limitless ocean of possibilities.

The Lord, the king of Glory, the Almighty, omnipotent, omniscient God is interested in your spiritual success as well as your physical success. As you begin this new year open up to Him and allow His divine power to begin to bring you to a conscious realization of what is possible when you trust Him to lead you.

The story of Elisha and the widow's oil is not only a story, it is an example of what can be yours if you obey God's word, whether it is spoken to you through His word, his servant, or an experience. Remember the widow did not realize what she had until she was asked the question "what do you have in your house?" She was so consumed with the amount of debt that she was in, she did not see the possibilities to be debt free that were right under her roof. When she was asked the question she answered "nothing in the house but a jar of oil." Then she was given instructions, borrow vessels, come home and shut the door behind you and your sons and pour into the vessels.

The problem with many of us is that we have no idea what we have in our house personally, physically and more importantly, spiritually. As a result of not knowing what we have, we remain impoverished. Perhaps you have been struggling for years and not able to see any hope of enjoying the life of abundance recorded in John 10:10 and the joy and happiness that others talk about.

The Lord want you to first acknowledge what you have. Look around your house, the very thing that you are overlooking is your key to your life of abundance.

Look inside yourself and draw on your gifts and talents and begin to use them from where you are for the glory of God. The widow was not told to go anywhere she was not familiar with. She was told to go into her house. The only person that can look inside you, is you. Do it today, God has already given you what you need to help you succeed. You are a woman of the Kingdom; therefore, you belong to the King and the King want you to be spiritually blessed. Physically blessed, emotionally blessed, financially blessed, mentally blessed, and socially blessed along with your household. You have more than a jar of oil available to you. Don't be afraid or ashamed to ask for help. Imagine what would have happened if the widow was too proud to borrow vessels. You can borrow others talents and abilities in areas where you are not skilled. You can share your story with a trusted sister or brother who can point you in the right direction. You can sit at the feet of your spiritual mother or father and draw out divine wisdom. Yes, you have more than a jar of oil available to you so look inside you, look around you, build relationships with your sisters, look up to God and follow His instructions. He will lead you into a life of great abundance.

The Kingdom of God is waiting for you, no one can do what you were called to do like you can. In 2017 Show us the best YOU! .

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WOMAN OF THE MONTH



Sis. Janet Newell is real estate agent and also a long standing member of RTT. She has been with the RTT family from its inception approximately 22 years ago. She attended the church as a visitor and instantly fell in love with the ministry and has been a member ever since. In the past, Sis. Janet has been a church greeter where she would warmly welcome each person who walked through the doors. Valuing the importance of prayer, Sis. Janet is a woman who loves to pray. She is constantly and consistently praying for her church family. When she sees a problem or a challenge arise within the body of Christ, the first thing Sis. Janet does is pray. Nothing is above prayer!

Sis. Janet's relationship with Christ is the most important thing to her. As a result of her love for Him, she has a desire to be used in any capacity within the Kingdom of God. She was brought up in church and is no stranger to ministry. Sis. Janet knows the importance of ministry and the hard work that comes along with it. Her father was a Senior Pastor at St. Anne, Jamaica. Her grandfather was a Deacon and her Grandmother was one of the church mother's.

Sis. Janet watched as her family served the body of Christ in several capacities that would include counselling, prayer etc. It is no wonder that Sis. Janet is passionate about God and the ministry.

We would like to let Sis. Janet know that we truly appreciate her and all that she has to offer to WOK.

Her contributions and years of experience never go unnoticed and we appreciate her! Lots of love from your WOK Family.

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE FROM: SIS SHAWN'S KITCHEN

Ingredients

1/4 cup margarine
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 can pineapple slice in juice drained, juice reserved
1 Jar maraschino cherries without the stem
1 box yellow cake mix any kind will do
Vegetable oil and eggs called for on the cake mix box

Directions

Preheat oven at 325°F for non-stick pan 350°F for others
Follow direction on cake mix box only exception use 1 cup pineapple juice instead of water.
Prepare bake-ware for batter.

Melt 1/4 cup of margarine on stove or in microwave pour it into 13x9 inch square non stick pan or whatever you have that is close to it. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly over the butter. Arrange pineapple slices on brown sugar.

Place cherry in center of each pineapple slice, and arrange remaining cherries around slices; press gently into brown sugar.
Pour batter evenly into bake-ware on top of the arrangement.

Place it in the oven for 42 to 53 min depending on the pan or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
Immediately run knife along the sides to loosen cake. place heatproof serving plate upside down onto pan; turn plate and pan over.

Leave pan over plate for 5-10min so brown sugar topping can drizzle over cake; remove pan. Cool 30 minutes. Serve warm or cool. Store covered in refrigerator.

Hmmm Enjoy!! Bon a Petite



PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A YEAR OF FAVOUR FULL OF HIS UNYIELDING LOVE HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*May the favour of the Lord our
God rest on us*

Women in the Word is scheduled the last Friday of every month.

We look forward to seeing all the ladies there

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JANNA-LYN BAXTER | PRINCIPAL

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