



# Women of the Kingdom

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Greetings to all the saints in the might name of Jesus Christ!

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the WOK Family for a wonderful Founders Day/Birthday celebration. My heart was touched by the warmth and love that was shown. I truly appreciate and love you all! God has proven himself to be faithful. He has protected and watched over me throughout the years. And I believe He will continue to do so. I could not have made it this far without Him. Regardless of the ups and downs of life, Christ was always there. He kept me and he wouldn't let me go. It doesn't matter what life has to offer, there is nothing that compares to the fullness of His love and the richness serving him.



As the song writer says, "The greatest thing in all my life is serving Him." The more we pour into our relationship with Him, the more he showers us with His love. I am so glad that we are never alone. People may come and go. Relationships may fail, but God is not a temporary friend. He is there no matter what! Your weaknesses and inadequacies won't scare him away. If anything, it makes him want to draw closer to you. I am so glad that we can have someone who will never leave us or forsake us. Let's cherish our relationship with Him and serve Him with all our hearts. Have a wonderful month!

God bless you all,  
First Lady Rosenda James

## Prayer Corner

BY MARGARET MCKENZIE

"When you find yourself in some form of difficulties whether it is illness or any other problems; who do you turn to first"?

1. Take care of it yourself
2. Call your friend to talk it over
3. Ask God for help

In my early walk with the Lord my first pick would be 1 & 2. I have come to realize that none of these helps, trying to figure out the solution by myself. It is only when none of this helps I turn to praying. It is amazing what can happen when we take the time to pray about the issues and listen as God speaks through His word.

We get a fresh start on the situation and this helps us to depend upon him; and when we accept the truth revealed to us in scripture by the Holy Spirit and we use these truths, into our lives there is an inner revelation.

We are reminded in (James 5:16) The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Lord help us to make prayer our first response to our problems. Even when we don't understand what is happening. May we trust you and wait upon you because whatever you do for us it is only the best; Amen.



*keep praying and believing because God cares enough about you to turn things around in your life!*



Greetings to all the saints! Have you ever prayed and wondered if God actually heard your prayer?

Does it sometimes feel as if your petitions are falling on deaf ears? Where is God when I need him to come through for me? Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

We all want immediate answers to our prayers. But sometimes, God doesn't come through so quickly. Some of us feel like we are almost at the end of our rope and if He doesn't answer us soon, we will not make it.

Many of us have been waiting for what seems like forever. How much longer will we have to deal with this situation?

It is easy to believe that God is going to come through for you at the beginning, but what happens, when 1 year, 2 years or 5 years go by and you still don't see the answer to your prayers?

It looks like things are going to remain the same. Nothing is going to change.

Many have cried over their children, marriages, finances, health and family and have eventually given up hope.

It can be a difficult process to go through. But I want to encourage that person who feels like they can't do it anymore, that God has heard your prayer from the very first time you prayed. The answer and your victory are on its way!

God cares so much about His children that he is not happy when your life is in turmoil. He doesn't take pleasure in the struggles of His children. Some may think, "Well if he isn't happy, then why am I going through this?" or "He can easily get me out, so why doesn't he?" But what we have to realize is that we all go through a process that would give us a deeper revelation of who He is.

During our process of "waiting" he is refining us, teaching us and strengthening us.

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In addition, when the answer does come, it will come with a deeper revelation of who he is to us. If you are waiting on healing, when your healing comes, you will know Him as your healer. Our faith will be renewed, and our trust in Him will be strengthened. We will learn to never give up, and to always trust God because the answer is on its way. God will do it for you!

Eventually, you will be able to be a source of encouragement to someone else who may be dealing with the same situation you did in the past.

You can turn around and let them know that God will turn your finances around, save your children, heal your body because he did it for me. Let's take a moment to look back over our lives and see where God has come through for us. He didn't stop working in our lives back then, but he is still working today. He will come through again and again! Things will not remain the way they are. A change is coming.

This month, I encourage you to keep praying and believing because God cares enough about you to turn things around in your life.

Have an awesome March!  
Abundant Blessings, Pastor Bridge



# IN THE SPIRIT OF NAOMI

## International Women's Month: "Be Bold for Change"

BY LEILA SPRINGER LIFE COACH, AUTHOR AND PUBLIC SPEAKER

On Tuesday March 8th, women all over the world will host events that remind us of the struggle that still continues to this day. Earlier this year we saw a revival of the movement when women around the world protested after the inauguration of President Donald Trump. On Tuesday, we will celebrate the many milestones that we have overcome. We will celebrate the victories that were a result of our strong faith and courageous acts.

I wonder how many reading this even know that Wednesday is a special day. A day when we celebrate women around the world who did something courageous to change the course of time and give women the opportunities to become lawyers, doctors and the right to vote. Yes, women's voices were heard recently as they boldly declared that things were unfolding in what they believed was pushing us backward instead of driving us forward.

It is a bold act to stand and declare the laws unfair when you are in the minority but that is what women have been doing for centuries.

The fight for equality began way before that. This recent uprising of women's rights reminded me that the women's rights movement did not begin in the eighteenth century. Women's rights began in the book of Numbers chapter 27th when the five daughters of Zelophehad, Mahla, Noa, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah, made a bold step forward for change, went to Moses and stated their case. They laid out the law as it was, but they also made Moses aware that their father did not sin in rebellion against Korah, therefore they believed their case was unique and should be examined.

Moses listened and then he took the case to God, the judge of all the earth, and the bible tells us in Gen.18:25 that the judge of all the earth will do right. Moses took the case to God and in Numbers 27:7 God answered: "The daughters of Zelophehad speak what is right, you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them."

What a powerful statement straight from God on their behalf. Can you imagine standing in court making your claim and the local judge is powerless to help, but then your case is brought to the supreme court the highest court in the land and the Attorney General speaks out on your behalf and says "Give her what she asks for." This should be a great reminder to all of us that even when the odds are against us, even when the law says one thing, when it is taken to God he has the last word. It reminds me of the movie "The Great Debaters" when Denzel Washington (Mr. Tolson) was training the students at Wiley College to be the best debaters, he took them out on a river in a boat and asked them over and over:

Q Who's the judge?

A. The judge is God

Q. Why is He God?

A. Because it is He who determines who wins and who loses not our opponent

Q Who is your opponent?

A. He does not exist\

Q. Why does he not exist?

A. Because he is a mere dissenting voice of the truth that speaks.

Tolson knew that getting the students to repeat this several times would cement it in their brains and each time they were tempted to be discouraged his words would echo in their ears and their faith would ignite and give them a fresh wind of inspiration and motivation.

The word of God teaches us that "Jesus is the way the truth and the life" Regardless of the challenges you are facing remember that God is the judge of all the earth and He will always do right. Even if He has to change all the laws of the land to make it happen. You are His child and His love for you far out weighs any law, any boss, any spouse that seek to destroy you and rob you of your rights, any child that dishonours you. God is on your side and when the time comes for you to stand up and be Bold for change, don't hesitate, you stand up knowing that you do not stand alone.

These five courageous women began a woman's rights movement which probably gave modern day women the idea and courage to start something that would change the course of history and give women the rights to become lawyers and doctors, the right to vote and an opportunity to become anything that they wanted to be in the professional field. This bold act preceded the church leaders that would later draft rules that would prevent women from being ordained as pastors and leaders. But, while they were drafting the laws, the judge of the earth was making a declaration on women's behalf and today we have the freedom to stand up and be counted. The rights that became theirs are now ours and we have our inheritance. It is an inheritance that Paul wrote about in the book of Ephesians 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in His holy people."

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The five daughters of Zelophehad was determined not to lose their inheritance, they argued their case so convincingly to Moses that Moses became sympathetic to them and decided to take their case to the highest court of Law where only God presided.

That was not the end. After Moses died and they entered the promised land under the leadership of Joshua, when the inheritance was being distributed there was none for these five sisters and Moses was not there to remind the leaders that they were entitled to their father's inheritance. So, these women who thought everything was settled had to plead their case one more time. Ladies, it may take more than one try, but just know that justice will be served and you will receive your inheritance if you take that bold step forward for change. As you forge forward into your future be comforted knowing that there is someone greater who you can always depend on. Let Him guide you, Let Him lead you and everything will be alright.

# Our Greatest Greatness: God's Excellence Within Us

BY KATHY LEWIS

Aunty Bea, for Beatrice, is a devoted Christian who preached Christ to everyone including my sisters, my brothers, her sisters, her daughters, and even backsliders; she once said to my cousin, "What are you waiting on to return to Christ? Don't you know he is married to the backslider?" As a matter of fact, she preached this to the entire district.

I did occasionally wonder about how things were created and about why the sky is blue and where was heaven. I used to sit for hours staring up at the sky looking for God; the results were fragmented pieces of clouds forming distinct and indistinct creatures and objects. I went on the train track once and saw limestones ballast and felt they were something valuable, because of the sun's glare ricocheting off the rocks illuminating a sharp, glistening light, a temporary feeling of being rich. I was also puzzled about the rails on the track; I couldn't fathom how they ended up there let alone made.

However, my realization of God began when Aunty Bea did not include me in God's fold, as, I, in retrospect, must have been too young to be considered. I was overlooked, like David whose father was blinded by David's youth. This time, however, it wasn't a prophet asking my mother to anoint her youngest daughter. I was the one advocating for myself. This moment was the trigger, a spark, the moment that led me to pray, to find out from the main source why he didn't want me in his fold.

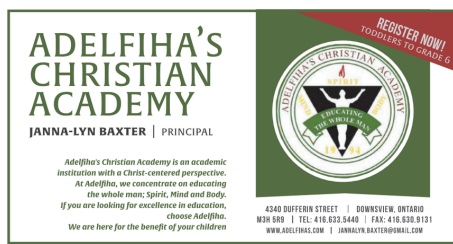
Prayer was our daily, and nightly nursery rhymes sang to calm the heat of oppressive forces at nights that led my mother to burn frankincense and myrrh, said to ward off evil, but first, throwing me a pillowcase to tie my head to reverence the Most High, before reading Psalms 91. Prayer was the cheerful chants of "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild look upon this little child," cheered by a distant relative we called Uncle who held our hands and clapped while singing with us, so I knelt and asked God why. My answer wasn't a vision neither was it a thundering voice from heaven. It came probably months later when my cousins invited me to go with them to a nightly crusade. It was here that I held up my hand after the preacher preached. Of course, there were the constant jeers of, "I give you one week." "Kathy, yu? Yu soon hear the music and yu fi get bout church." I didn't get a chance to hear the music, however. The Holy Ghost came the next day, my second baptism. People from near and far came to witness, and for some, it was nonsense- Satan was jealous- and for others, it was a total conviction of the heart. Some got saved, and some got revitalized.

This moment marked the beginning of my realisation of God's power and the fulfilment of his word: "Whosoever will may come." "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come to him and eat with him, and he with me." His imprints were all over my life from the moment Aunty Bea answered the Master's call, her obedience. While she wasn't aiming for me, God was. He knew I would have heard, and he knew how I was going to respond. He knew I would tread Mount Sinai.

The patriarchs and matriarchs are no different from us. We see them as the great figures with tremendous passion, wisdom and faith, and we don't envision ourselves in their positions, as we mistakenly think their crowns are too broad and too heavy, and we don't have the necks and shoulders to withstand or balance the weight. Our journeys are more similar than we think. Though we may not be televised or may not be leading a multitude to the promised land, in the physical sense, however, in the spiritual sense, our responsibilities are greater. We are called to surpass Moses' capacity through obedience and faith by speaking to the greatness within us and the greatness within others, not speaking to ourselves and others through greatness. Christ said, "Truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these." The greatness in us is the excellence that God has so graciously bestowed upon all us, for "He does things well." The key is a conscious realisation of God's excellence in us, often barred by misapplied overzealous ambition, pride and envy.

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Aunty Bea exemplifies such excellence. She touched her community with boldness and courage, through direct and indirect dialogues. She spoke to individuals and the message echoed in the darkness. She may have overlooked me unknowingly, but maybe God did not want her to approach me directly. It was for me to hear and act out of obedience. Her obedience led to my obedience, and ultimately others heard the word and were also saved, and their obedience will keep the torch burning, lighting generations to come until mercy door closes. Our realization of God's power within us marks the beginning of our journey to our promised land; if we do not, we operate in the shadows of others. None is insignificant, no not one. We were all created for greatness through the excellence of the Most High God, our risen King, so do not look to the east, do not to the west, do not look to the north, and do not look to the south. Look within and rise to your greatness, the light of excellence your Abba put in you.



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## Reality Check

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'Some things irritate me! I'm angry because I didn't like the way you said that to me! I hate when you indirectly accuse me of something, I didn't do! I don't like being reminded of my past!'

So many familiar excuses for ungodly behaviours. The reality is there are some underlying substance that needs to be eliminated! Some things need to be confronted head on and exposed for what it really is! The Bible declares in 2 Corinthians 5:17 " 'In Christ' I am a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

If so, why am I still struggling? Am I still carrying the residue of my pass around with me? Am I not totally healed and delivered from the hurt and pain of the pass; the abuse, the belittling, the resentment, the violence and neglect? So much so that I am afraid of the 'DEMON' within! It erases the 'Fruits of the Spirit' (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) from your life and replaces them with ungodly characters!

My prayer today is that we allow God completely into our hearts and lives and allow Him to break down and break through the walls that have us bound and let Him totally set us free in Jesus name!