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My Esther story and how I found my God given Purpose.



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the Editor

ear friends, welcome to another bimonthly issue of Woman of Faith magazine.

I can hardly believe that we are in June already. Time seem to fly past. With so much to do, the hours in the day never seems enough. I decided to do the most logical thing recently. I "lost" my phone for a while.

I found myself switching off my phone and let it stay 'lost' for a while until I got things done. Do the things that are important and lose the phone. Stop scrolling to watch other people's children dancing and being cheeky, or women giving you make-up hacks, with makeup that are unavailable in your area and out of your budget. Use your time as a precious commodity! The holy Spirit has placed this in my heart recently, and I am very mindful of that. Do things that you would benefit from, that can add value to your life. - Proverbs 21:20 says- "Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it up."

This issue we have an amazing lady on our cover. Tressa Lemky, from Winnipeg, Canada, who shares her unique journey with God and how He has transformed her into the dynamic woman she is today. God alone can transform our hearts, and when He does, He will use you in the most marvelous way for his purpose and glory. A woman of many exceptional abilities, Tressa is the founder of The E.S.T.H.E.R Touch. In her messages she highlights attributes that women should aspire to if they want to emulate Queen Esther in the Bible. With over 40 years in fashion and beauty, Tressa used this

opportunity in the industry to highlight herself not just as a Christian woman but also one who was not willing to compromise her convictions on modesty. Read her story and be inspired.

We have so many more inspiring articles in this issue that will add

value to your life. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are one with the Father, God has placed in every one unique and desirable abilities that we can use to influence, impart and to draw others to live a life with purpose and faith. A smile can say a thousand words, buying a cup of coffee for a homeless person or just being kind to a neighbour or work colleague can make you an influencer.

May you emulate Christ. Acts 20:35 - In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "it is more

May the God of hope, show you His purpose.

blessed to give than to receive."

Have a marvelous new month.

Love and blessings Liz





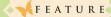
A Prayer for Family

Liz Naidoo

Heavenly Father, I come to You in Jesus precious name. I pray and ask You for protection for our families during this new month. We live in times of increasing fear, dangers and challenges, and so Father I thank You in advance for Your protection. Please watch over our family, send Your angels to guide our footsteps and to lead us away from the places we should not be. Thank you, Father that Your Holy Spirit will lead us away from circumstances that could cause us harm and grant us wisdom and a discerning heart to be able to make the right decisions. Keep us safe from sickness and bodily harm, for Your Word declares that when we pray in faith, we will receive whatever we prayed for. (Matt 21:22). Lord we trust You with all our hearts; and we do no rely on our own fleshly wisdom or our own intelligence or human understanding but our trust is on You alone. Keep our children safe and guide us to become better parents and to impart Your teachings to our children. We thank You that when we seek You, we will find You!

Amen







ideon tapped his pencil nervously on his clipboard. He chewed his lip as he reviewed his notes; the butterflies inside his stomach multiplied rapidly.

"Are you ready?" A commanding but gentle voice boomed.

Clearing his throat, Gideon lifted his head and answered, "Yes, my Lord, I am."

The voice softened. "Gideon, why do you sound so distressed? You know that I already know what you're going to say."

Gideon could hear the smile in his Lord's voice, but this only relaxed him a tiny bit. "You're not going to like what I have to say."

Trying to choose his words, Gideon stared at the clipboard as he shifted his weight from foot to foot. "My plants aren't growing like they should."

A heavy sigh hung in the air, causing the already great multitude of butterflies in Gideon's stomach to multiply again. The Lord's voice

saddened as He asked, "What is the problem with your garden?"

"Well, my Lord," Gideon started, and then he gathered up all his nerve. He furrowed his brow and huffed, "I think you gave me bad plants..."

"Gideon," God interrupted, "I did not give you bad plants. What I gave you was perfect, but you know your plants have free will; they can make their own choices."

Frustration overcame Gideon and began to bubble out. Rolling his eyes, he barked, "Why, Lord, do you give them free will? My gardening job would be so much easier if you hadn't.

"Once more, God's voice boomed. "We've had this



discussion before. I want them to choose to love Me. Let's move on. What's the problem with your garden?"

Putting his attitude in check, Gideon looked back down at his clipboard. Shaking his head, he replied, "Honestly, I just don't know. I water them and I feed them, but they just won't grow right. Some are covered with leaves, others have only one bloom—or maybe two, while others just won't seem to grow at all. I even have a few that are nothing more than very long stems instead of full bushes."

When Gideon finished, a deafening silence engulfed him as he patiently waited for an answer. "Have you pruned them?"

The question took Gideon aback. "Why, no Lord. I-I-I can't."

"Why not?"

"Well, because, they wouldn't like that," a puzzled Gideon answered.

Softly, the Lord whispered, "I know, but it must be done."

Throwing his arms out, Gideon pleaded, "B-b-but,

Lord that would hurt my plants. They would be devastated."

"The pain and devastation would only be temporary. Pruning forces them to focus their energies on growing in the direction that produces the brightest blossoms and best fruit as they become the plants they should be."

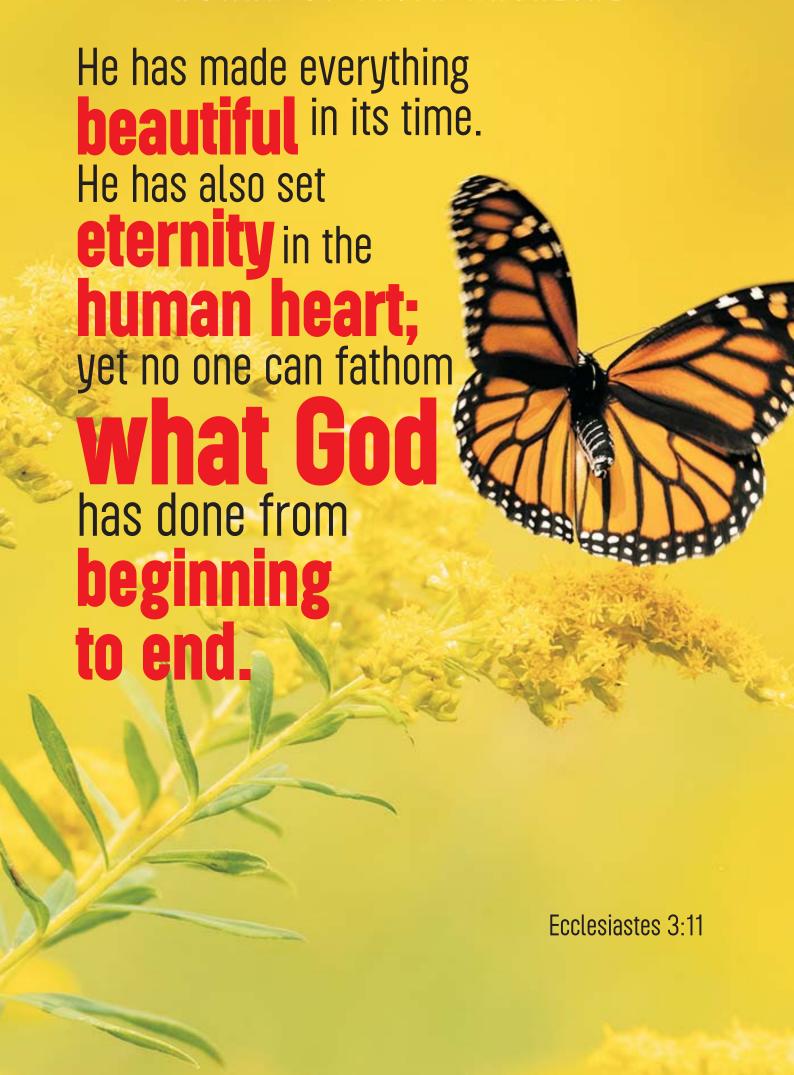
"I'm not sure I can, Lord. I don't want to cause them pain."

"Neither do I," God replied, "but it must be done in order to get a bumper crop."

Gideon hung his head and dropped his clipboard to his side. "Why don't they understand Your love? Why can't they see You the way I do?"

A loving, comforting, power wrapped itself around Gideon. "That, my dear, faithful servant, is why we prune them. So that they will know Me the way you do."

Filled with reassurance, Gideon lifted his downcast face to the brilliant light above him and stretched his lips into a pained smile. "Thank you, Lord. I must go. I have plants to prune."



"I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service."

1 TIMOTHY 1:12





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BEING DIAGNOSED WITH THE BIG C MY HEALING

Dr Shereeze Hokai

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hereeze Hokai is a medical doctor working in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in South Africa. She obtained her Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery degree in 2003 and has practiced as a doctor since 2004. She currently works in a government hospital in Gauteng. Shereeze is passionate about her work, she loves to help people and want to make a difference in the lives of others. She has often prayed for her patients, leading them to the Lord. Shereeze was diagnosed with cancer recently and has undergone extensive surgery and daily radiation for six weeks. He recent biopsy results showed no cancerous cells. God has healed her completely. She shares her amazing Journey of God's goodness during her ordeal with cancer.

During March 2022 I was diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ. In February I had a mammogram done and it showed an abnormal area and the radiologist performed a biopsy. When I went home, my mother and I prayed and we agreed that the biopsy results would be normal. While waiting for the results I was not anxious and assumed the results will be normal. Two weeks later I checked my results and it showed ductal cell carcinoma in situ. This is cancer which is confined to the ducts of the breast and if left untreated can lead to advanced invasive cancer which can spread to other organs.

I immediately phoned my Pastor's wife and remember her telling me that I am a strong woman and I would get through this with God on my side. My Pastor of the church which I attend, Apostle Eden Constance, then prayed for me and we trusted God for my miracle and healing. I also agreed in prayer with my mother and several pastors and friends also prayed for my healing. I cried after receiving the biopsy results, and remember that as the only time when I really cried. Thereafter I was filled with such supernatural peace and strength and I felt God's tangible presence. My younger sister remarked that she could see that the strength I had was from God since most people would be fearful and break down after being diagnosed with cancer. The Lord infused me with supernatural strength and although I did not receive a specific word from the Lord, I knew that He was with me.

After receiving my results, I made an appointment with one of the country's best specialist in breast cancer surgery. More investigations were done and the MRI showed that the abnormal region was extensive. I was then scheduled for surgery. We prayed for a successful surgery and that there would be no complications. A few years ago, when



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I went into theatre, I had difficulty waking up after the procedure and was concerned that it may pose a problem again. On the day of my surgery I was filled with peace and was not anxious and knew that God was with me. The initial procedure was five and a half hours long and I woke up effortlessly after the surgery. I knew that God was in control.

I had several other medical conditions such as diabetes and hypertension and was high risk for surgery. Praise be to God, I woke up easily after surgery and did not end up in ICU. Two days later while I was packed and ready to be discharged, my surgeon looked very serious during the ward round. He then

informed me that all the cancerous cells were not removed and that the surgical excision margins were not clear and that I had to return to theatre for surgery again. I went into theatre the following day and the surgery was two and a half hours long. I woke up easily after theatre again and there were no complications. All praises to Jesus again. The fact that I am alive after nearly 8 hours of surgery and anaesthetic and did not end up in ICU was a miracle!

I was discharged from hospital later and when I went for follow up consultation my surgeon who is a Professor, was amazed that I had normal sensation in the surrounding area after the operation. He said, that usually, all sensation is lost after major surgery since the nerves are often cut. When God heals you even the Professors will be amazed!

After the surgery I developed wound complications which resulted in the wounds taking longer to heal. I then underwent six weeks of daily radiation which resulted in me developing radiation dermatitis. That is radiation induced burns which required wound dressings. We prayed and trusted God for speedy recovery and complete healing and my skin was completely healed. I would have loved for my healing to be much quicker but sometimes healing takes time.



Healing is a process and is not always instant. God's timing is always the best.

The Lord sent amazing people into my life who supported me and prayed for me throughout the entire journey. The support which I received from my family and spiritual family were tremendous and I am so thankful for it. **God knows what we need and when we need it.** When I went through one of the most difficult times in my life, He sent the right people into my life to love and support me and pray for me.I am especially thankful for my local church pastors and Teacher Tanya Faasen,the dean of Revival Bible institute who supported me throughout my healing journey. I would not be here today if it were not for the goodness of God and the prayers of the saints.

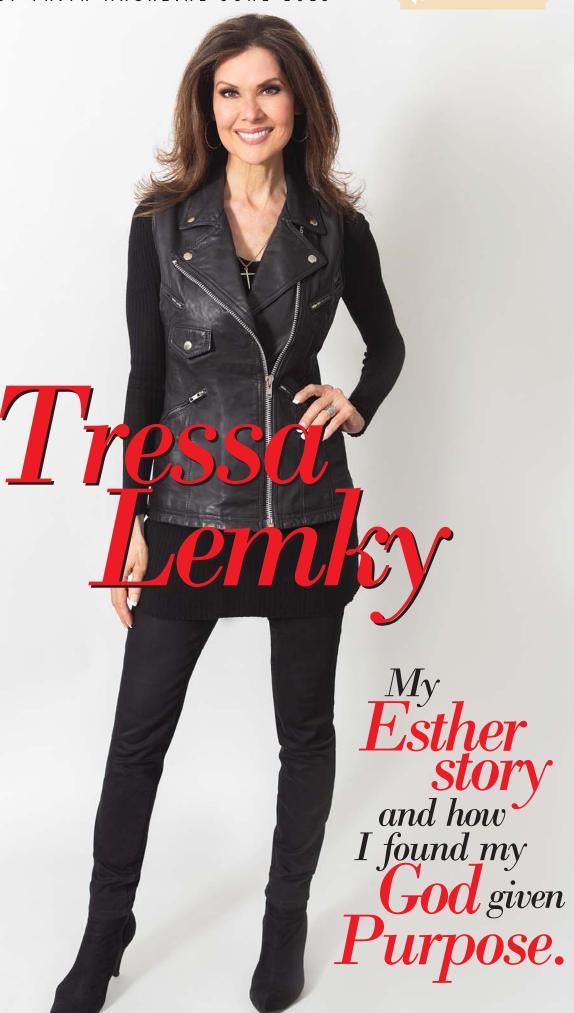
I am thankful to be alive and have experienced first-hand the strength of God. No matter what you are going through, know that God is with you and He will cause all things to work together for your good. – "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." – Romans 8:28 Niv.

No matter how long it may take, do not give up. Your prayers will be answered!

2Corinthians 5:17

COVER FEATURE

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woman of extraordinary strength, beauty and character, our cover Lady, Tressa Lemky, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is a woman of all seasons and exceptional abilities. She is an international contributing author, speaker and the founder of **The E.S.T.H.E.R. Touch.** Tressa has worked as a professional model, radio and television broadcaster and special events producer for over 40 years.

The striking quality about Tressa is that she will use every event, journey and conversation to act as a catalyst for her faith. In 2018 she was chosen by Lady Fiona, Countess of Carnarvon, as the winner of "Come and Dine, Highclere Castle" (home to the popular British drama series, Downton Abbey by Julian Fellowes.) Tressa, along with seven of her personally chosen friends and

family were overnight guests at Highclere Castle, Hampshire, England. This was an all-expense-paid trip by Viking River Cruises which included High Tea, a formal reception and dinner followed by being invited to stay overnight in many of the famous bedrooms of "Downton Abbey". (YouTube - Come and Dine Highclere Castle Winner)

The trip was beyond expectation and it included having, Lady Carnarvon, personally drive Tressa to the castle in her Rolls Royce Phantom III. As you can imagine she has many fond memories but one that she is most grateful for is the continuing friendship with Paul McTaggart, who is Lord and Lady Carnarvon's personal chauffeur and the official photographer of the castle photo on the front cover.



Incredible moments at Highclere Castle. Tressa with family and friends.

Tressa Lemky lives to daily ensure that Jesus Christ is visible in her Life and she is the first to admit it was not always so, until she had a "Holy Spirit" moment which made her re-valuate herself. At age 10, Tressa committed to Jesus during a vacation Bible school that was held at her home, but it would be many years later before she fully surrendered her life to Christ. After undergoing an abortion, followed by a divorce, Tressa developed an eating disorder, Tressa was deeply convicted in her spirit. She knew then she had not been making the right choices and not living as a Christian should. It was at that moment that the Holy Spirit led her to the verses Jeremiah 29:11-13, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

The love, grace and forgiveness she felt at that moment whilst reading these verses, transformed her heart and led her to repent in a way she never had before. It was the beginning of following Christ, recognizing the price that He paid for her sin. Just like in Luke 7:50 (Amp) Jesus said to the woman, "your faith [in Me] has saved you; go in peace [free from the distress experienced because of sin]".

Tressa's career in the fashion and media industry has provided her with invaluable insight into a world that has tremendous influence on women, which more often than not is negative and contrary to God's Word. This insight inspired her to develop messages around Proverbs 31:25-26; Galations 5:22-23 and Esther 4:14 that encourage and challenge women to uphold Godly standards and embrace God's love and forgiveness. Using scripture, she shares what God views as beautiful and valuable, helping to build a positive self-image and higher self-esteem.

Tressa encourages women to carry and conduct themselves in a way that is worthy unto themselves and to God without comparison or compromise, ultimately being empowered and set free from the lies of the enemy. She reaffirms that God has designed all women to be unique and to fulfill the call on their lives.

In 2019 Tressa was invited by New Jersey fashion designer, Tayyaba Beg, of Modesty Styles, to share her message of modesty to over 100 Muslim women. She was embraced despite the different faith because they shared a common thread of

grace and dignity in both conduct and fashion. Her messages, Modeling Modesty (1 Peter 3:3-4); Come to the Garden (Matthew 6:33); Fifteen (Mark 16:15); Gowns and Roses -The "Deception" of The Crown (Mark 4:19), have been shared at conferences across Canada and the USA. Each message has the common denominator that without Jesus being center in our lives and learning His Word, the influences of the world and the opinions of others will pull us away from the will of God for our lives!



One of her most impactful messages is "The E.S.T.H.E.R. Touch" where she uses the name Esther as an acronym. Each letter describes multiple attributes that women should aspire to if they want to emulate Queen Esther, a woman who impacted a nation and was willing to do whatever God asked.

Examples of some of the attributes are:

Eternity minded
Surrendered
Teachable
Humble
Engaging
Radiant

Since 2009 Tressa has been a guest on many television programs including the popular Canadian Christian shows, 100 Huntley Street, 700 Club Canada and It's a New Day.

Tressa is passionate about her message that modesty matters; true beauty comes from within and that it all begins with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In 2019, she was invited by Dr Tracey Mitchell, (Author and conference speaker. Dallas, Texas) to be one of three Canadian contributing authors, along 48 American writers, for *The Invitation to Intimacy With God*, a Daily Devotional.

The six devotionals that she wrote spoke about Making Peace With Your Past (Luke 7:50), Loving Unconditionally (Luke 6:35), Transforming Our Weaknesses (2 Cor 12:9), Deepening Our Roots (Psalms 92:12), Speaking Truth In Love (Eph 4:15) and Coming Out of The Wilderness (Luke 1:80)

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Tressa's story of how she surrendered her life to Christ was featured in Encouraging Stories and News Canada, by Our Daily Bread in 2020. She was also invited by Pregnancy Care Canada to share her personal story of post abortion regret, shame, hope and forgiveness, in the New Testament, Bible of Hope Project. The New Testament was published in 2022 and is available at all Pregnancy Care Canada Locations. She talks about embracing God's forgiveness and ultimately forgiving herself.

Tressa's 40 years in the fashion industry has seen her featured in numerous magazines, television commercials, store displays and runway shows, she was also the exclusive campaign model for an international fashion designer for eight years. In addition she became a fashion show coordinator and photo stylist.



Modeling Modesty by Canadian, Lennard Taylor.

Her success in the fashion industry has been evident due to the longevity of her career but her reputation as an engaging, accepting and caring Christian woman who would not hesitate to share her faith with her colleagues and yet would never compromise on her convictions of modesty, is what Tressa would consider her most important achievement in that industry.

In 1983 Tressa became a radio/television broadcaster (without any formal training) and subsequently worked across Canada at six radio stations including the Christian Station CHVN 95.1 FM, Winnipeg. She co-hosted a morning show and subsequently hosted a mid-day. She also co-hosted two American-based tourism programs on PBS and WDAZ TV in North Dakota as well as a Talk Show 'Talking with Tressa' on a Cable Network in Thompson, Manitoba. This Fall 2023, she is relaunching her interview program online, with guests from all around the world.

Interesting to note, this amazing lady was a

competitive figure skater from the ages of 10 to 18, and then became a professional coach and choreographer until the age of 34.



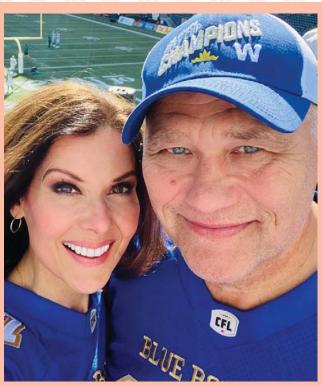
Young Tressa, The Figure Skater.

In the midst of her modelling career Tressa held numerous titles including Miss Eastern Ontario 1980, simultaneously held three crowns in Nova Scotia in 1983 and competed in the 1986 Miss Canada Pageant as Miss Manitoba. In her eight years of pageantry, her greatest memory was during her reign as 51st Queen Annapolisa (Nova Scotia, Canada), where she was crowned by Baron De Rothschild of England. She was subsequently



invited to a private luncheon along with sixty youth at Government House in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with Prince Charles (now King Charles III) and Lady Diana, the late Princess of Wales, where she was able to have a one on one conversation with the royal couple.

Throughout this article we have highlighted Tressa's professional life, the many unique opportunities, and her journey with Jesus but as much as she is passionate about sharing the Gospel wherever and whenever, she is equally passionate about her family. Tressa's most cherished moments are with her family and close girlfriends. She and her husband, Ron, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and love spending quality time with their daughter, son-in-law and their three precious grandchildren.



Tressa and Husband Ron Lemky.

Tressa stands on Romans 8:28 and knows that God can change your destiny through His Word. He can use your life to bring glory to Him no matter what your choices have been or where your past had taken you to.

Over the years Tressa has had many women write to her on how her testimony has given them hope. One such note which was penned: "I may be one small individual in a world full of people, but my life will be changed forever because of what God has done in your life. Thank you for trusting God and doing this conference on Faith." -anon.

Tressa admits that she is unashamedly transparent through Romans 12:2. It is her authenticity and transparency that has allowed for her transformation and it is the very truth of God's Word that has defined her.

What an amazing woman and inspiring story! Thank you, Tressa Lemky, for sharing your story, trusting that the Lord will continue to use all of your journey for His glory! – Editor.

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outcome. Your secret prayer life will steady your walk and give you a fruitful increase. In Matthew 6:6 the Bible says, "But when you pray, go into your room and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward openly." As we begin a new year, make a decision now to see the results in your life that are available for you from our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Living in the secret place is key! Living is abiding. Living is drawing strength from and being fully satisfied from His presence, that no other place, no other person or no other activity could ever even come close to what He provides for you in His dwelling place. When we dwell, we make it a place of habitation not visitation. The Lord longs for your habitual, consistent presence!

Think about that. Not only does He want us to dwell with Him, He wants to dwell with us! Incredible! Exodus 29:46 "And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I am the Lord their God." If the Creator of heaven and earth desires to dwell with His created ones for He has secrets to reveal to them, what





have we missed from our lack of time spent with Him? Make today the day of turn around. Make this year a divinely marked year. Anchored in His presence is His will, in doing so we are obedient. Radical obedience brings radical increase! Matthew 6:18 states, "Your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Let's look at some people who spent extensive time in radical obedience gazing upon His lovely face. Moses spent extended time in the secret place and God rewarded Him openly. He not only received the 10 commandments, but the glory of God came upon him and he radiated God's glory to the Israelites in Exodus 34!

When the Lord rested on the mountain with fire, smoke and rumblings, the people were afraid, but

Moses remained God's mouthpiece! This is such an important point here. God's presence in you, keeps you unshakable, unmoved, and unhindered even during life's uncertainties! The times in which you live in may be uncertain, but if you stay under His wings, in the shelter of the Most High, dwelling with the lover of your soul you will not be shaken! Psalm 16:8 "I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved." What does the Lord have in store for you as you become radiant with His glory from continual time with Him? Moses went on and became His mouthpiece. Never underestimate the plan of God in your life because you look to what you can do. It is not what we can do but what He will do through us if we are willing. Look at Hannah. She prayed at the altar with desperation in her heart for God to

miraculously provided. The Bible says in 1 Samuel 1:10 And she was in bitterness of soul and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. Hannah, whose names means gracious, merciful and favorable, was a devout woman of prayer yet misunderstood as being drunk. With heartfelt groanings and time spent in face-to-face prayer intensity with the Lord, she was rewarded with a son, Samuel, Israel's judge and great prophet! She risked being misunderstood by people for her eyes were on the eternal weight of God's glory, for only He could answer such internal longing! Not only did the Lord answer her heart's cry which she was faithful to fulfill her vow to the Lord and offered Samuel back unto God, but He opened her womb many more times. She had many other children. Time in the secret place will enlarge your portion! He



is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, Hebrew 11:6. No-good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly, Psalm 84:10. So shall it be with you. As you seek Him with an unstoppable, unsatiable tenacity, He will open the portals of heaven and poor out such a great blessing you would not even be able to contain.

Most important of all, your heart changes in the secret place, for He satisfies you with His presence to the extent that all external things fail in comparison to just being with Him. This new year make room for more. More of His incredible presence and glorious outpouring in your life. Why not? It is His plan, and He is waiting for you!

When the power of God invades the power of darkness, miracles happen!

Apostle, Dr. Cathy Coppola ushers in the glory of God through worship, preaching His Word by the power of the Holy Spirit and releasing His miracles, signs, and wonders to the nations.

She is the Founder of Cathy Coppola International Ministries, House of Glory Church, Mighty Wind Broadcasting Network TV, and Fired Up Conferences. Her weekly services are filled with demonstrations of the power of the Holy Spirit, as He floods the meetings with signs, wonders, healing, and deliverances. A ministry where the physically sick are healed, the emotionally hurting are restored, those bound by demonic spirits are set free and families are reconciled to their Heavenly Father's original design. Her TV ministry, Mighty Wind Broadcasting Network TV, can be seen online at cathycoppola.org, MWBN.TV, HSBN.tv, Roku.tv Spotify and more.

She is also a broadcaster on Paula White's Life Network for Women titled "Live Empowered" and a podcaster at Charisma Podcast Network – "Apostolic Fire".

With a strong healing, deliverance, and prophetic gifting, she ministers to the nations preaching God's Word and releasing His kingdom authority and power. She has ministered abroad in South America and Africa.

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For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness

ROMANS 1:18





hild as he was, he was desperate with hunger, and reckless with misery. He rose from the table; and advancing to the master, basin and spoon in hand, said: somewhat alarmed at his own temerity: 'Please, sir, I want some more." – Charles Dickens.

These were the famous words of Oliver Twist, a novel by Charles Dickens. The writer depicted the challenges of the 19Th century, the rapid rise of the Industrial revolution with its serious socioeconomic dilemma.

Is it so different to the times we are presently living in?

We face the devastating worldwide ripple effects of Covid-19 on relationships, family structures, finances, employment, health and much more. The instability of countries worldwide, the dissatisfaction of their citizens, expressed through

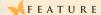
social unrests and violent criminal acts are fast becoming common. For those who are called the Children of God, we face a double challenge. Keeping the faith, in the midst of earthly challenges.

What does my portion mean?

Macmillan Dictionary defines it as "the things that someone must accept as part of their life. I have to work very hard, which I take as my portion."

Hunger causes people to lose their ability to think rationally.

Hunger caused a desperation in Oliver to say, this portion is not enough. He was willing to bear the consequences of his actions. Oliver had a physical need. Man was created with a physical and spiritual need. Both of, these needs must be fulfilled in order to live a wholesome life.



I am reminded of the woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48). Her condition had turned her into an outcast according to Mosaic laws pertaining to menstruation (Leviticus 15:1-30). Her story is humbling and unique. She decided that "this is not my portion". She was determined not to remain in her affliction for the rest of her life. She was willing to bear the consequences of her actions. (Luke 8:48) This woman's faith and hunger for physical healing caused her to not just receive physical healing but spiritual healing as well. Her faith brought her complete restoration and she was re-integrated into society.

Laziness can block your access to your God given right to your rightful portion

God called Moses up to the mountain of Ne-bo to the top of Pis-gah, so that he could see the land which God, Jehovah, had chosen for the nation of Israel. (Deut 34:1-4). This was God's promised inheritance for the children of Israel. After the death of Moses, Joshua was elected as leader. Under Joshua's leadership, Israel crossed Jordan, destroyed Jericho and fought numerous battles and allocated land in accordance to God's directives. Josh 1-17. However we read in Joshua 18:1-3, Joshua reprimands 7 tribes who did not take possession of the promised land which GOD had CHOOSEN for them. Joshua called them lazy. They were content to squatter on Gad, Reuben and half of Ma-nas-seh portion of their land inheritance (Joshua 18 verse 7).

When we walk in God's ways, we become

entitled to His promises and blessings according to is word. We cannot be slack in reaching out and accomplishing our God chosen destiny and receiving our portion of Godly inheritance on earth. Galatians 3:29: "And if you are Christ's then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise".

How do we know, God's portion of promises to the believer, so that we can know what to ask and expect in prayer?

- We can ask for help (John: 14:16-17)
- We will not be left alone (Matthew 28:20)
- God is everywhere (Psalm 139:7)
- Through Jesus, we have easy access to our Heavenly Father (Eph. 2:18, 3:11-12)
- God is near to us (Psalm 145:18-)

"Laziness can block your access to your God given rightful portion!



"He has made everything beautiful in its time."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

How do we know, this is my portion and when to stop asking?

2 Corinthians 12:8 "Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". Yes, there will be certain afflictions and challenges that will be our portion for a part of our life or for the rest of our lives. This is where we should ascertain God's directive concerning these things.

Renowned Nick Vujicic, Christian motivational speaker who was born *without* fully formed *limbs*, did not allow his physical limitations to limit his mind. Today, he is a married man and father of 4 children. He has every excuse to be disgruntled with God, yet he says, his faith in God is what motivates him.

How do I know, what is God's biblical promise portions allocated to me to live a successful life?

- God has given us a measure (portion) of faith. (Romans 12:3)

-Faith without works is dead. (James 2:26) -If we lack wisdom, ask, God will increase it (James 1:5-8)

Without doubting, never wavering in our faith and never taking our eyes of HIS word, which holds the blue print for our future, we can be successful God wants us to hunger for more of His will for our lives, for more of His glorious presence in our lives. We cannot escape the reality of the challenging times we live in; however, when we hunger for more of God in us, then God infill's us with peace in troubling times! The challenges of our economic and social upheavals are not able to shift us from our quiet confidence that God is and will always remain in control,

Fear, negativity, doubt, uncertainty and even suicidal thoughts *is not my portion*

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May the words of My mouth and the Mediations of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14



"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus."

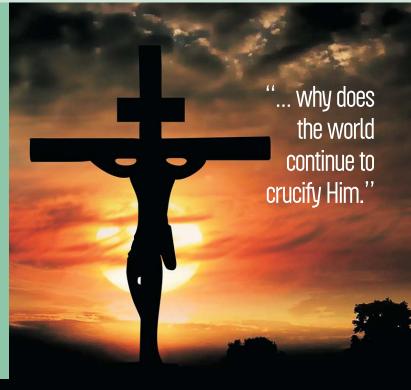
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for every Christian, to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is no longer on the cross! He defeated death and He is alive today, seated in Heaven. He defeated satan, and His resurrection was victory for every believer. Then why does the world continue to crucify Him?

Daily, Christianity is mocked, belittled and stoned, by the world. Watch a Hollywood movie and you will hear the cuss words that follows with Jesus! It breaks me, and it hurts me. Watch social media, and the attacks on Christianity and Jesus Christ, this too is growing daily. No other religion in the world is attacked and put to shame, other than Christianity. Why is that? Why is that a few will speak out and others just remain silent?

Did you know that Christianity is the most harassed religion and it is also the most followed religion in the world? There are over 2.4 billion Christians in the world, yet there are over 50 countries who have banned the Holy Bible and Christianity and to follow Jesus Christ would mean punishment by death. So many Christians have been martyred over the years, in these modern

times. We may think that history is full of barbaric stories of conquerors and warlords, nothing has changed over time. If anything, our world has become more dark and wicked.

Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor at the trial of our Lord Jesus, claimed: I find no fault in him. -John 18:28-38. Scripture tells us that the Roman governor could not find a single default against Jesus, to him, Jesus was innocent. Three times he claimed to find no fault in Jesus. The Jews however, falsely accused Jesus, they claimed that Jesus called Himself the king of the Jews. John 18:36 – Jesus said: "My Kingdom does not belong to this world. If it belonged to this world, my servants would have fought to keep me from being given over to the Jewish leaders. But my kingdom is from another world" Rejected by His very own, He died a cruel death for the sins of the world. His death added value to your life and to mine, yet every day the name of Jesus Christ is persecuted.

What are we as believers doing about it? Are you making a difference in your little circle or are you following the trends of this world? If you have conformed yourself to this world and speak and



do the things of the world and its pleasures, then you have no right to call yourself a believer. Double standards are the ways of the world and not for children of God. Stand up and stand out. You cannot love the whole world, neither can you get the whole world to love you, but speak up for what you believe is the truth. Remember that everyone will someday stand in front of our Creator and Judge. And you will be judged!

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He our protector and our guide. The only one who can lead us to eternal life. He is our gentle savior. His mission: to love mankind. To protect man from the enemy, yet the world will not accept Him. If you are the flock of the Shepherd, you will hear and know the gentle voice of your Shepherd.

There is no name higher than the name of Jesus

Christ. Jesus Christ is the Way, He is the Truth and He is life. There is no way to a Heavenly eternity without Jesus Christ. There is no truth higher than Jesus Christ. No prophet or great man died, rose from the dead and is coming back to earth. Only Jesus Christ. There is no other way to God but through Jesus Christ. All questions of life and death comes from and through our Lord Jesus Christ. Don't let yourself be fooled and swayed by the world which can offer you its pleasures for a short while. Only Jesus Christ can give life in abundance and through Him alone are we promised eternity.

Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." -John 10:10.

"My Sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me." -John 10:27 ≼

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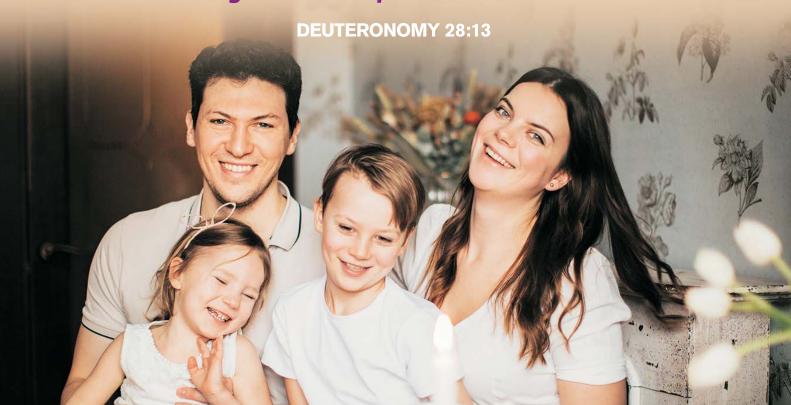
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