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Virtuous Teens Meeting
February 20, 2010
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April 17, 2010
YMCA - Penn Hills

Male Youth Ministry
February 20, 2010
March 20, 2010
April 17, 2010
Penn Hills, PA

Living Debt-Free Workshop
February 27, 2010
March 27, 2010
Call for Registration & Location

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WALKING IN FAITH? — GEORGETTA HEAD



What is walking in faith? Christians are faced with this question daily along with, "do I have enough faith to walk this Christian life?" Satan would love to have us believe that we don't have the faith to overcome the challenges life presents, but God says all we need is the "faith of a grain of mustard seed!"

When I became a Christian 36 years ago, I struggled for years in the area of "walking in faith." I listened to preachers delivering messages on walking in faith, but I was unable to apply it to my life because I lacked the confidence needed to "walk in faith." Years later I discovered that the confidence I needed could only be found by having a personal relationship with God.

Do you have a situation that you're seeking God's help or guidance? My friend, you are not alone, we all have dreams, desires or situations that we would like to see come to fruition, but it seems at times the more we pray the more heaven is shut up to us and we begin to lose hope! Have you been there, are you there now?

The Bible gives several accounts of Patriarchs who "walked in faith" – Abraham was told, by God, to separate himself from his family and country; and He and his wife Sarah were given

a promise to be the "father and mother of many nations." Noah was told by God that He was going to send a flood to destroy the earth and God instructed him to build an Ark. Noah built the ark for 120 years before the flood occurred. Then we have David who was anointed by the Prophet Samuel to be a King. David waited 17 years for this promise; and let us not forget Joseph! Joseph dreamed he would be in leadership, but at the age of 17, he was sold to slave buyers by his brothers, taken to a foreign land and cast into prison for a crime he did not commit.

As I studied these Patriarch's stories, I soon discovered they all had one thing in common, they believed in the "living God!" These forerunners of faith "walked in faith" believing God's Word for their life. They were living examples of Hebrews 11:1 "now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In other words, "faith is trusting God even when you don't see what He's up to!" These Patriarchs never doubted God's Word. They stood firm trusting God to make visible the "spoken" Word into their life and situation. Abraham and Sarah desired children and God gave them a nation—Wow!! What

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FINANCIAL FITNESS—STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

2009 was a tough year for a lot of people. Many lost their jobs; homes being foreclosed; businesses went under, credit card companies playing games with interest rates, and bankruptcy was at an all time high. What a depressing year for many! If you are reading this article and have experienced financial setbacks, don't give up there's still hope.

Recovering from a financial setback is difficult, but can be done if discipline and a new way of thinking is applied. First we need to acknowledge God in every situation, including your financial setback. Talk to God and ask Him for wisdom and help to endure this temporary setback.

Secondly, Proverbs 27:23-24 tells us to *"be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds; for riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations."* God is telling us here that we need to know at all times the status of the possessions He has entrusted to us and to maintain what we have, because riches do not last

forever. Hence, we are accountable for the management of our finances. When our finances dry up, or we experience financial setbacks, we need to seek God's advice on creative ways to replenish our bank account.

Start by conducting an inventory of all your worldly possessions. What do you possess that is sellable—a second car, multiple TV's, etc., list these items in the local paper to sell or have a yard sale. The point here is to raise money quickly for emergencies or to pay off small debts.

Thirdly, take on a second job (this should be done on a temporary basis); or if you have a hobby or craft that can earn you extra money start marketing to neighbors, family, friends, and co-workers about the craft or hobby you are selling to raise extra money.

Now, make a list of your outstanding debts (liabilities). Record the balances owned and the monthly payments for all creditors. You can't make plans to eliminate your debt

unless you know what is owed and to whom. If you have received money from a yard sale or items sold via a newspaper listing, sum up that money. If you have enough money to payoff any of the small debts on your list, then this should be your first priority. Payoff the small debts!

Next call your creditors and discuss what arrangements can be made to settle your outstanding debt—lower interest rate or negotiate a lower balance. Always ask to speak to the individual who has the ability to make decisions. The customer representative who answers the phone has a "canned" speech and can not make major decisions, such as a lower interest rate, so ask for a manager or supervisor and don't take "no" for final—be persistent! Creditors are willing to work with you, so don't ignore them, they won't go away.

If the creditors refuse to lower your interest rate or to negotiate a lower balance, then seek help from a Consumer Credit

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If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Luke 6:38

WORDS OF WISDOM

Don't be afraid of pressure. Remember that pressure is what turns a lump of coal into a diamond.

Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:3-4

Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby.

O Lord, you are my light! You make my darkness bright. 2 Sam. 22:29

Happy is he who has been able to learn the causes of things.

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens. Daniel 12:3

From God's Little Instruction Book

Do you have questions about the Bible?
Email your questions to: journeylife@verizon.net

Visit our website at:
www.journeythroughlife.net



VIRTUOUS "TEEN" GROUP

The year 2009 ended with the Virtuous Teen Group doing community service delivering "Shoe Boxes for Seniors." We had a wonderful time visiting with the Seniors and watching how excited and appreciative they were that others remembered them. We ended the evening entertaining them with Christmas Carols.

The Virtuous Teen Group would like to thank all that participated in the Shoe

Boxes for Seniors Program. Your generosity made so many Seniors feel appreciated.

2009 was an eventful year for us and we are looking forward to 2010 being the same. We will be incorporating more community service programs into our schedule along with fundraisers to help those in need.

Our meetings continue to be

focused on personal growth and spirituality. Learning the importance of why we need to live our life for God has been very helpful in understanding God and His love for us. Also, learning how to control our temperament and how to get along with others is very important. Anyone can get angry or mad, but it takes a lot of strength and help from God to learn how to control our temper and to live peaceably.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our group please call:

412-731-3450 or email
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 for more information.



A Monthly Meeting

FAMILY CORNER—ELDER CHARLES HEAD

I am a bit concerned about the family foundation as I have always been, especially the last few years.

What I am about to say may perhaps be a bit controversial to some of you, yet I must speak what I believe. For years the saying has been "the family that prays together stays together," it has so much truth to it and proved itself with families who not just quote it, but also apply it and live by the prayers they pray and the life they live when applying God's Word by actions of faith. I'm not against the pleasures of life, such as family recreation and enjoying all that God has provided, but I must discern the time in which we live because in a very settled way our pleasures can leave God completely out of the picture.

II Timothy 3:1-4 tells the story of the time we are currently living in – the last days; *"this know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their selves, covetous, boasters proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection,*

trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good; traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

I don't disagree with the recent statement that says "the family that plays together stays together," yet let us not get so caught up into playing together that we forget that praying together God's way and obeying His Word will lead us to Heaven; while playing together only, without God and accepting His Son Jesus will lead us to eternal Hell. This is not to be taken lightly but literally.

So let us consider our actions and motives, continue to play together as a family, spending time and doing activities that will keep a family bond, but don't forget to include God as your main source.



Dress for Success

Put on the Armour of God:

Helmet of Salvation

Breast Plate of Righteousness

Belt of Truth

Shield of Faith

Sword of the Word

Shod Your Feet with
the Gospel of Peace

WALKING IN FAITH (CONT'D)

are you believing God for? Do you believe God can and will perform in your life what he has promised?

Christians struggle in the “walk of faith” because 1) we don’t know God’s Word for our life; 2) we don’t have a personal relationship with God; 3) we don’t know who we are in Christ 4) and we fail to realize that Christians will be tested.

We begin our “mustard seed faith” by first, becoming strong in knowing the **Word of God**. If you want to be a “faith warrior” like the Patriarchs, read the Bible and be obedient to the Word. Memorize scriptures and believe them for your “life.” Don’t just read the Bible, study the Word and meditate on it. The Word is “life!” Friends, how can you “walk in faith” if do not know what God’s promises are for your life. **John 10:10** says, “*the thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*” God is telling us that the devil hates us and wants to destroy us, but He (Jesus) came to teach and show us how to have a better life. A life free of chains from sin and disappointments that come from the devil; Jesus says we should claim the life of liberty and freedom to enjoy life in its fullness in Him - free of burdens and worries. Are you ready for this kind of life? As you read and study the Word, Father God will give you scripture verses for your situation, write them down and pray those scriptures aloud believing God for those promises. So, pick up your Bible today and begin encouraging yourself in God’s Word and start living the “abundant” life God has promised you – a life free of worry, burdens, strife and unhappiness.

For those of you that believe God’s Word doesn’t apply for today’s Christians let’s look at **Psalm 12:6-7** “*the words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.*” God’s word was truth and applicable in Biblical days and is also truth and applicable for today’s generation.

Secondly, **having a personal relationship with God** will encourage you and strengthen your faith. Spend time daily talking with God and acknowledge Him as your Heavenly Father. Make your conversations with Him personal! Communicate what’s on your mind and what’s in your heart. Father God wants us to come to him in a child-like manner believing “nothing is impossible with Him” – He wants nothing more than to be your Father and to share with you the dreams and plans He has for your life. **Psalm 37:4-5** tells us to “*delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.*” What a beautiful promise! Delight means to *find joy in or to pleasure in*, so God is telling us to find “joy” and “pleasure” in Him and He will give us the desires of our heart. What more can a Christian want?

Jeremiah 33:3 also says “*call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things you do not know.*” God wants to have a one-on-one relationship with you and share with you things that you would not understand in the natural mind. This is a personal relationship like being with your best friend! So, remember when talking (praying) to Father God it’s ok to pray scriptures that you have discovered are applicable for your situation and to remind Him of His promises, because our Father wants to perform in your life what He has planned for you.

Third, **knowing who we are in Christ** gives us the confidence needed to walk in faith believing in this Word. Friends, when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of our life, we become a child of God. We become peculiar people and of royal priesthood. **1 Peter 2:9** says “*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*” We are of royalty! Jesus has called us from the sin of darkness to the light of righteousness. We need to start believing and living our lives with the mindset of Christ – we are children of royalty.

Jesus went to the Cross because of His great love for mankind. He won every victory for us, for yesterday, today and tomorrow! We do not have to walk in defeat, Jesus destroyed Satan’s power over us and we need to “walk in faith” knowing we are victorious in Christ, for he has redeemed us from the power of darkness. The price has been paid! Satan is under our feet! And, Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father interceding on our behalf daily – that’s how much He loves us! He believes in you! We are God’s children! WALK IN THAT VICTORY!

Fourthly, **our faith must be tested**. The testing of our faith is a necessary part of a Christian life. Jesus was tempted by Satan, should we be any different! Our testing is essential for the purifying and strengthening of our faith. **1 Peter 4:12-13** tells us “*beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*” God is saying when the tests come, don’t complain and act like something unusual has happened to you, but we are to rejoice (Praise God) we are being tested to prove and strength our faith.

During times of testing, pressures from the trial may seem unbearable, but don’t quit, start praying to God for the grace to be victorious. If you should yield to temptation and temporarily fail, all is not lost! The Word says the righteous man falls seven times but gets back up. So, get back up, pray, memorize scriptures and hit the enemy with the Word! **Hebrews 11:6** says “*but without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*” Victory is yours! The rewards are yours! Reach out in FAITH and receive them. Reread the accounts of the Patriarchs, God gave them divine protection and blessed them making their latter end greater than their beginning.

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But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (Matthew 12:36-37)

FINANCIAL FITNESS—STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM (CONT'D)

Consulting agency. They have negotiating power with creditors that we may lack (due to the habit of constantly being late or ignoring their calls), they can negotiate a lower payment and get your interest rate down so that you are able to manage the monthly payments.

Now let's discuss "renewing the mind!" What caused you to suffer this financial setback? Overspending due to unhappiness; in a bad relationship, trying to keep up with the Joneses, etc. Seek God's help to become free from these demons. God desires for His children to be whole and not living anxiously or fearfully. The scriptures tell us to "not be conformed by this world (or things of this world); but to be transformed by the renewing of our mind through Christ Jesus." The devil (our enemy) loves to

play games with our mind by convincing us that "things" will make us happy. Let me ask you, "every time you used that credit card, how long did that "happiness" last?" Only God can give you everlasting happiness.

We need to learn to live a life of simplicity. Learn how to live and enjoy life with less. God does not want His children copying the world. The world says "buy now, pay later." God says "owe no man nothing except love." The world says, "but it's beautiful and will bring lots of pleasure." God says, "the borrower is a servant to the lender." Renew your mind with the Word. The Word has over 2,500 scriptures to help you avoid financial woes.

The world says material pos-

sessions makes one prosperous. The scriptures tell us differently. True and meaningful prosperity comes from the Lord. He tells us obedience to Him and His word will make us successful and prosperous: *(Joshua 1:8-9 says "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.")*

You want to live debt free? Why not try it God's way? Aren't you tired of hiding from creditors? Read the Word and see how God divinely took care of his people. The scriptures tell us to "love the Lord with all our heart and soul and He will give us the desires of our heart." What do you have to lose? Let God's principles lead you into financial freedom!!

The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

Psalm 34:-10-12



PRAISE HIM

THE GOD I SERVE

The God I serve is a God of tender mercies, yet He allows us to experience untold suffering and pain. I do not pretend to know where He is coming from. But I chose to trust Him just the same.

The God I serve does not exist in the abstract or control from afar, He rolled up His sleeves got dirt under His fingernails and earned the right to be called "My Savior My Lord."

The God I serve shares our roots, He too has suffered indignities and experienced agonizing pain yet with one exception. He did not sin! He beat Satan at His game.

The God I serve I trust Him with all my heart, all my soul, and all my might. You see the God I serve His name is Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Judy Bailey

Did you know there are 31,700 promises recorded in the Bible.

Have you claimed your Promises today!

"Read the Word"

BIBLE FACTS



Instruction
Manual for
Living



Did you know that there were only two men found in the Bible who never died but were translated? 1) Enoch (Gen. 5:22-24); 2) Elijah (II Kings 2:9-12).



Did you know that David was a shepherd youth before becoming a king (I Samuel 16:1-13).



Did you know that Jeremiah was put in a dungeon where there was no water but mire (mud) and left to die of hunger for preaching truth to the people and leaders (Jeremiah 38:1-13).



Did you know that it is not your works that get you into Heaven, Jesus has already paid the price for you? (Matthew 11:28:30). Cease from your labors, accept what He did and enter into His rest.



Did you know that when giving or doing something for God's kingdom we need to examine our motive? It's not how much always, but the intent of the heart. (Mark 12:41-44)

SENIOR NEWS—ELDER CHARLES HEAD

There is no experience greater than knowing your footsteps are being directed by the Lord; and during the Christmas Holidays the Lord blessed me by directing my steps. I was about to make my usual weekly nursing home visits, ministering to the elderly and disabled when my daughter, who was home for Christmas, asked if she could join me.

We had just finished our visit in the room of Mrs. M, my friend and dear saint of God, and were walking down the hall speaking to different ones in their rooms encouraging them in the Lord, when we stopped to enter the room of an elderly lady whom I had never met. We went in and introduced ourselves to her and she told us her name was Ms. C. As I spoke with her, I begin telling her about Jesus, and told her He is my Lord and Savior. When I mentioned His name, Ms. C gave a smile that radiated the entire room and she told us she had

been walking with Jesus for years. With excitement, she began to share with us her story about Jesus. Without a doubt this was truly a woman of God! Her conversation led to her telling us she was 99 years old, and you could not tell her age by her conversation and quick mind.

Ms. C is a perfect example of God's grace and peace even at her age of 99. Her conversation was not one of pity, but of hope in Jesus Christ her Lord. She talked of ways to win people over to the kingdom of God so they would join her in Heaven one day, what a testimony to her account!

I went to visit her again recently and she still had a Heavenly testimony as she told me more of her story. She was only a temporary resident and she mentioned that when she gets out how she and I could evangelize her neighborhood with the Gospel of Good News. Before I left her room

we agreed in prayer and when I touched her I felt God's power confirming His presence in the midst of us.

There are scriptures in God's Word that pertain to every area we may experience in our life. The one that tells Ms. C's story is found in Psalm 92:13-14 – *“those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.”*

This is a testimony for the glory of God; one that made me so excited to know that my God works in supernatural ways so that man may know that He is God and that all others will be silenced and reverence Him for whom He is.



HEART-TO-HEART—ELDER CHARLES HEAD

I would like to spotlight the word “tomorrow.” The Bible says we are to live one day at a time because we are not promised a “tomorrow.”

People communicate to me all the time their goals, success stories, and plans for living, but most of them do not include a plan for when living stops - when their heart stops beating for the last time. Some have the philosophy, “eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.” There is a lot more to that story than most people want to admit or even talk about for that matter.

When I share the Good News of the Gospel with people, I am amazed at the liberal attitudes or comments such as “I have lots of time to think about life after death,” or the Church is full of hypocrites, and the best comment, “one day I’m going to get my act together.”

Unfortunately they forget or are not aware – WE ARE NOT PROMISED TOMORROW! Some feel justified to live a lifestyle outside of God because someone they knew didn’t meet their expectation as a Christian (Satan sure knows how to trick us!). Friends, when it comes

to souls, God does not make us accountable for someone else’s actions. We are accountable for our own actions. Do you know where you will spend tomorrow?

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 states, “*let us hear the whole conclusion of the matter: “fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man.” For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*”

We will all be judged one day individually, not as a group and not for someone else. So tomorrow when your heart stops beating, where will you spend eternity? Excuses won’t stand before God. God has provided a way for you to choose your own destiny.

Let me share a couple stories with you about two young people who wanted to put off until tomorrow what they should have accepted today (Jesus). A young man living a lifestyle without God was warned by his family to accept Jesus before it was too late. Their last appeal to him was shortly before his life ended

in tragedy. He told his family he had one more thing to do first and then he would perhaps consider their request. He had planned a robbery and while in the act of committing this crime he was killed. His tomorrow became a tragedy.

A pastor of a very popular church was led by God to invite a young lady in his congregation to accept Jesus as her Savior. He pleaded several times to her to accept Jesus. She rejected his pleas and nonchalantly said, “next week I will come to the Lord, because I have something to do first. That following Friday night she attended a function for youth at a school gymnasium. A gas line exploded at the school and several youth were killed including the young lady the pastor had witnessed to. Her tomorrow ended in tragedy also.

Friends, don’t put off tomorrow the decision to settle your future. Choose life, choose Christ. He already paid the price for your life to spend eternity with Him. The Word of Gods says “today if you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. Please do not put off tomorrow what you can do today, because your tomorrow may be too late.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE—GEORGETTA HEAD

When working, at home, or out and about what message are you communicating to your family or people you come in contact with? Can they tell by your lifestyle and your actions that you are a “child of God” or a “child of Satan?”

Matthew 5:16 says “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*”

Jesus showed us an example of how we should let our light shine, and that example is love, compassion, and good works.

How do you treat your co-workers and neighbors? Are you a neighbor willing to help in time of need? Do you offer as-

sistance to your co-worker, do you speak kindly to them and treat them with respect? Can family members see your “light shining?”

We are to love one another as we love self and that love should motivate us to want to treat our family, neighbors, co-workers and strangers with the example demonstrated to us by Jesus. We are to treat people with compassion, love, and good works so that they will glorify our Father in Heaven. Friends, our life should be lived in such a manner that when people see us they see Christ, the light we represent.

There’s a popular saying “more is caught, than taught!” In other words,

you can teach or preach the Bible 24 hours a day, but if your actions do not line of with what you are teaching or preaching, people will see you as a fake or phoney and your “actions” will not draw them to the “light” which is Jesus; and, your wrongful actions will not glorify the Heavenly Father, but send the message to others they don’t want what you have.

Do you have sinful or bad habits dulling your light? Can’t control your emotions (quick tempered, moody, unhappy, angry); lack integrity; always late for appointments; bad habit of cussing; abusive mouth, etc.; let Jesus work in you and through you to purge these sinful and bad habits from your life. *(cont’d page 8)*

BIBLE BEE RESULTS—2009

Congratulations!

To the winners of the 3rd Annual Children's Bible Bee



1st Place - Tristen Covington
2nd Place - Rose Freeman
3rd Place - Cameron Woodbury



What a wonderful time we had at the 3rd Annual Children's Bible Bee! The children were well versed with Bible knowledge and the challenge was exciting. What a blessing that our children have learned so much in Sunday School and at home about God and His Word!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE—CONT'D

By letting your "light shine" you are speaking volumes into a person's life without even saying a word and you are demonstrating to others what a "genuine" Christian is. To some people you may be their only example—you are their Bible; a genuine Christian who is a God-fearing person, caring enough for others by letting your "light shine" brightly enough to show them the way to Christ.

So be that example and don't let people's attitudes control your emotions

while doing good—Jesus didn't. He let love be his motive. Is love your ruling motive?

So be a helping hand to a neighbor in need, volunteer to baby sit for that young mother who is overwhelmed; or how about calling an old friend and letting them know you've been thinking about them and praying for them. The next time you are shopping, tell the cashier what a great job he/she is doing and how much you appreciate them.

Your light shining bright today is planting seeds for God's Kingdom for tomorrow. You do your part and He (God) will do His part by bringing in the increase.

"Let your light shine brightly so that your good works will glorify our Heavenly Father"— and, remember more is caught than taught.

****Shine Brightly****

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. (*Deuteronomy 6:6-7*)

WOMEN ON A JOURNEY CONFERENCE — 2009

Women's Conference 2009



Women On A Journey



The *Women on A Journey* Conference was awesome! The Praise and Worship Team led the women into a wonderful time of worshipping the Lord; and the presence of God was there! The speakers were truly yielded and led by the Holy Spirit. The Word came forth with power from each speaker; and God's daughter's were able to glean nuggets of truth from each message into their personal life. As always God was faithful! He was there to supply His daughter's needs. We truly received His spiritual blessings that afternoon!

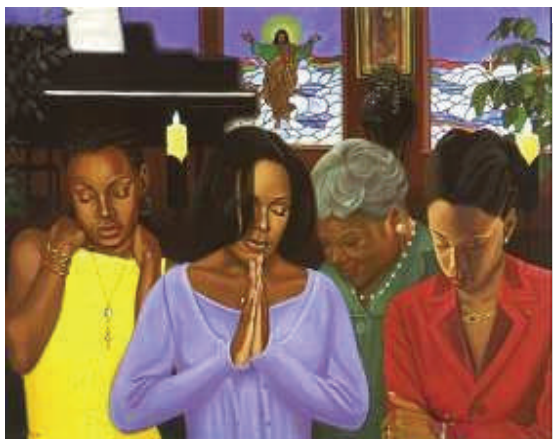


Praising Our Lord

The Women's Conference was a success! Women from all walks of life and culture came together to "praise and worship" our Lord and Savior. God was faithful and many women's lives were changed that night.

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. (*Titus 2:4-5*)

IN THE LIGHT OF HIS WORD—“TRUST AND OBEY”



When we walk with the Lord in the Light of His Word. What a glory he sheds on our Way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the alter we lay: For the favor He shows and the joy He bestows are for them who will trust and obey. Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit

at His feet or we'll walk by His side in the way; what He says we will do, where He sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When my soul
fainted within me, I
remembered the
Lord; and my prayer
went up to you into
your Holy Temple.
(Jonah 2:7)

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy

in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and

gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing—God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

WALKING IN FAITH—CONT'D

Father God rewards obedience, trusting in Him and a grateful heart. After making your petitions or requests known, begin thanking Him for hearing and answering your requests even before you have received an answer. A grateful heart defeats the enemy and moves the heart of God.

Last but not least, don't let anyone rush you into making quick decisions. Father God wants to be included in the decision-making process. So, take the

time to seek God's advice before finalizing your decisions. Wait on the Father and you will be amazed with what He has to say and reveal to you. Give it a try the results are rewarding!

So remember, when Jesus went to the Cross for the entire world, He did it because of His great love for mankind. He redeemed us and defeated the enemy who was holding us captive with sin and the habits sin gen-

erates. Jesus' death and resurrection from the grave is our victory over lack, poverty, sickness, and strongholds (jealousy, rejection, envy, bad habits, etc.). Victory is ours, so by faith through Christ Jesus, **WALK** in victory for whatever you are believing God for.

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(And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22)

SHOE BOXES FOR SENIORS MINISTRY – 2009

Shoe Boxes for Seniors 2009



The "Shoe Boxes for Seniors" Christmas Program 2009 was truly a blessed event! The Seniors were so excited and very happy to receive "shoe boxes" filled with lots of well thought of gift items.

The "Virtuous Teen" girls sang eight songs and visited with the Seniors. Everyone had a wonderful time. The spirit of Christmas truly rang loud for these Seniors. Thank you to all that participated in this wonderful event.

Be kindly affectionate to **one another** with brotherly **love**, in honor giving preference to **one another** (Romans 12:10)

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

"Jesus said unto him, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but by Me." (John 14:16)

*Are you in need of a Savior today? God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your Life. All you need to do is pray the "sinner's prayer below!!

*Dear Jesus, I come to you today as a lost sinner. I am asking that you save my soul and cleanse me from all sin. I know that I need help and that I can't save myself. I believe that you are the Son of God. Forgive me for my sins and all wrong doings I have done to others and help me to forgive those who have hurt me.

*I realize in my heart the need of salvation, which can only come through You. I believe that you died on the Cross for my sins and the sins of the world. I accept You, Jesus, into my heart as my Lord and Savior.

*In obedience to your word, I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, as my Savior and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead and You are now seated in Heaven.

*You have said in your Word which cannot lie, "for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13)."
"I have called upon your name exactly as you have said, and I believe that right now, I am saved.

*If you have sincerely prayed these words, which have been written out for you, and believed in your heart on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are at this moment saved, and your name is written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. Congratulations! You are a "new creature in Christ and a child of God!" Now share the "good news" by telling someone else about your salvation.

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