

Newsletter: Joyful in Hope, Patient in Afflictions, Faithful in Prayer

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Mission: To equip women to overcome life challenges and find God's purpose and fulfillment through prayer, teaching and mentoring relationships

Vision: Daughters of Hope is called to lead women towards spiritual, emotional and physical wholeness through the application of biblical principles to their lives.

Greetings Phenomenal Women of God

We must always be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within us, especially in these times. Through this pandemic, many will be giving their lives to Christ and asking questions. If we don't have hope or an answer, what do you think will happen? I believe we will miss a great opportunity of a lifetime to be witnesses for Christ. If Christ is our Lord and Savior, we have hope.

We have to live that hope before the world and be ready to give an answer for that hope. 1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV), "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." As the Christian hymn writer Edward Mote said, "My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness." This is the hope we need to be ready to share with the world.

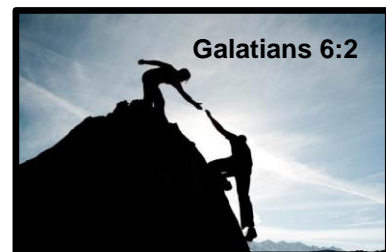
In this newsletter, you will find the Romans Road to Salvation. So, have it ready so you can lead others to Christ, cut it out and put it in your purse, your pocket, and keep it with you.

The Daughters of Hope Ministry invites you to join us in our monthly prayer call that will take place every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. until further notice. Please reply to this email address daughtersohope@aol.com if you would like to participate in the prayer call, and we will send you the call-in information. If you have any prayer requests, please send them to the same email. We will be praying over the prayer requests together and will share them with other ladies who will be on the prayer line, but we will not share your name.

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV), "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

In His Service,

--Linda Gary, DOHM President/Founder



The Ball Is In Our Court

I have been wrestling with whether to discuss the coronavirus, mainly because I feel we have been inundated with talk about it, some true, some false, but the Lord led me to share this with you.

We are to learn something from this plague. I guess you say this is a hard lesson, but I find that hard lessons are generally those you don't forget. When I say we, I am referring to everyone in the world, saved and unsaved, but especially the saved, for we have fellowshiped with the unsaved and embraced their truths and their nature until it is impossible to tell us apart. We have sanctioned their laws when we clearly understood that they were against our God's precepts and commandments. Oh yes, we come up with so many religious-sounding excuses. Excuses like, God said we should not judge (John 7:24), we don't want to cause any conflict (Ezekiel 3:18), we don't want to be viewed as haters (Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 4:15), after all, we are to love everyone (Romans 12:18).

We have scientists and medical professionals working diligently to find a cure, but wisdom comes from God. My sisters and brothers, we must realize that only God holds the answer for what we are going through today, only God has the cure, and only God can restore.

2 Chronicles 7:14 has been quoted more during this time than ever before, but do we understand what our God is saying? The scripture is a clear directive from God, (1) My called people, and we all are, for we all have a purpose. (2) Humble yourselves. (3) Pray. (4) Seek me. (5) Turn from your wickedness. I would venture to say that we have numbers 1, 3 and 4 down to a science, but what about 2 and 5. Just food for thought (I wouldn't dare presume to judge you).

When will this storm pass over? Well, sin and disobedience got us here, how long will it take us to humble ourselves and admit we have sinned and repent?

God's Grace,

--Min. Geri Stancil, DOHM Vice President

A Prayer of No Fear

Dear Lord, my best teacher, You're the kind of teacher who does not play. Your lessons are sometimes hard but fair and appropriate to the need. Thank You for the lessons of "no panic" and using your grace to keep on moving forward no matter what it looks like. So much of the time, fear, according to Joyce Meyers, is "false evidence appearing real." Thank You for my lesson, Lord, and thank you for Your perfect timing. Amen.

--Rose Matthews, Guest Writer



2 Chronicles 7:14

Be strong
AND COURAGEOUS
FOR I AM WITH YOU
Joshua 1:9

Prayer, Preparation, Purpose, Peace

I believe we are in a time of prayer, preparation, purpose, and peace. Prayer is essential now because we need a two-way conversation with God. Secondly, preparation because we are doing things differently than a couple of months ago and probably still differently a couple of months from now as a community, whether saved or unsaved. Purpose because we need to focus and no longer have a laid-back attitude, and finally peace with the knowledge that God is still in control.

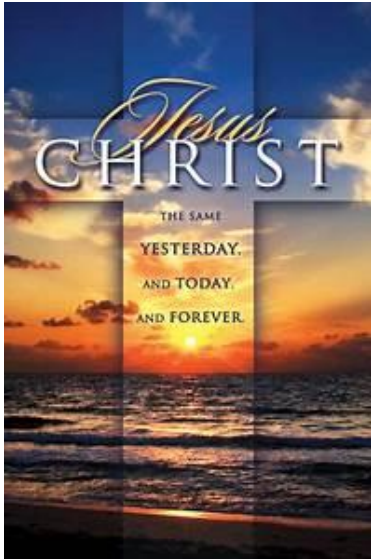
Prayer, I believe, is happening more often now, in some cases with those who we have never prayed with before. Acknowledging God as our one true help, and perhaps we have not exhorted Him as we should. We go to Him with praise and petition. We need to ask ourselves, have we compromised our beliefs or God's word, and if so, repent.

Preparation is an evaluation of our lives, how we live now, and how we will govern ourselves going forward, watching out for our loved ones. Our living rooms, dining rooms, and bedrooms have become school rooms and gyms. What was thought of as temporary may require some re-design and more deliberate concept of use. Obtaining income and re-directing cash flow requires more forethought, being frugal, or being wise is the call of the day.

Purpose, God's purpose has not changed even though our focus certainly has been called into question. Reach a world for Him, share Him with the world. Serve and help with the love of Christ may look a little different to you now; it is real; people are asking for help, prayer, and guidance.

Peace, in a time of understandable anxiety, where to find it? The place I can find peace repeatedly is in the word of God. We don't hide from what is going on around us, stay informed, but don't saturate yourself in the daily news, but we need to soak ourselves in the all available, unrestricted, never will ever get enough "Good News." Thank you, Jesus, for He is the same today, yesterday, and forever, He has not abandoned us.

--Min. Connie Lowe, DOHM Treasurer



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Where Is God?

In times of crisis, many will ask, "Where is God?" "Why has He allowed all of these sicknesses, deaths, joblessness, financial woes, and hopelessness." "Why hasn't He brought the nation out of this crisis immediately." Why, Why, Why?

God, in turn, can ask mankind today, as He did with Job (38:1-41:34), several questions about the foundations of the earth and all that is in it (the land, waterways, animals) to demonstrate how limited man's knowledge is. God is so beyond our understanding; we cannot know Him completely. We can have some knowledge about Him, but we can never know enough to answer all of life's questions to predict our future or to manipulate God for our purposes (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Life always creates more questions than we have answers. We must continually go to God for new insights into life's dilemmas that He can supply us with what is needed during times that we go through (peace, strength, joy, perseverance, long-suffering, protection, healing, wisdom, grace, and mercy).

God was not really seeking answers from Job, nor from you today, but He wants man to recognize and submit to His power and sovereignty. Only then can we hear what God is really saying, even to us today. Nothing can compare to God. His power and presence are awesome, and when He speaks, we must listen. Too often we presume to speak for God to put words in people's mouths, to predict what is going on, or to interpret His silence to mean that He is absent or unconcerned. But God cares, and He is in control and will speak; we have to, through the Holy Spirit, have our spiritual ears and eyes open to hear and follow His leading. We must rest in and have the peace of God to know that we know that He has this all under control. We do experience at times where our spirit is willing, but the flesh gets weak, trying to consume you with what the world is doing. As it states in Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

So, "where are you?" Are you in fear or in faith? Are you making an impact in sharing the good news of the gospel, or are you grumbling and complaining like non-believers, who do not know the Lord in the parting of their sins? Are you speaking into others who are going through about God's love, peace, and blessed hope? Or are you fearful with gloom and doom? Sometimes we are so focused on what is so wrong in this world that we miss out on what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God in what He has and is showing us. We must continually be watchful and prayerful, that the evil one does not come in and steal, kill or destroy what God has already put in us.

God has done so much for us. He gave His only begotten Son that we may live and have that life in abundance to one day spend eternity with Him. Now that is the "good news" that should be shared every time we get an opportunity to do so. As it states in 1 Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." Let us continue to meditate on God's goodness, grace, and mercy and know that this too shall pass and that He is always with us. He promised never to leave nor forsake. Be strong and be of good courage!

--Linda Price-Smith, DOHM Member

"Why God?"



Follow Your DREAMS



Remember, as a child, you would dream of becoming one thing or another, and then as an adult, you either achieved those dreams or stopped reaching toward them. What is stopping you from achieving your dreams? It doesn't matter the size of the dream as long as you reach toward achieving them. You see, those dreams have been placed there by God. This is the purpose that He has established in you to enrich the kingdom. The moment we begin to chase our dreams is the moment we begin to believe in ourselves. What are some of your dreams? Is it a writer, Minister, Counselor, getting your degree, teaching, taking an art class?

There may be some roadblocks along the way while working towards reaching your destination (dreams) but be not dismayed because God has already mapped out a detour route. Remember summer vacation road trips and stopping along the journey to fuel up and get refreshed? Well, that is what happens when you are traveling on the road towards fulfilling your purpose. On this detour, the Lord is taking you on a scenic route to work patience and appreciation when you reach your blessed destination. He wants you fueled up and refreshed to achieve your dreams. When you want something earnestly enough, be steadfast and keep pressing toward the mark of the high calling. God will provide direction for the path He has laid out for you to achieve your dreams. Let's face it; they are His dreams that were deposited within us. You can say it is our assignment. So, don't get discouraged, "trust the process" and enjoy God's divine blessing in fulfilling your dreams.

Chasing after your dreams inspire others around you to do the same. GO CHASE YOUR DREAMS! Stop waiting for tomorrow.

Here are a few scriptures of encouragement:

- **1 Thessalonians 1:4** – "For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you."
- **2 Chronicles 15:7** – "But as for you, be strong and not give up, for your work will be rewarded."
- **Psalms 127:1** – "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."
- **Proverbs 16:3** - "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."
- **Proverbs 16:9** - "In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

--Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM Secretary



Psalm 91 (NKJV)

1 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High* **Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**
 2 *I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."*
 3 **Surely, He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.**
 4 **He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.**
 5 *You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,*
 6 *Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.*
 7 *A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.*
 8 *Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.*
 9 *Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,*
 10 **No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;**
 11 **For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.**
 12 **In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
 13 *You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.*
 14 *"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.*
 15 *He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.*
 16 *With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."*

Key: *The condition, the promise, God's declaration*

Romans Road (NLT)

The Problem-3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

The Consequences-6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Solution-5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

10:9-10 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

The Assurance-10:13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved".

The Result-8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

DOHM Upcoming Events

Listed below are some of the Daughters of Hope Ministry's events we are planning. Stay tuned for updates. Updates will be provided once events and details are confirmed.

- Monthly Conference Call Prayer – Every 2nd Thursday 6:30 – 7:30
 - If you want to participate, please email daughtersohope@aol.com to receive details
- Ministering at Largo Landing, Glenarden, MD
- Bring Up the Treasure That Is Within You – Entrepreneur Event
- Open Forum
- 2021 Women's Retreat



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