

Newsletter: But God!

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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.

Welcome to the DOHM 2020 Newsletter

God’s word says, “Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:19, NKJ). This scripture reveals the promise of God paving a way beyond what could ever be imagined. God’s newness may go unrecognized if one is not focused on Him. Furthermore, God declares He will make a way in the open field, and waters will run in the desolate places. How hopeful to know the desires of God’s heart and the miracles that are waiting for us.



This year we are looking forward to God doing new things in our lives, with our ministry, and in our jobs, relationships, and families. When I looked up the word ‘new’; it was defined as fresh, something unheard of, and something that far surpasses all that God has previously done for us. I pray God will spring forth something new in 2020 for your life. I can’t wait to hear your testimonies.

Phenomenal Women of God, we want to thank you for coming to our 2019 Phenomenal Grace Women’s Retreat, where the power of God transformed lives. We look forward to seeing you at future events.



Blessings and Peace in 2020,

Linda Gary
DOHM President

Tribute to Mother Moore

Romona B. Moore

Mother Moore, as we affectionately called her, served as a member of the Daughters of Hope Ministry since its inception in 1982 and served for over 20+years until her health declined. Her participation in the DOHM affected so many within and outside of the ministry. Mother Moore was an avid participant in her church and served the church for many years alongside her husband. She instituted many changes within the church to foster more prayer to cover the leaders and the congregation. She was the devoted wife of Reverend Jonas Moore for 66 years, the mother of five, with six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She got her call for her reward October 15, 2019.



This God-fearing woman taught many about the love of God and serving people. She taught us how to love our husbands unconditionally. Her example of learning how to be a submissive wife and a loving and nurturing mother will live long after her. She is the epitome of the Ephesians Woman. We will miss her, but she is in that great cloud of witnesses, and therefore, it was not goodbye at her homegoing, but we will see you again a little later. She is physically absent from us, but her spirit remains forever.

We Love You, Mother Moore

I Need Reminding - Part 2

I sometimes need reminding that God is around me all the time, every day, always. I can strike up a conversation on the spot. Sometimes when I am quiet or doing something in solitude, I forget I am not alone. But my bigger problem is sometimes I forget His word, what it says, what it means, how it can encourage me. More importantly, God knows I need reminding.

Deuteronomy 11 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁸ "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰ And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth."

Living out these scriptures today, we read and meditate to put God's word in our hearts. We create jewelry that depicts scripture or Biblical tenets. We bring Christian values into the conversation with our children or other children we may influence. We write scripture on note cards we want to remember. We buy biblical pictures and hang them on the wall of our homes and workplace. So, I have started to pause occasionally and read what the emblems say, seeing we are, essentially, following a commandment of God.

In a few verses before Deuteronomy 11:18, we are told take heed, be careful, take caution that we are not drawn away to worship, serve, other gods, or idols. Therefore, reminders will help me live out verse 21.

-- Min. Connie Lowe, DOHM Treasurer





Remember that feeling when you met that special someone, a certain giddiness overcomes you when you think about them or see them. Well, that is nothing compared to the Love of our Lord and Savior for us. HE loves us unconditionally; no matter what we do, nothing can separate us from the Love of God. For it is He who shows us how to love. It isn't about a feeling because feelings can be fleeting and deceiving. Love is intentional, and God gave us the guideline of how to love.

There are times when our loved ones are not quite nice or kind, but does that mean we stop loving them. No, it doesn't, we are to love them unconditionally. As we have the gift of life and the heart to love as God commands, we need to take up the mantle and love others as God loves us. We should love with no stipulations.

As the story broke about the tragic helicopter accident that took the lives of nine people, including the world-renowned basketball star Kobe Bryant

and his beautiful 13-year-old daughter, it saddened my heart so. I thought about the loved ones left behind who had no clue that the last time they saw their loved ones would indeed be the very last time. As the stories poured in, the public received glimpses of the impact the individuals had on not only their families but friends across the world. I am sure they didn't always do right but were loved, nonetheless.

Our time here is so precious and fragile, and it behooves us to make amends with those we feel have offended us and show them love, while we have a chance. As we celebrated love on Valentine's Day, let us remember our First Love, the One who loved us so much that HE died on the Cross that we might live life eternally. Now that is a special kind of love. Love on your family and friends today as tomorrow is not promised.

-- Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM Secretary

Just a little talk with Jesus

With all the negative news flooding the media these days; murders, robberies, deceitful leaders, child abusers, homeless, joblessness, and so many people greedy for gain, I find myself asking how long Lord, how long? Then I come to myself and realize none of this comes as a surprise to my God. And He knows all things and He know the outcome of all things. Realizing this I pray, I pray, I pray, and then He sends His peace that surpasses all understanding. I don't have the answer to the world's problems, but He does, and He makes all things work out for the good. I have friends I can go to and share my problems with, but there is only One who can listen and solve them. I am a witness, in order to get through whatever you are going through, have a talk with the One who can and will see you through. Who? None other than Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Psalm 37)

-- Min. Geri Stancil, DOHM Vice President

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

⁴Love is **patient**, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails.



Psalm 37

Fireproof - Faith in the Flames of Affliction

In Daniel 3, his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were being pressured to deny God when King Nebuchadnezzar ordered them to bow down and worship the idol that he made of himself. However, they chose to remain faithful to God and told the king that they would serve their God to the end, regardless of the outcome. They trusted God to deliver them and were determined to be faithful regardless of the consequences.

The king was so outraged by their response that he ordered them to be cast into the fiery furnace that was heated seven times more than usual. But God! They came through that burning heat completely untouched; no scorch marks and not even the smell of smoke. Only the ropes that bound them were burned. That fire had no power over them. What the enemy meant for harm, God turned into good. The king was so astonished by this that he put forth a decree that if anyone speaks against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be cut in pieces and their houses destroyed because there is no other God that can deliver in this manner.

Even today, we, too, have our flames of affliction where we go through the fiery furnace in the form of trials and tribulations where we don't see a way out. God never promised that this life here on earth would be easy. But, He did promise that He would never leave nor forsake and would provide a way of escape that even while we are going through He will give us what we need to endure and persevere and still praise and worship Him for what He has done, what He is doing and what He is going to do! God is working it all out on our behalf to give us the victory. This is not always easy but think of where you would be without God's grace and mercy (Psalm 27).

As we continue to grow in our relationship with God, being strengthened spiritually in letting go and let God, we can look past these afflictions that we too in coming through the flames will not look like what we have been through. No human can bind us if God wants us to be free. If God always rescues us at the beginning of an affliction, we would not need faith. People would look at this as a religious insurance policy, and there would be lines of people ready to sign up. So, don't look at how big your flames are but look at how big our God is. Remain faithful to God during the tough times, for He will turn afflictions into triumph, pain to glory, and defeat to victory. When we remain faithful to His promises, our eternal award is worth any suffering we may have to endure.

Trust God in the midst of every fiery trial; there are eternal reasons for temporary trials. Let us be thankful that our destiny is in God's hands and not man's.

-- Linda Price-Smith DOHM Member



Daniel 3:28

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.'

In the words from a Christian song:

It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You

This is how I fight my battles

Trials Will Come – Part 1

Psalm 34:19 says, “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.” The children of Israel’s experiences through the wilderness is an example of this truth. Many of us, when reading through their dilemma and their reactions, quickly judge their lack of faith. When we read through the book of Exodus and reach Exodus 17, most of us think or say: *Why are you murmuring and complaining about being thirsty? Didn’t God part the Red Sea and allow you to walk over it on dry land? Didn’t He give you a cloud by day to guide you and fire by night to provide you with light? Didn’t He give you manna from heaven to feed you and quail when you desired meat?* However, if we are sincere, our initial reaction to our trials and tribulations many times are not much different than theirs.

I have noticed in reading through different books of the bible in my own life as a believer that a significant amount of time often passes between God’s pronouncement of a promise and its fulfillment. I have come to consider it as part of God’s modus operandi. In Genesis, the Messiah was promised, yet there are 72 generations between Adam and Jesus.

Almost three decades went by from God’s promise of Isaac to Abraham, his birth to him and Sarah (from 75 years old to 100 years old). Joseph was a teenager when he dreamed that his brothers would bow down to him and around 30 when he became second in command in Egypt.

What was happening in the lives of these patriarchs of the bible between pronouncement and fulfillment? Trials and tribulation, just as with the children of Israel’s 40 years in the desert. Psalm 105:17-19 says, “*He sent a man before them – Joseph – who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. Until the **time** that His word came to pass. The word of the Lord **tested** him.*”

In 1 Peter 4:12-13, the scripture says “*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery **trial** which is to **test** you, as though some strange thing happened unto you, but rejoice in as much as ye are partakers of Christ’s suffering, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*”

So, we know we will have trials and tribulations, and we know they have a purpose. But how do we avoid murmuring and complaining? What do we do in the meantime?

This is Part 1 of two parts; Part 2 will be in the next issue, God willing.

-- Cornette Cole, DOHM Member



Patience + Joy = Peace



Pleasing God, not self
 Anxious for nothing
 Totally waiting for God's timing ⌚👉
 Increasing care for others
 Easy does it 🌱
 Nice, not complaining
 Count it all JOY 😊
 Epic Results ✨

+

Placing God first
 Ease on down the road 😊
 All's well in God's hands
 Christ my model of
 Everlasting Peace 🕊

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Just basking in God's love ❤️
 Obeying God's will
 YES!!! ❤️

-- Rose Matthews, Guest Writer



DOHM Upcoming Events

Listed below are some of the Daughters of Hope Ministry's upcoming events. Stay tuned for updates that will be provided once an event has been confirmed.

- Ministering at Largo Landing
- Bring Up the Treasure That Is Within You
- Gala Anniversary Celebration
- 2021 Women's Retreat



If you have a business and products and/or services you want to promote, this may be the opportunity you are looking for at one of our upcoming **DOHM** events.

You must complete a vendor form. Visit our website at www.daughtersofhope.org for more information. At overnight events, vendors are expected to register and attend at least one day of the retreat.

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