

# Newsletter: The Faithfulness of God Is Our Strength

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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.

## October 10-12, 2019 – Phenomenal Grace

### Women's Retreat Last Call!

Join us at the 2019 Daughters of Hope Women's Retreat as we celebrate, expound upon, and bask in God's phenomenal grace. This event will be an elegant affair.

Our special speaker, Minister Iris F.M. Tate, is an educator, choral director, vocalist, clinician, couple's counselor, intercessor, preacher and prophet. She is a graduate of The Duke Ellington School of the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. She also attended Norfolk State University, in Norfolk, Va. where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public School Music and a Masters Degree in Music Education. She completed her ministerial training at First Baptist Church of Glenarden Bible Institute and Greater Mount Calvary Bible Institute.

Minister Tate is the founder and director of TATE Ministries Inc. Married to Minister John Nathaniel Tate, she serves and ministers alongside her husband as instructors, team leaders, and mentors.

Minister Tate's ultimate goal in life is to help hurting people (particularly women) come to the full knowledge of their potential in Christ Jesus. She wants to help them walk in total deliverance and healing, encouraged, and inspired through the Word of God to achieve their God-given purpose in life.



For more information about the DOH 2019 Women's Retreat, go to:  
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## Our Retreat Vendors This Year Are:

- Mary Kay consultant
- Tenderly 4 You Massage Therapy
- Optimal Oasis – Meditations, Nutrition, Coaching
- Optimal Care Chiropractor – Physiotherapy, Supports

## Got Anger?

Anger is an emotion that we all have experienced, but as Christians, we should control it. Uncontrolled anger can cause all kinds of problems in our Christian walk. Do you give someone “a piece of your mind,” and say things like, “Don’t start nothing, won’t be nothing,” or get an attitude when God has blessed someone else? You may have a problem with anger.

The scriptures say an angry man cannot produce the righteousness of God (James 1:20) and that a root of bitterness can defile many (Hebrews 12:15). If you are consistently angry or bitter or if there is a specific person or situation in your life that causes you to have an attitude, as a Christian, you need to work on controlling that emotion. Extreme anger and bitterness are indicative of displeasure with the life God has given us and the circumstances He has allowed in our life. We have basically accepted the lies of the enemy and have an incorrect perception of life and God.

It is possible to control our anger, but it requires us first to acknowledge that the behavior is not pleasing to God. Pray to God for His guidance in changing the behavior, and to be obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as He leads us through the transformation processes. We have to renew our minds with truth. Find scriptures that are appropriate to the area of our struggle. Next, memorize them, and allow the Holy Spirit to bring them to us as we approach situations that cause us to stumble. Our goal as Christians is to produce fruit that is evident of the presence of the Spirit indwelling us – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5).

--Cornette Cole, DOHM Member



### Hebrews 12:15

“Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”

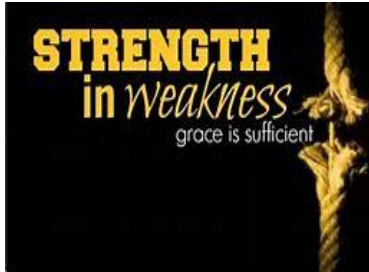
## Faith Not Fear

- Family members killing each other (Genesis Chapter 4)
- Children being slaughtered in the schools and streets (Matthew 2:16-18)
- Women being sexually abused (2 Samuel 11:1-5; Judges 19:21-25)
- Rampant homosexuality (Genesis 19:1-13)
- Valuing lives of animals over humans (Matthew 6:26; Genesis 1:24-28)
- Spewing out of lies and deception (1 Peter 3:10; Psalm 10:7)
- Greed (Proverbs Chapter 1)

The evil we are experiencing today is not new. Our God has dealt with it before (Proverbs 24: 10-12), and He will deal with it now. Just pray and trust in and share His word. (Psalm 27)

--Min. Geri Stancil, DOHM Vice President





#### 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

"And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.<sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

## Strength in Weakness

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid. It is during the difficult times that we need to lean on the strength of our Lord and Savior. The scripture says, "My power is made perfect in your weakness." It is in our weakness that we can grow closer to God. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

There are times when we struggle with the job or concerns with family. Maybe your child has some health challenges, and you feel helpless, or you are passed over for that promotion at work that you thought you deserved. It is when we are being stretched beyond measure and feel like we are about to break that God's power sustains us. Just as Paul in 2 Corinthians asked the Lord to remove the thorns, and the Lord replied, "My grace is sufficient for thee..." These are just snippets of examples of when our weakness become opportunities for God's greatness to work within us.

When we surrender our lives and hearts to God, then we can stand firmly on His word that He will take care of us. In our weakness, the Lord shows His compassion for us. He yearns to help His children to navigate through life trials and tribulations. We do not operate in our own strength because then we become weary or we may fall into the prideful trap. We must resist the urge to operate in the flesh and allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us on this journey.

We should be careful not to compare ourselves with others because each person's journey and giftings are different. God has designed us all as individuals with various gifts and talents. Gifts and talents for His kingdom. When the Lord gifts you with the gift of frailty, don't think of it as punishment but as an opportunity for God to show up strong in your life.

I believe that it is in our weakness that the Lord manifests Himself mightily. He said we should not run from our imperfection but embrace it and allow His power to spring forward. Never run from your weakness but let the Lord bless you mightily within it.

--Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM Secretary

## Encouraging Quotes:

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies."  
**–Hudson Taylor**

"God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go." **–Tony Evans**

"If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!" **–D.L. Moody**

"There is no one who is insignificant in the purpose of God." **–Alistair Begg**

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." **–Chuck Swindoll**

## Don't Stop Believing in Your Dreams

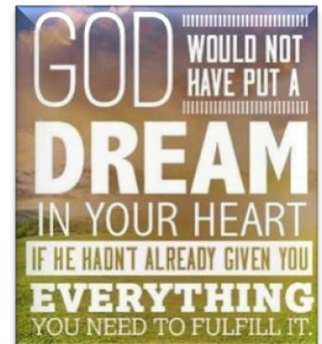
Don't stop believing in your dreams regardless of your age and the obstacles you encounter in life. Remember, all things are possible with God, and nothing is impossible for God. God will bring forth the visions He has shown you. Many of us go through life on autopilot. Remove yourself from autopilot and intentionally take time to hear God's voice and notice His presence.

When I was in my twenties, I had a desire to help women. My passion was for women to be whole and walk in their purpose. I dreamed of having a prayer group to help women. It was in my spirit to start a prayer group, and one day I heard an inner voice, God's Holy Spirit, say, "When are you going to get started?" I started a prayer group, and today, I am working with a powerful group of women hosting retreats, open forums, tea gatherings, and prayer

breakfasts. The primary mission of this prayer group is to see women empowered to walk in their purpose. Now was this easy, absolutely not. You will be tested, and people won't believe your dreams. Take a look at Joseph, and you will see that he had dreams and visions throughout his life, and they came true. Joseph was tested many times, but he was faithful to God, and God fulfilled every dream. Read Genesis 37:1-11. Remember the enemy does not want you to succeed. Jacob also had a dream in Genesis 28:10-22 and his dream came to pass.

There will be trials and tribulation but be faithful to God. Hold fast to your dreams and trust God to bring them to pass. I have seen many of my dreams come true, and there are more to come.

--Linda Gary, DOHM President



**Pay attention to your dreams, for they are your letters from God.**

## I Need Reminding - Part One

Excerpt from devotional Utmost for His Highest, "If I put my trust in human beings first, the end result will be my despair and hopelessness toward everyone. I will become bitter because I have insisted that people be what no person can ever be— absolutely perfect and right. Never trust anything in yourself or in anyone else, except the grace of God."

People disappoint; I even disappoint myself at times. Go to God first; I need reminding. I know to do this, but sometimes I seem to forget and start working the problem. My temperament is Melancholy, so the analytical and diagnosing problems character trait appears to kick in automatically. When I don't get what I wanted, or it doesn't look like how I thought it would, I find myself saying, "what is this?" I may need to go back and see who was on the issue, was it me or did I trust God with it. If I trusted God with it and still not overjoyed with the results, then I need to pull on God's grace to accept the outcome and go on. However, if it was me working on the issue, then what I have is the results of my limited intellect and resources. So, if it is not good enough, then I have only myself to blame. We can seriously talk to God about anything. Daily conversation is what He wants; dependence on Him is what He asks; waiting on Him is what we need. We don't need to be ashamed that we go to the Father all the time, Abba, Daddy, whatever you need to call him. Therefore, I encourage myself; I remind myself I have help every day for the things I need — next time Part two.

--Min. Connie Lowe, DOHM Treasurer







## Strengthened Faith

Some time ago, I experienced a situation that really troubled me in where my faith in God was tested. I prayed, fasted, and waited to hear from God about a situation that was going on with my job. I thought I heard from Him, and I proceeded to move forward on what to do, thinking that it was God's will and that this situation would turn out in my favor. After completing the process, I waited for a decision to be made while continuing in prayer, praise, and fasting; resting in God's faithfulness, grace, and mercy.

Well, the decision made revealed I was not favored. Devasted, I broke down, very angry with God because I did not receive the blessing that I thought I deserved. I prayed and asked "why" me, I did not understand why it did not turn out in my favor. I began to think about times in my life when I was hurt, disappointed, let down, and the trials and tribulations I experienced in the past, along with challenges I was dealing with in the present.

In my initial appeal to God about this situation, I prayed that if it was His will then let it be, and if not, then bless me with something better. That is how it works, right? You pray for God's will and if it does not happen, then people will tell you that it was not for you for right now, and God has something better in line for you. Well, that is what I also believed, until it happened to me, and God said no! All I could think about was me and how this outcome affected me; my livelihood, my future, my wants, and on, and on, and on. I could not pray, praise, or think about anything else, except how adversely this decision affected me.

But God! One day after the disappointing news, I turned on the radio, and there was Joel Osteen was talking about the favor of God and how we are victors and not victims. I turned on the TV, and there was Joyce Meyers talking about the goodness of God and all He has done, all He is doing, and what He is about to do. God promises He would never leave nor forsake us. I was at church service the next Sunday, and Dr. Jaz was talking about Hold On, Help Is On the Way and how the Holy Spirit will carry you through as you go through. It is amazing how God will speak to you, even when you are not talking to Him. He loves us so much that He finds a way to pull us right back up and set our feet on solid ground.

As I went back to prayer, reading and listening to God's word, I felt myself being renewed, refreshed, and brought back into God's loving arms where I can now see from His perspective, in reflecting on all that He has already done for me, He has always brought me through, being Jehovah Nissi (my banner giving me the victory). God never promised that this life would be easy; disappointments will come. But, as we continue to grow in our relationship with Him, and know who and whose we are, as we continue to allow God to abide in us and we abide in His word we are still victorious, come what may. For in this, we receive peace, wisdom, and strengthened faith. By the way, a better opportunity did come my way.

So, we must always be mindful to not waver in the promises of God through unbelief, but be strengthened in faith giving glory to God and being fully convinced that what He has promised He will perform (Romans 4:20-21); not in our timing, but in His!

--Linda Price-Smith, DOHM Member

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