

Newsletter: The God of Our Expectations

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Save The Date!

Ladies it's time again for our Women's Retreat. The date is **November 2-4, 2017** in Lancaster Pennsylvania. Our gathering is limited in size so reserve with us now by sending your fifty dollar deposit.

Over the years this has always been a special time, come and expect to receive, you will be glad that you did.

Good Info from DOHM:

The #1 job of parents is to meet their child's need for love. A child with a full love tank = a healthy, emotionally stable child. *Resource: The Five Love Languages of Children* by Chapman and Campbell

Write the Vision

Habakkuk 2:2-3

2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry".

Years ago I listened to a CD which said don't let your music die in you. From hearing that CD I have been thinking about Habakkuk 2:2, "write the vision and make it plain". I don't want to leave this earth with music still in me.

DOH had an open forum where we worked on vision boards. The ladies shared about their vision boards and discussed their dreams, desires, and visions of what they wanted to

accomplish. So ladies what I have to say is when you hear from God don't let fear stop you, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" 2 Timothy 1:7. Don't let money stop you, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:19. Don't let dream killer stop you, like Joseph and his brothers, Genesis 37: 5-36.

It's time to go for it! Remember don't look at what you have or what's around you. Line your will up with God's will. He has put everything in place for you to reach your destiny, people and finances. So stop procrastinating.

--Linda Gary
DOHM Founding President

Praise through the Process!

Life has a way of bringing various challenges & obstacles. I started out complaining and having a pity party, not understanding why it seems like everything happens to me. Then one day I started praising God in spite of my situation in which led to my break through. What I learned was that I needed to praise God through the entire process, from beginning to the end. Psalm 34: 1 states "I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Sometimes that is not easy, but just start out with a yet praise! "God I am going through this situation, hurting, but I will yet praise you". You will experience His presence and "in His presence is the fullness of joy."

--Tomiko Hankerson
DOHM Secretary



He Will Restore

Trouble had come and left in its wake a sense of despair, despondency, maybe regret followed by that big question WHY.

I remember the time when I had to move out of my house, it had all but been destroyed by water damage. And what the water didn't do the mold did, and even in repair more destruction was found underneath the house, while other was done by workers themselves. It was like a land laid waste.

Joel 1:4 talks of destruction, "What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the

consuming locust has eaten." In Joel it also talks about lamenting, and mourning because of the devastation. About being ashamed because of what has perished. I certainly went through much of these emotions. But in Joel a cry went unto the Lord, and we received a promise of the Lord's day coming. I have been praying recently Joel 2:25-27, because here I am some 12 years later still dealing with some of the aftermath of that time. Instead of participating in what I had envisioned when I had reached this time of life, because of what happened I am still playing catch-up. So I pray and believe the Lord will restore the years the locust has eaten, the years where He allowed devastation to come. I believe a time is

coming when this will represent a praise to Him, a time where there will be plenty, and not shame, as proclaimed in His word. For we serve a compassionate God, one who wants to redeem his people. He came time after time to the people of Israel, even after they had disobeyed Him, when in famine and oppressed. May this be a year of conquest.

Psalm 42:11(TLB)

But, O my soul, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise him for all that he will do. He is my help! He is my God!

--Min. Connie Lowe
DOHM Treasure



Ministry

Over the last few months God has been dealing with me concerning ministry, ministers and ministering, what it is and what it is not. I have found that many have lost sight of God's intended purpose, and I was moved to share a few things He opened my eyes to see.

(Matthew 20:25-28)

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Ministry is NOT authority over other believers.

Well, somebody has to be in charge--right?!

Yes, absolutely there is someone who is in

charge. Someone who has authority,

Power and rule, His name is Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 11:3)

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

(Colossians 2:10)

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

The risen, glorified Christ is the one Head, He has all power. He is the Head of all the church, but also the Head of every man and woman. He not only rules all believers as a whole, but also each of us individually. A ministry's purpose is to let people know that

Jesus can deliver them from pain and sorrow and cast out the devil's strongholds in every way, wherever they are.

Luke 4: 18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the

captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

It's not glamorous, famous, loud, big. It's Christians, working together as one, with Christ as the Head. It is service to others, and we must meet them where they are.

There is a place for large meetings, group fellowships, and praise and worship services, these things are all great. But we need to notice something. All these things only benefit us believers---They do nothing for the unsaved who don't understand.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

--Min. Geri Stancil
DOHM Vice President

A "minister" is a servant.

Greek: diakonov diakonos {dee-ak'-on-os} From diako (to run on errands)

Thoughts to ponder from DOHM:

Once we extend grace to ourselves (receive God's grace), we will be able to live a life of extending grace to those around us, both in the church community and those outside.

Waiting on God

This little poem has been singing in my heart recently...

"I'm expecting a miracle today

I know God is working

And it's on its way

I don't know what that

Miracle may be

But I'm waiting on God- expectantly"

My circumstances are not all that great, especially as the world sees "great". Saying this little poem is helping me to look up to my Lord-expectantly and not down at my problems- fearfully.

You may be struggling today. You may be having trouble with one of your children, your health, your finances, or a relationship. The list of problems can go on and on.

But I'm asking that you join with me in

expectantly waiting on God. Yes, let's wait on the All Powerful God- the God for whom nothing is impossible. Let's wait with hope in our hearts for the God who works miracles. His names are who He is and what He does... God who is love, the Great Physician, God of peace, God who provides, God who guides and whose way is perfect.

As some say, He may not come when you want Him but He always comes on time.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we thank You for the opportunity to wait on You with a joyful and deep trust especially in our times of trials and troubles. Please help us, Lord, to hold on when our circumstances say, "Why don't you just give up!" Help us, Lord, to remember that You, Lord God are the Light in our darkness, the One who makes a way when there seems to be no way. Help us to "know" that we can do all things through You, Lord. Amen.

--Rose Matthews



As for me, I look to the LORD for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.

Micah 7:7 New Living Translation (NLT)

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

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

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