

Newsletter: It's True, You Can Trust God

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Daughters of Hope Women's Retreat Is Coming

Ladies can you believe what time it is? Join us **November 2-4, 2017**; in Lancaster Pennsylvania, for our retreat. Our Theme: Where is Your **FIGHT!**

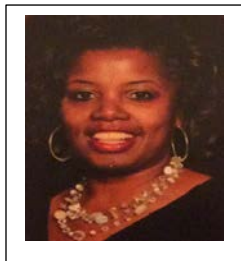
Faith to make it through the battles
Integrity through the storm
 Giving **Glory** while in the storm
Honor the Lord with your works
 Being **Truthful** to Yourself

We extended **early-bird** prices to April 30, don't miss out and delay your registration. Contact us to get your deposit in now!



We Say Goodbye For Now

In the month of March, we honored the life of a dear sister in the Lord, and former DOHM member Sharon Jordan. Sharon entered into glory February 23, 2017. We remember her wonderful, loving personality and that bright beautiful smile.



She was open and interested in people, and would tell you what she had on her mind. She attended our last retreat in 2015, and we would have looked forward to seeing her again this year, but she is in a place that surpasses anything we can imagine.

We pray for those she leaves behind, her grown son George, step-daughters, and especially her teenage son Robert, who we watch grow up.

She is now in that great cloud of witnesses, and she joins company with others that we love and miss.

From front to back, left to right: Sharon Harold (in glory), Linda Gary, Connie Lowe, Tomiko Hankerson, Sharon Jordan (in glory), Geri Stancil, Lynn Winters (in glory)



Where Am I Lord?

Open Letter to God,

I don't recognize any landmarks, haven't been here before, which way do I go? What is it you want me to do? I want to feel excited about the future, anticipation can be thrilling and I do still have an adventurous heart, but not as much courage as I use to. I want to walk out your plan, not mind, and I know I have not always said that or even consulted you, but I'm older now and ask your wisdom a lot more often. I have bumped my head a few times and realize it's really not about me, but you and how you want to work through me.

You are an awesome God who does great things and that's why I can trust you. So even though I don't recognize where I am, and not sure which way to go I choose to take a step of faith. I believe you guided me to this point because you know everything about me, you knew this time, this day would come. So, I walk by faith and know in order for you to direct/redirect me when necessary, I should be moving in a direction, not standing still. Seeking and waiting is not inactivity. I have so many of your promises, that you will never forsake me, that you know the plans you have for my life. But still at times I wonder "where am I Lord", I pray in your perfect will. Therefore, I'm asking for your guidance along the way, knowing that doesn't mean the journey is going to be easy, and I have no idea how long this leg of the journey is. I may not know exactly where I am now, I know that one day I will look back and be able to see the way you have bought me, and say at that point in time I was at the end of, in the middle of, or just beginning

--Min. Connie Lowe
DOHM Treasure



Trust God

Trust God to care for us.

Rely on His Word for He is trustworthy.

Understand that all power is in His hands.

Suffering is only temporary.

Trust God and His love for us eternally.

Give yourself to Him.

Only He is Omnipotent.

Daily – moment by moment – Trust Him!

Psalm 13:5 "But I trust in Your unfailing love. I will rejoice because You have rescued me." (NLT)

Psalm 62:8 "O my people, trust in Him at all times Pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge." (NLT)

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do; everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track." (The Message)

--Rose Matthews

Trust - assured reliance on the character, ability, strength,

To be confident, as of something future; to hope.

Something committed or entrusted to one to be used or cared for in the interest of another,

To risk; to venture confidently.

To give credence to; to believe; to credit.

Keep Your Focus

This seems to be a time where Satan is trying to distract us. There are many changes happening in our lives. A new president with a lot of changes, sickness, death, loss of jobs, and the cost of living increasing with no increase income. I hear a lot talk about President Trump but our focus should be on God and what He wants us to do at this time.

1. Focus on taking every thought captive.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

2. Focus on drawing near to God.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. James 4:8 (NKJV)

3. Choose what you are going to focus on.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or

praiseworthy – think about such things. Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

4. Focus on trust. Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to GOD! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life! Honor GOD with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over. Proverbs 3: 5-11 (MSG)

5. Keep your focus on God. We keep looking to the LORD our God for his mercy, just as servants keep their eyes on their master, as a slave girl watches her mistress for the slightest signal. Psalm 123:2 (NLT)

6. A peace of mind. You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

7. Focus on God in stillness. Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)

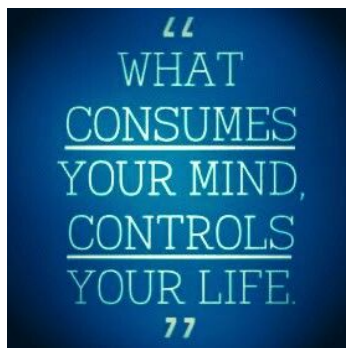
8. Focus on being steadfast. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Psalm 112:7 (NIV)

9. Focus on things above. So if you have been raised with the Messiah, seek what is above, where the Messiah is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1 (HCS)

10. Focus on loving God. "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. Psalm 91:14 (NIV)

I will end this by saying, whenever Israel went into exile God protected them and blessed them. Also David wrote in Psalm 37:25-26 (NIV) I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.

--Linda Gary
DOHM Founding
President



Truth or Consequences

Truth

Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; Ephesians 5:25

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Ephesians 5:21-22

Train up a child in the way he/she should go: and when he/she is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Consequences (of disobedience)

Strife and contention between husband and wife

Adultery

Abuse

Divorce

Children being disobedient to their parents

Children having no respect for authority (God's or man's)

Early death

Incarceration

A Corrupt Society

A Dysfunctional, Ineffective, Powerless Church

And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15 (King James Version)

--Min. Geri Stancil
DOHM Vice President

So, Goes the Family So Goes the Church, Truth or Consequences, it's your choice.

Choosing Right

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV)

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

A God-loyal life keeps you on track; sin dumps the wicked in the ditch. Proverbs 13:6 (MSG)

... blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" Luke 28 (NKJV)

Rejoice



Philippians 4:4 “rejoice in the Lord always”, again I say rejoice. The Lord admonishes His people to rejoice in HIM at all times. It does not say when things are going great for you rejoice. We are to give him the glory and honor to which He deserves just because HE IS. He is our everything and without HIM we are nothing. We are to rejoice in the good times and the bad times. “Weeping may endureth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning”. Psalm 30:5 Our savior promises us joy in the morning. That is something to rejoice in. He never said that there would be no times of sorrow but in those times to continue to rejoice in HIM and HE will comfort us. During these troubling times in which we live we should remember to put God first from our rising in the morning to our setting in the evening. Give God the praise, for HE dwells in the praises of His people.

--Tomiko Hankerson
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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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