

Newsletter: Pray and Trust

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Daughters of Hope Women's Retreat 2017

Ladies it will be here before you know it, **November 2-4, 2017**; in Lancaster Pennsylvania. You will not want to miss this one. 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

You can start your registration payments now so when the time comes you will be all set. Plan to attend, invite a friend.



She Chose Me, He Chose Me

Over sixty years ago a young bright student became pregnant. Her teachers wanted her to finish school while she carried the baby. Some wanted her to have an abortion, but she chose me. She decided to marry my father and have me. She chose me. I wasn't the easiest child to raise but she chose me. In that marriage she had two more children. She made sure we went to church to learn about Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. I realize now she chose me and He chose me. For He formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Psalm 139: 13-14. For I am His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them; Ephesians 2:10 (ESV).

I am convinced of this one thing, that He chose me. You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. John 15:16 (MSG).

I believe I am called to pray, bear fruit, and to help women reach their full potential.

I believe He chose each and every one of you who is reading this newsletter. You have great potential so walk in it. No matter what has happened to you in the pass, remember He chose you for such a time as this. It is praying time.

--Linda Gary
 DOHM Founding President

My Pain is for Purpose

1 Peter 5:9-10 *Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

When you are pregnant with a purpose there is a measure of pain to deliver it to fruition. God has planted purpose in each one of us and the enemy will use every trick he knows to keep you from your purpose. The comfort is in knowing that the God we serve is faithful and He will bring your destiny to pass. We must trust the process and that sometimes involves pain. Your pain is not for punishment it is to develop your character and take you to the place that the Lord has prepared for you. Just as a pregnant woman labors in pain to deliver a child, it is a necessity to bring life into this world. So her pain is for a purpose. We want the glory but not the cost that comes with it. Don't run from it, embrace it and allow the Lord to walk you through it. If we trust God with everything He will be with us as we labor through the pain to bring life to His purpose for us. **What is your purpose?** Is it a business, a ministry or a family?

--Tomiko Hankerson
DOHM Secretary



Has Anyone Seen the Remnant?

I was astonished to find out that 75% of Christians do not exercise their right to vote and even more amazed at the number of leaders who proclaim to be Christians, who compromise with those who do not know God, to pass unjust, sinful laws, just to remain popular among their constituents.

Even members of the clergy have resorted to preaching feel good sermons as opposed to those teaching God's people what thus saith the

Lord about their purpose, His plans, sin and its' repercussions. They pour out their watered down gospel upon the warriors of God, resulting in the rusting of their armor and their inability to fight the spiritual warfare besetting them.

Too much emphases are placed on the construction of bigger buildings, of which the word of God has said, "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down." (Matthew 24:2)

Buildings void of the presence of the Lord. Instead of placing their emphases on prayer, (prayer where power, wisdom and direction lie), therefore leaving the church powerless to affect any change in this sin sick world.

Where is the remnant?

Will the remnant of God's people come out of hiding, standup, take action and be heard?

--Min. Geri Stancil
DOHM Vice President

Remnant - chosen by grace....faithful....keeper of the commandments of God....take root downward and bear fruit upward....a glorious diadem

Call to Pray

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who calls us to be holy, separate and apart from the world – to be in it but not of it.

We are called to love and support those who struggle, to be lights in this great darkness.

God is calling us to prayer – to crying out to Him on behalf of this sin-sick world. John 16:24 says “You haven’t done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.”

Taking a life because a life was taken is no answer. Taking matters into our hands, that are truly under God’s control is no answer either. The answer is beyond us in spiritual places. Let us cry out to God, who has every answer to every problem. He is who He says He is.

Let’s take that to heart and not act in worldly ways, but in the Spirit.

Give us the faith, Father God, to truly trust in You and Your power, Omnipotent God!

If Jesus believed in prayer, shouldn’t we? “One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and He prayed to God all night.” (Luke 6:12, NLT) Matthew 26:36 tells us “Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’ ”

Let us recall people like Martin Luther King, Jr. Through God’s gracious guidance, he used non-violence to bring about great change in our society. Dr. King was a man of prayer and through prayer God guided him and through prayer God

can guide us to be agents of peaceful, powerful change.



Pray!

Put ourselves in the proper position before the One who controls all.

Respect God’s sovereign rule over our lives.

Accept that God’s answer may not be what we want, but what He knows is needed.

Yield our pride; cry out to Almighty God who hears and cares.

Dear God, help us to pray and pray as You would have us to pray. Amen

--Rose Matthews

Jeremiah 33:3 New American Bible (Revised Edition)

Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you great things beyond the reach of your knowledge.

Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

--A prayer from Martin Luther King Jr.

Everything means Everything

Once again I have been reminded that God cares, and we can place things in His hands. I do have trouble sometimes waiting on Him, thinking He is late already, but He holds time. The God of the bible that kept the sun from going down as Israel battled (Joshua 10:13). So God can manage my little 24 hour day, 168 hour week, or 672 hours a month. It seems the weeks and months go by, and things that I wanted changed or resolved, remain the same. It looks like nothing is happening.

Okay, sometimes I have trust issues. I say I trust God, and I do, I say I love God and know He loves me, and I do. However when circumstances don't look in my favor, I also say "Okay, what's up?" There is a freedom in really trusting God, knowing He hears and sees, knowing whatever and everything is manageable for Him. So I choose to believe Romans 8:28 and follow Philippians 4:6 and 7, because His

blessings are unpredictable. You can trust God, I am living it.

Romans 8:28 New King James Version

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Philippians 4:6-7 The Living Bible

6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. 7 If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.

--Min. Connie Lowe
DOHM Treasure

**Don't believe everything
you think.**

Just Everything in the Bible

Please don't fail to vote. Review the parties' platforms and see what their agenda will be once in office. There are other things on the ballot that need our vote, make an informed vote. Here is one source research others. www.vote411.org

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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