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Woman's Retreat Last Call!

We are getting ready and very excited about our retreat **November 2-4, 2017**; in Lancaster, PA.

There is still time but you must



contact us ASAP. Prices for the

rooms go up after October 3. We want to prepare properly for your arrival so please let us know now you plan to come. You can email daughtersohope@aol.com or call 443-422-DOHM, remember one-night accommodations are available. **News Flash:** We will have a vendor offering chair massages.

Save Our Sister

In this day in time when no one has time for each other. Everybody is marching to their own beat. The devil is running rapid devouring and separating us from each other. We are not communicating. So what do I mean? We don't come face to face with each other anymore. We are busy on Facebook, twitter, emailing, video games, and the big bad TV. When we are divided, we are weak.

How can we save our sister if we don't have time for one another? It takes time to build a relationship. We need each other. In Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpen iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. (NKJV) You use steel to sharpen steel, and one Friend sharpens another. (The Message)

A famous proverb, this verse may also be translated as applying to the will: Let iron sharpen iron, and so let

a person sharpen his friend. The idea is that people grow from interaction with one another.

When you spend time with one another, you will know when your sister is in trouble. You will know when she is sick. This knowledge only comes about by spending time with her. Spending time with each promotes growth and helps build character. We have a hard time seeing our self. Our sister can help us if we listen to her.

None of this will make sense without the Lord Jesus Christ in our life. If we want to make changes in our life, we need the Lord Jesus and each other.

Jesus didn't walk this earth alone he spent time building relationships and teaching.

--Linda Gary, DOHM President



Is Death The Worst That Can Happen?

As I sit here typing, I am also mourning the loss of a dearly loved family member. My mind races back to a few days ago when the family sat around his hospital bed as he was in the process of transitioning from this life. This life, where even in this midst of uncertainty, praying that God would give him more time and perform a miraculous healing. Even at a time when your focus should be on the matter at hand, you find those who harbor the spirit of hate, greed and family division, (but, I digress). Standing over his bed looking down at him and praying, I found myself talking to him not audibly, but from my spirit. Saying, "We are praying that you stay with us a little longer because we are not ready to let you go, but we never asked you what your desire was, tell me what do you want."

I think about this world we live in full of wickedness, death, and destruction and I think about Heaven, filled with joy, peace, healing, everlasting life, not to mention you are in the presence of the Lord praising Him forever and ever, no negativity what so ever! Then I ask myself why? Why do we view a Christian's death as something terrible? Is it because we don't truly believe God's promise? This life experience is something we should think about as Christians and ask ourselves do we truly, truly, believe God? I am not saying we should not mourn, for God has given us emotions and we should and will use them from time to time, but we are always to use them in a positive way. (1 Thessalonians 4:13, Ephesians 4:26). I left the hospital with mixed emotions, sadness because of strife and division in the family, but peace in my heart knowing my loved one was in God's hands and He has the last say so.

Well, God has spoken and preparations are being made for my love one's homegoing, I will miss him, but I know I will see him again, and I pray that those who do not know the Lord will come to know him before it is too late, so that we all can have a Hallelujah good time at our family reunion in Heaven!

I Believe
--Min. Geri Stancil
DOHM Vice President

Quote to ponder: Not only do we not know God except through Jesus Christ; we do not even know ourselves except through Jesus Christ. —Blaise Pascal

If you have not and are ready now to choose Christ as your Savior, pray this and then contact DOHM.

Based on Romans 10:9-10 ... Thank You Lord that when I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, I will be saved. Stir my heart to believe and accept You as Lord because I believe you are reaching out to me.

For unsaved loved ones consider this information.

[How to pray for unsaved loved one](#)

This Year's Retreat Speaker – Pastor Thomas

Rev. Lynette Thomas is the Pastor of Emmanuel Wesleyan Church in Baltimore, Maryland. She was born in Guyana, have lived and ministered in this country many years as well as ministered outside the country. Many

who know her know she has a giving, compassionate heart. Pastor Thomas has knowledge and wisdom she is willing to share, seen and experienced many things; I know we will be blessed.

Meet us in Lancaster, PA



It's Only a Test

Have you ever felt that the moment you take a step forward, here comes the enemy to knock you back two steps? That is how I have been feeling lately and let me tell you it's not a good feeling. At times you may feel overwhelmed, frustrated and defeated. This is when we must turn to God for strength and guidance. His word says that He puts no more on us than we can bear. I know that seems funny at times and you say God has jokes. Even amid our circumstances, the Lord is still with us. It would behoove us to stand the test and learn whatever it is that God has for us so that we can move forward. It is when we give up that we tend to repeat these tests until we learn. The Lord wants us to put all our faith and trust in Him and lean not unto our own understanding. He is the only one who can see us through any trial that comes our way. He never said that this journey would be easy but know that He is with us and loves us. It is during these times that our character is sharpened. We are not to react as the world does with no hope, but know the God we

serve who is able to do anything but fail.

Below is a list of scriptures to meditate on when faced with life's adversities

- Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. (1Peter 4:12 ESV)
- 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. (1Peter 5:10 ESV)
- Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12 ESV)
- Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (Romans 12:12 ESV)

Be blessed in the Lord

--Tomiko Hankerson

Trust in the Lord with all
your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding;
in all your ways
acknowledge him
and he will make your
paths straight.
- Proverbs 3:5-6

This Year's Retreat Speaker – Dr. Levi

Dr. Marcia B. Levi is the principal healthcare provider at Optimal Care - a wellness center utilizing chiropractic, physiotherapy, and nutrition in Laurel, Maryland.

Dr. Levi has made education a major focus of her practice including research and community engagement. She frequently

presents on natural health issues and preventative care.

Dr. Levi earned a certificate in Physiological Therapeutics, undergraduate degrees in Education and Dietetics, and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the University of Guyana and Life University. She is currently pursuing a Diplomate in Clinical Nutrition.

Lancaster, PA



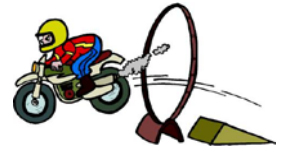
Risky

Life is full of risks; you cannot avoid seeing them, and knowing how uncomfortable they make you feel. When faced with decisions and choices doing something new or different may have you stepping back. I always felt the phrase "I had no choice" was untrue; as I have gotten older, I see more and more why people say it. The choices before them sometimes are ones they would not even consider. So they were automatically removed from the list till there was only one left, then we see no other choice. Going back to the original list we do have choices, but the new lists created by us, choices are eliminated. Why is this; because some of them carry risks we do not want to take on. The path (risk) could lead to reward while another could lead to devastation. Camping out on the path refusing to move, not taking any risks is not the answer either. This puts me in the mind of the Israelites; sometimes they camped and stayed put while other times they were required to move. Are you camping out or moving when the Lord directs? The Israelites met many challenges as they traveled the desert,

paths did not always guarantee safety and well-being. The whole trip they took was a risk.

As a child of God, we are not living our lives for ourselves. Yes, we are living our lives based on decisions and the result of choices we have made. However, we have a purpose and a mission assigned by God, and we need to be about our Father's business. In the meantime, we can, and do find enjoyment, pleasure, and rewards this side of heaven. But we need to take risks to achieve this. Consider the path, a path named "Risk," do you go left or right? Always seek the answer from God and even if the path leads to unfavorable conditions, remember God is still with you, John 14:15-18. So no matter the direction, you have one who goes with you, take risks as prompted by the Holy Spirit even if you don't understand.

--Min. Connie Lowe
DOHM Treasure



A + ? = Success or A + ? = Failure

Do the equation because you already stand as unsuccessful, not trying, so what do you have to lose.

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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