

Newsletter: Going Forward

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What You Can Expect of God

28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be

weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31 King James Version

We Are Going Forward

Did We Forget “Jesus Is the Reason”?

During this wonderful time of the year, many of us are trying to decide on the perfect gift to give to those we love and care about. It is during this time that we sometimes succumb to stress and pressures of buying gifts and overextending ourselves. This is not what we should be focusing on. While it is nice to give gifts and receive them, it should not be our main focus. During this time of the year we need to remember the true reason for the season and that is the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The greatest gift that we could ever receive, any month of the year.



Luke 2

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

--Tomiko Hankerson
DOHM Secretary

Did We Forget to “Celebrate the King”?

Christmas Is...About Christ ...
 And gifts and giving and parties
 But please don't forget about Christ ...
 And Christmas trees and reindeer and Santa and shopping
 But let's remember Christ - the Baby Jesus ...
 And eggnog and Christmas cookies and caroling and candy canes

 Jesus came as a poor babe who would grow to be our Savior Lord
 So in between our worldly celebrations
 Let's give honor to the King above all nations

--Rose Mathews

Starting Off Clean

Forgiving oneself and/or another is one of the hardest things for some of us to accomplish, especially when we have been deeply wounded by others or let down by our own wrong doing. However, you are wounding yourself if you don't forgive. Let me share an example from my own experience. There was a person I loved deeply but every time they came around I would get this heavy feeling which continued for years. So one day I attempted to ask for forgiveness from this person because I knew of my own convictions in past interactions with this individual. Subsequently, I still felt this heaviness when I was around her. So I realized I had to ask for

forgiveness again from my heart and not merely from my mouth. The burden of that heaviness was then lifted. I recognized that I was hurting no one but myself. I was the one suffering while this individual didn't know I felt heaviness when they came around. So let's start 2016 off with a forgiving heart. Remember we have to ask God for forgiveness of our sin, so be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgive you. (Ephesians 4:32 NKJ). It will free you up.

Take some time and study these passages from:

Matthew 18:35 The

Message (MSG)

32-35 “The king summoned the man and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn't you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?’ The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt. And that's exactly what my Father in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn't forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy.”

Have a blessed year, 2016.

--Linda Gary
 DOHM Founding
 President

“...forgiveness ... from my heart and not merely from my mouth”

“2015” Women’s Retreat Recap

Our guest speaker, Minister Lori Ford (The City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church),

Spoke to us regarding “Fighting for your Territory.” She asked the question, are you complacent or a fighter?

Are you a sideliner who has no desire to fight for anything in life, prepared to just throw in the towel and whine Why me God? Well, God will restore the fighter in you.

Points to ponder (Numbers 13:26-30)

Moses sent spies to scope out the land, you must:

1. Evaluate and explore the land, whatever it may be, finances, relationships, health, self-control or peace of mind, it is God’s will to possess. You must beware of dream killers, they spread fear. Proverbs 18:21
2. Identify your giants, is it fear, procrastination, etc.? Matthew 18:18 We are fighting giants of past generations.
3. Raise up the fighter in you, giants are the vices of the enemy. 1 Corinthians 10
4. You must build your team with people

like Caleb, Joshua, Queen Ester and David (The Giant Killer). Romans 8:28 Know that your team leader is the Alpha and Omega (Quarter Back), JESUS!

Later Minister Ford encouraged us to be reachable and teachable and to release our strongholds, stumbling blocks, issues and nail them to the cross. This was an awesome time of going before God in prayer and total surrender.

Sis. Tomiko Hankerson (DOHM, Secretary), spoke on the subject of “A Different Spirit”. Numbers 13 & 14 She reminded us that:

In God we stay young, even though our bodies age, we do God’s will in God’s strength, not our own. Isaiah 40:31 You have not because you ask not, we must ask God for help in troubling times. Joshua 10 We should compare the problem to God’s promises. A gigantic problem looks like a grasshopper or ant compared to God’s promises.

We are not to be unbelieving believers (doubting Thomas) nor harbor unforgiveness in our hearts, this is what keeps us chained and bound. Also guilt has no place in the life of a

Christian. Romans 8:1 We should be different.

Min. Constance Lowe (DOHM, Treasurer), Taught us a few things about farming (in the natural and the spiritual realm). Numbers 13: 1& 2, 25-27

As a farmer uses manure to fertilize the soil to prepare the ground for planting seed, God at times uses stinky situations to bring forth a good crop of blessings in our lives. Different crops at different times.

Sometimes the soil is stubborn and requires tilling and more fertilizer in order for the crop to come forth. Ezekiel 36:26, Psalm 51:10, Matthew 13: 19-23 We must prepare and position ourselves to receive the seed (God’s Word).

When evil comes up against us, we must remember God’s word,

2 kings 6:16, don’t respond to what you see. Remember God is always with you, no matter where you go, or what you go up against. Don’t miss your blessing; you may have to go through some stinking stuff to get the crop, blessing, fruit, etc. God has for you.

--Min. Geri Stancil
DOHM Vice President

Evaluate

Identify

Rise

Build

We Need True Rest

Finding rest from your labor, the burden of your sin, the burden of being good enough for God's love. We sometime carry what was never intended, that is why God wants to give us rest. His yoke is easier than the one we put on ourselves.

At the end of 2015 you may have been carrying the cares of the world on your shoulders. These may have been pressures to complete something, needed healing (physical or emotional), needing finance to meet a commitment or necessary need. These can weigh us down and bring on an occasion for depression. Things beyond or not under our control is an indication of a burden too heavy to carry. God knows the sincerity of the heart; cast your cares on Him. He has asked us to do this, so let Him figure out your situation.

Sin also is a burden, seeking your own desires, following your own lusts, never finally obtaining, so you start all over again, and maybe try something new or different. This is a yoke of heaviness. God's yoke of love, joy, peace is more fitting because we long for love and acceptance. God's load is lighter than the one we try to bare daily in

our own strength. We must choose to submit to His authority, follow Him to enjoy the fellowship of His peace. There is much He wants to bless us with if we simply align ourselves to his commandments, His guidance and instructions. Start the New Year differently, honestly ask the Lord what He wants you to do, and purpose to obey when you hear from Him.

Psalm 146 Living Bible (TLB)

6 the God who made both earth and heaven, the seas and everything in them. He is the God who keeps every promise, 7 who gives justice to the poor and oppressed and food to the hungry. He frees the prisoners 8 and opens the eyes of the blind; he lifts the burdens from those bent down beneath their loads. For the Lord loves good men.

Matt 11:28

Matthew 11:28 King James Version (KJV)

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest

--Min. Connie Lowe
DOHM Treasure

Special Note: Stay tuned for our next Open Forum, you can follow us on Twitter @dohmG62

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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