

Newsletter: Rejoicing in Hope, Patient in Tribulation, Continuing Steadfastly in Prayer . . .

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

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

DAUGHTERS OF HOPE MINISTRY
WOMEN'S FALL EVENT

EXPLOSIVE FAITH

“RELATIONSHIPS”

OCTOBER 22-23, 2021

7-9 PM, 10-2:00 PM

Virtual

Must Register to Attend

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... if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed ...

Join us for the Daughters of Hope Ministry's first virtual women's conference. We have arranged for two dynamic women of God to share what God has given them on the topic of relationships for both teen and adult women. We are inviting teens, ages 13 through 19, where Deacon Lauren Bond will speak to this audience of young women. Minister Tina Green will speak to the general adult audience. Relationships are essential to humanity. From the book of Genesis to Revelation, God reveals the truth about how He relates to mankind, how we should relate to Him, and how we should relate to each other. Come join us and watch your faith EXPLODE!

Our Speakers:



Tina Green, MSW, is a marriage and family therapist and consultant who holds degrees in Education, Social Work, and Theology. For the last thirty years, she has counseled couples and families, and taught courses on God's plan for relationships. She established "Wives Club," a support and accountability group program that is used by churches to empower women to biblical love and lifestyles.



Lauren Bond is an ordained Deacon at Hope Christian Church. She currently serves along with her husband as a leader in the youth ministry. Her passion lies in seeing young people become aware of who they are in Christ, understand and apply God's word to their everyday lives, and seek their godly purpose. She attributes her desire to grow closer to Jesus to the godly women who pour into her and provide godly counsel and guidance. With that said she continues to be intentional about being that for the young women in her life.

Press On . . .

What I have noticed in the Daughters of Hope Ministry is perseverance. Many obstacles have come our way in 2020 and 2021. We have had love ones to go home to be with the Lord, we have dealt with illnesses in our families, some have encountered financial difficulties, and some had changes with adversities in their children's lives. There were many changes in our lives, in which we questioned God.

In the midst of all that is going on, I have seen at first hand each lady of the DOHM press on to the goal which God has called them to. Throughout all the adversities, DOHM continues to show up and support one another. We continued to encourage others despite what we were personally going through.

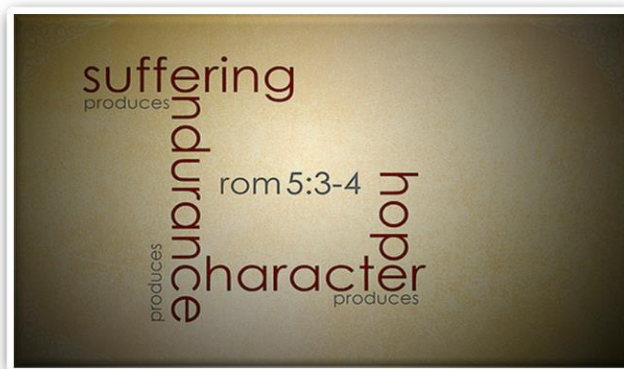
Perseverance is what God wants His people to do no matter what is happening in their lives. To experience victory in Christ we must learn how to overcome struggles, adversities, and suffering in life. We must trust God through everything and keep our eyes on Him.

“And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”
Romans 5:3-5 (NKJV).

“Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”
James 1:4-5 (NIV)

Press on my sisters and brothers, press on!!

-- Linda Gary, DOHM President





Romans 12:9-18 (NIV)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.) ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

The Disoriented Church

God has been impressing upon my spirit why the world is in the condition it is today. He has shown me it is because the church has strayed away and is no longer following the shepherd (Jesus). The sheep have decided that they know a better way and have erroneously concluded because things are working out good for them, they are in God's will. **Not Necessarily True.** You see, God will get the glory even if we are working out of selfish ambition.

"It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice." *Philippians 1:15-18*

"And we know that **all things** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." *Romans 8:28*

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." *Matthew 7:21-23*

My niece shared with me the following words of wisdom from her daily devotion. Unfortunately, these attitudes exist in the church (the body of Christ) rendering it powerless to bring about change in this sin sick world.

TODAY'S WORD OF WISDOM: If you are going to do anything great in life, if you are going to be a great businessperson, a great teacher, a great parent, or great leader, not everyone is going to cheer you on. I would love to tell you that your family, brothers and sisters-in-Christ, friends, and co-workers will celebrate you, but that is not the case. Some people simply cannot handle your success. As you grow and increase, as God pours out His favour, somebody will get jealous. Somebody will start finding fault. Don't be surprised at attempts to belittle or discredit you. If you focus on making everyone around you happy, you will start changing and lose sight of what God has placed in your heart. Your destiny is too great to be distracted by people who are never going to affirm you. Don't take it personally, it is not about you. It is their problem. Shake it off, run your race and be great anyway. Greatness in the midst of criticism begins with forgiveness. Don't hold a grudge. Bless those who curse you; pray for those who spitefully use you. As you keep doing what is right, God will honour you. He will promote you, and you will see the dreams and desires that He placed in your heart come to pass.

-- Minister Geri Stancil, DOHM Vice President

Whatever you do,
do it all for the
glory of god

Explosive Faith: Verse/Reference Matching:

Which reference belongs with each verse? Use the reference or the corresponding letter.

1. "Thou faithfulness is unto all generations: thou has established the earth, and it abideth." **Reference:** ____
2. "Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail." **Reference:** ____
3. "He that believeth in me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." **Reference:** ____
4. "Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him he hath sent." **Reference:** ____
5. "For we walk by faith, not by sight." **Reference:** ____
6. "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." **Reference:** ____
7. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead." **Reference:** ____
8. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." **Reference:** ____
9. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." **Reference:** ____
10. "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind." **Reference:** ____
11. "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong." **Reference:** ____
12. "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."
Reference: ____
13. "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" **Reference:** ____
14. "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here, and it will move." **Reference:** ____
15. "Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth." **Reference:** ____

(Answer key on page 8)

-- Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM Secretary



References:

- A. Galatians 3:26
- B. Psalm 89:33
- C. James 2:17
- D. John 7:38
- E. Isaiah 25:1
- F. Ephesians 6:16
- G. 1 Corinthians 16:13
- H. Matthew 8:26
- I. Psalm 119:90
- J. Matthew 17:20
- K. Ephesians 2:8
- L. John 6:29
- M. 2 Corinthians 5:7
- N. James 1:6
- O. Hebrews 11:1



PRESS (Part 3)

Psalms 139:7-12 (NKJV)

Where can I go from
Your Spirit? Or where
can I flee from Your
presence?

If I ascend into heaven,
You are there; If I make
my bed in hell, behold,
You are there.

If I take the wings of the
morning, And dwell in
the uttermost parts of
the sea, Even there
Your hand shall lead
me, and Your right hand
shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the
darkness shall fall on
me," Even the night
shall be light about me;
Indeed, the darkness
shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as
the day; The darkness
and the light are both
alike to You.

Press on:

P - Pray,

R - Read God's word,

E - Experience the presence of God,

S - Sing songs of praise and worship,

S - Submit to God's will

The presence of the Lord is sought after; it is something you reach for; it is a fellowship you make time for - Psalms 91. It is amazing when you are in it, almost indescribable - Elijah, the still small voice of God. In the presence of the Lord, there is submissiveness that takes place - Moses takes off his shoes on holy ground. You find yourself giving in to the awareness. You are powerless because you feel His power. When we pray and read His Word, we can find ourselves in His presence as we feel Him communicate with us. There are things you hear in your spirit that you know did not come from you.

Sometimes the Lord's presence interrupts us, and we are not seeking Him at that moment. It can bring clarity or guidance to a situation - Paul on the Damascus road. But when we experience it, we can know He is there; He is real.

To be truthful, God is always present, but are we aware of that fact. Yes, sometimes we may find ourselves carrying out daily tasks and ask the Lord "how to do something," and marvel at sudden insight at what to do comes to us. At this moment, we realize we are in the presence of God and say, "thank you Lord."

All of this is because you have decided to give your heart to God. You have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord. However, there is a presence of God you do not want to have, and that is as one who has not received the free gift of salvation. The book of Revelation talks about what happens in the presence of God for those, and it is not pleasant; something you don't want to experience.

Recognize the presence of God, seek His counsel, wisdom, guidance, and direction. Find pleasure in His presence.

-- Constance Lowe, DOHM Technical Advisor



Called to Worship - Word Puzzle



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| Angel | East | Jesus | Prophet |
| Bethlehem | Egypt | Jews | Son |
| Child | Gifts | Joseph | Star |
| Country | God | Joy | Treasures |
| Death | Herod | King | Wise |
| Destroy | House | Mary | Worship |
| Dream | Inquired | Night | Young |

(Answer key on page 8)

Matthew 2:1-2,7-11 (NKJV)

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."



Where Is Your Faith?



We are living in some challenging times. And, when the storms of life are ranging all around us, we sometimes feel that God is not attentive to our pleas for help, and we just angrily cry out, “Lord do You hear me, do You even care?” In John 16:33 (NKJV) it states, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” As Christians, we should expect continuing tension with an unbelieving world that is “out of sync” with Christ. At the same time, we can expect our relationship with Christ to produce peace and comfort because we are “in sync” with Him.

When caught in the storms of life, it is easy to think God is not with us and we are at the mercy of the winds of fate. A prime example of this is illustrated in Luke 8 where it talks about when the disciples were very fearful of a powerful storm that looked like it was going to overtake their boat. Jesus was asleep at the time and they woke Him up to let Him know that they were perishing. Luke 8:24b-25 (NIV) says, “He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement, they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

We too have often found ourselves in situations where it seemed like there was no way out and there was nothing we could do to save ourselves. As we look at the disciples’ situation, we might think, “didn’t they realize they had Jesus in the boat with them?” They witnessed the greatest miracles of Jesus, yet they were consumed with fear. Jesus was physically with them, but they waited until the last minute to ask Him for help. As the story continues in Mark 4:39 (NIV) it states, “He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, Quiet, Be still! Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” A word from Jesus was all it took. The disciples’ desperation ceased, and they were left in awe and amazement.

In the same way as the disciples, we too when faced with a situation that we have no control over, our first instinct is to get angry, feel hurt, disappointed, and hopeless. We do all that we can in our own strength and then we turn to God. But, lingering in a state of hopeless being so filled with our own fleshly thinking, when we do cry out to God it is hard to put on our spiritual eyes to see Him in the midst working it all out on our behalf to give us what is needed to enter His rest.

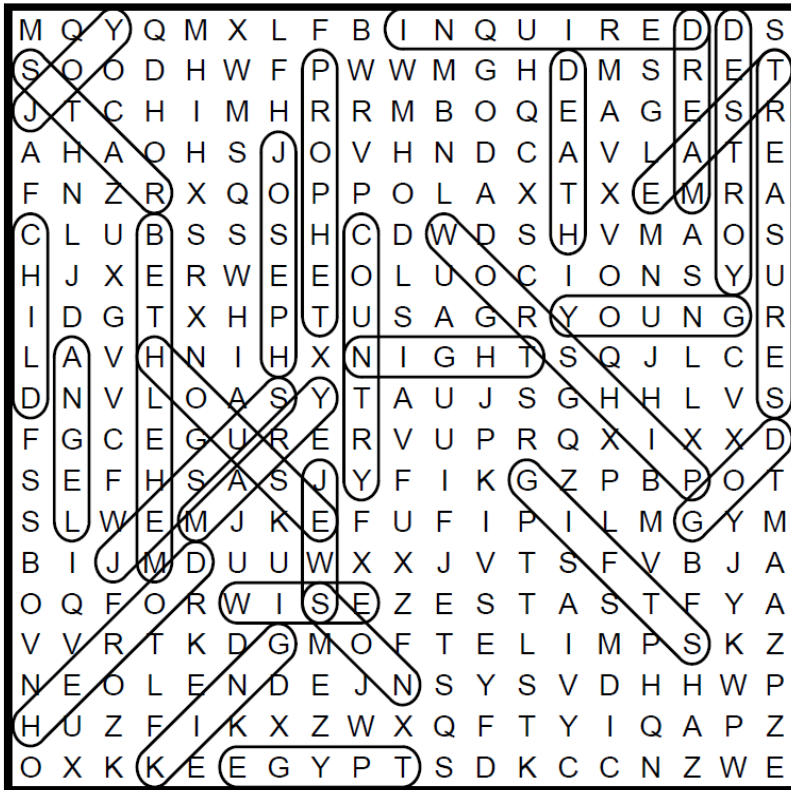
God has not jumped out of the boat of our lives, but is ever present, ever powerful, and ever knowing waiting for us to seek Him and enter into His rest. Faith seeks God in all things and at all times. We must go to Him in prayer, casting all our cares on Him, then we enter God’s rest in trusting that He will handle it, in His way, and in His timing.

Where is your faith?

-- Linda Price-Smith, DOHM Member

Puzzle Answer Keys

Called to Worship



Explosive Faith

1. I
2. B
3. D
4. L
5. M
6. F
8. K
9. O
10. N
11. G
12. A
13. H
14. J
15. E

DOHM Upcoming Events

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Listed below are some of the Daughters of Hope Ministry's events we are planning. Stay tuned for updates. Updates provided once events and details are confirmed.

- Monthly Conference Call Prayer – Every 2nd Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm. If you would like to participate, please email daughtersohope@aol.com to receive details.
- 2021 DOHM Women's Conference (Virtual) – October 22-23, 2021. Registration required. Visit www.daughtersofhope.org for more information. **Vendors:** If you are interested in having a place in our program, please contact us by October 10, 2021 at daughtersohope@aol.com.