

Newsletter: Jesus Christ, Our Confidence and Essence of 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.

Greetings,

Welcome to the 2021 Spring edition of the Daughters of Hope Ministry Newsletter. Spring is a time of new beginnings. I pray that each article will be refreshing and full of hope and encouragement. Take the time to listen as God speaks to your heart through these articles and be prepared to journal what you hear from God.

“And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, and be patient with everyone.” (1 Thessalonians 5:14 NIV)

Agape,

-- Linda Gary, DOHM President

Hello Spring





**Luke 11:1-4
(The Model Prayer)**

“Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” ² So He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as *it is* in
heaven. ³ Give us day by
day our daily bread.
⁴ And forgive us our sins,
For we also forgive
everyone who is
indebted to us. And do
not lead us into
temptation, But deliver
us from the evil one.”

PRAY, PRAY and PRAY!

Why waste a moment of your God-given life worrying over things over which you have no control? The God we serve is mighty, and He promised to take care of our every need, be it great or small, as long as it lines up in HIS will. There is no better place to rest than in the hope of Jesus Christ. The more you worry, the more you are telling God you don't trust Him.

Many things happen during life that can cause you concern, but never let the concerns overtake you and take a stronghold over your mind. This stronghold can cause paralysis in living life to the fullest, which God wants for His children. Each day you wake up is a gift, and we must make a conscious choice to capture the negative thoughts and replace them with the thought of the good things. We have so much to thank God for, and when we allow the tricks of the enemy to infiltrate our minds, it is an affront to the Our Heavenly Father.

Work, caring for loved ones, financial stress, or school anxiety can cause one to become overwhelmed with enormous pressure because we are trying to live up to someone else's definition of successful living instead of what God has for our life as individuals. Parents worry about their children from birth to adulthood, but no amount of worry will add to your life; in fact, it does the opposite.

Our bodies were not meant to carry the burdens of stress as it causes more mental and physical illness than anything.

If the Lord takes care to feed the birds of the air, then what more don't you think He would do for His children created in His image. Worrying removes the joy from within.

So, what do you do when the worry bug creeps up on you? PRAY, PRAY, and PRAY! Talk to God and tell Him all about your struggles, and He will answer. Engrave the following scriptures in your mind and use them to replace that spirit of worry with a spirit of peace and joy, knowing that the Lord cares for you. For the Joy of the Lord is our STRENGTH!

Meditation Scriptures:

- “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6)
- “Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matthew 6:34)

-- Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM Secretary



Bought with a Price

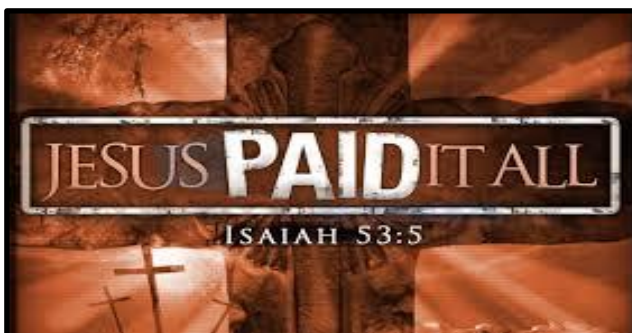
I recently recalled the occasion when I believe God led me to become more committed to a situation that was extremely difficult and painful to be in. I remember thinking, "I'm not doing that. I don't want to." Then, two scriptures came to my mind: ". . . why do you call me Lord and not do the things which I say?" and "You are not your own . . . you've been bought with a price." That got my attention. Then I heard, "You should respond like Mary did when the angels told her she would bear a child."

So, I looked up the passage and found that she said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let everything you've said happen to me." I understood the reference. She had asked a few questions first but was eagerly willing to be obedient. I pondered what Mary probably went through being in that position during that time. She was a pregnant, unmarried young girl saying she was pregnant but never had sex and that the Holy Spirit was her child's father. Imagine the stares, whispers, and innuendos. Can you imagine the emotions she dealt with?

Our salvation has been purchased by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus. Romans 6:18 says, ". . . we have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." James 4:17 says, ". . . whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." A scripture like Matthew 5:44, which says, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you," is difficult to obey. However, refusing to apply it in our lives is a sin. James says if you are a hearer of the word and not a doer, you deceive yourself.

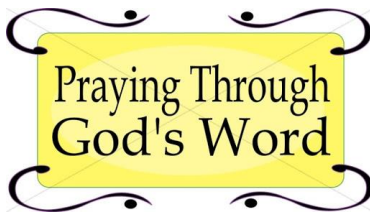
Charles Stanley often says, "Obey God and leave the consequences to him." In response to Mary's obedience, God handled the residuals of her obedience by communicating with Joseph in a way no one else could have. Whenever I have chosen to do His will and not my own, He has handled the consequences in my life in amazing ways. So, I'm continuously reminding myself that there are only two choices. There's no choice where we are neutral and none where we are our own masters. There is no gray area! Our rescue is from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.

--Cornette Cole, DOHM Member



Luke 6:46

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed, and its destruction was complete."



Just A Little Talk with Jesus

It was Youth Sunday at Hallelujah, Praise the Lord, Missionary Baptist Church, and the youth were assigned to open the worship service. One of the members of the youth ministry approached the podium to lead the congregation into service with an opening prayer.

As the child prayed, the sound of the voice was going in and out (there was a problem with the public address system); nevertheless, the child continued to pray. After service many members of the congregation encouraged the child, (for they knew it took a lot to stand before them and pray, especially for a child just learning), but one adult member approached the child and said, "My dear, the next time you are called on to pray, you need to make your prayer a little longer and speak up, I'm sorry, but I could barely hear you." The child looked up, smiled, and politely said, "Oh, that's alright I wasn't talking to you."

Jesus taught his disciples How to pray in Matthew 6:5-8 (the Holy Spirit moves upon our hearts, as to What to pray for.)

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

We are the people of God, and our bodies are His temple, and whether we go into our physical prayer closet at home or our spiritual prayer closet within, we close out all other interferences and focus totally on our conversation with our Father God.

If you find yourself having problems putting your words together for prayer, pray Gods word back to him. We all have a favorite scripture that speaks to what we have on our hearts, pray that scripture and before you know it the Holy Spirit will take over and lead you to what and who God wants you to pray for. One of my favorite scriptures to pray is Psalm 51.

Whether alone or gathered in one accord with a group of believers, remember you are there for one purpose, to have communion with our God.

--Minister Geri Stancil, DOHM, Vice President



The Wisdom of Letting Go

The Wisdom of Letting Go was the Daughters of Hope Ministry Open Forum title held on February 26, 2021. I want to share with you what I shared with the ladies. I had no idea that my life would be changing. I was working for Prince George's County Public School as a Before and After Care Coordinator. On Thursday, January 28, 2021, Before and Aftercare was permanently closed, I was reassigned to a new position that entailed a pay cut and new hours. When I heard the unforeseeable news, I was upset. Then I started thinking, "Am I going to trust God in this situation? Do I really believe God is in control and He knows what is best for me?" Yes, I believe God is in control, and He does know what is best for me. ("And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28) ("Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5)

Holding on to what was familiar and comfortable would have hindered my Christian witness. Peacefully letting the job go and trusting God enhanced my willingness to be used by God to encourage my co-workers during this difficult time. ("Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended: but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14)

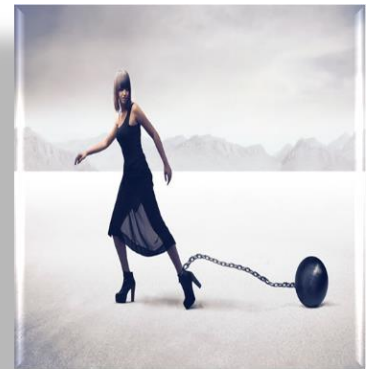
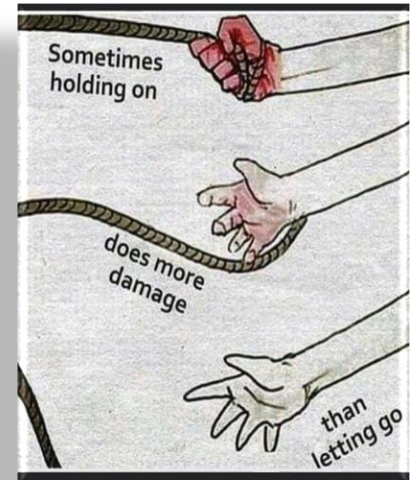
I gained insight into my familiarity with unforeseeable circumstances as I remembered when my first husband walked out on my two daughters and me. At that time, I did not have stable employment, but God provided for us in miraculous ways. I had to let go of what was not in my control. If I did not let go, it would likely not have been good for my health and children. We need to let go of past hurts, pains, and disappointments. Watch God do miraculous things in your life. "Let It Go." ("You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You Because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3)

Each time something drastic happens, God proves Himself faithful. I really do trust God to work everything for my good. "Let It Go."

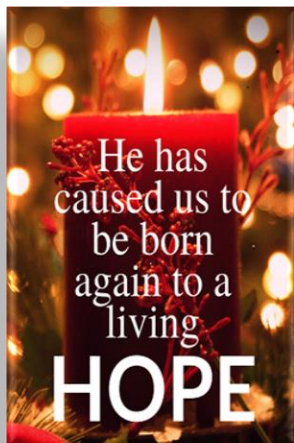
"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:18-19)

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--Linda Gary, DOHM President



New Birth into a Living Hope



As we commemorated the Easter season of Jesus' death and resurrection, we must continue to be mindful in our daily Christian walk, to have a heart of gratitude to God for allowing Jesus to endure the shame and suffering of the cross. He did it all for mankind to take away the penalty of sin, which is eternal death. But the good news is that this was all part of God's plan to bring mankind back into a right relationship with Him by providing His free gift of salvation, which is eternal life. When this free gift is accepted (having a saving faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, believing that God raised Him from the dead, confessing and repenting of sins, and asking Jesus to come into our lives to rule and reign), we were justified, are being sanctified, and one day we will be glorified.

Justified (Romans 8:1-2) – We are free from the *penalty* of sin (past, present, and future) and now have a righteous restored relationship with God where the process of sanctification begins.

Sanctified (Romans Chapters 6 thru 8) – We have been freed from the *power* of sin and now free to serve God. As we go through the process of sanctification, we must work with God as we read and apply His word in responding to the leading of the Holy Spirit being convicted, convinced, and converted daily. In doing so, God is setting us apart for His special purposes. The benefits of sanctification are God's grace and mercy and feasting on the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) as we endure trials and tribulations. Sanctification is a continual process until we are with the Lord, glorification.

Glorified (Romans 8:18-23) – We are finally free from the *presence* of sin when our earthly body passes away. We have run our race and fought the good fight and entered into the presence of the Lord for eternity (1 Corinthians 15:21-58).

Through God's grace and mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our hope is not only for the future, but eternal life begins when we believe in God and join His family. No matter what pain or trial we face in this life, we know it is not our final experience. One day we will live with Christ forever to never die or suffer again.

-- Linda Price-Smith, DOHM Member



1 Peter 1:3

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

PRESS (Part 1 of 5)

It takes commitment to accomplish a goal. It has been said something worthwhile is not easily obtained. Press into the Holy Spirit to receive revelation from God and start with prayer.

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

Great quotes by some well-known people:

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

"She (my mother) became a warrior far superior to any epic hero. She became a giant on her knees. With a sword in one hand, she battled the enemies of death and disease, and with her other hand stretched toward heaven; she kept beseeching God's help and His mercy." - Bishop T.D. Jakes

"The reality is, my prayers don't change God. But, I am convinced prayer changes me. Praying boldly boots me out of that stale place of religious habit into authentic connection with God Himself." - Lysa TerKeurst.

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" - Corrie ten Boom

"I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right, but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side." - Abraham Lincoln

Prayer has different parts. One part of prayer focuses on Adoration, or Confession, or Supplication, or Intercession or Thanksgiving. Your prayer can reach into several areas as you are led. Pray believing, convinced that He will hear and send an answer. A prayer is a place of strength, and peace; where else can you take all your needs, who will appreciate your thanks, where you can gain answers if not at least peace of mind, where else, who else will always pay attention to you like God?

-- Constance Lowe, DOHM Treasurer

1 John 5:14

New King James Version
 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Philippians 3:12-14

New King James Version
 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



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DOHM Upcoming Events

Listed below are some of the Daughters of Hope Ministry planned events for 2021. Updates will be provided once details are confirmed.

- Monthly Prayer Conference Call – Every 2nd Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm. If you are not receiving notifications and would like to participate, send an email to daughtersohope@aol.com to receive details.
- DOHM Tea Time with God – Saturday, May 22, 2021
- 2021 Women's Conference – October 2021