

# Newsletter: A New Creation, All that are in Christ . . . .

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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 are called to lead women toward spiritual, emotional, and physical wholeness through the application of biblical principles to their lives.

## Welcome to the 2023 Newsletter

### A New Beginning

Here we are in 2023 with a new beginning that God has given us. With God's love, grace, and forgiveness we have a fresh start with Jesus, family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, 2022; behold, the new has come, 2023 (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God has given us a new opportunity to be a witness for Him and to fulfill the purpose He created us for. Diligently seek God to fulfill your purpose. "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

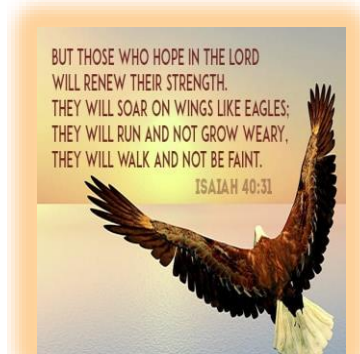
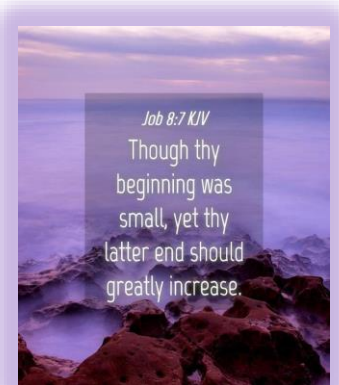
Let's look at what the word "new" means.

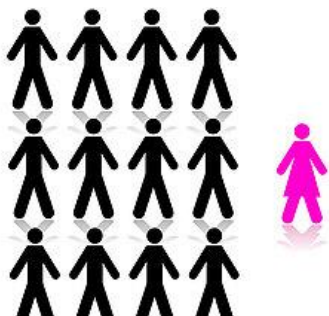
- In the Old Testament, the word "new" was commonly translated as chadhash, meaning "bright," "fresh," and "new" (special interest was shown in, importance attached to, fresh and new things and events, "a new song" (Psalms 33:3), and "a New Covenant" (Jeremiah 31:31).
- In the New Testament, the word "new" is an important word translated as "mostly kainos," "new," "fresh," and "newly made." We also have the title of the "New Testament" itself, rightly given by the American Standard Revised Version as "New Covenant" (2 Corinthians 3:6, Hebrews 8:8).

Remember, do not look back. It is impossible to cancel or destroy what has happened in the past. God is doing a new thing.

A new beginning is about a mindset shift. So let us take this fresh start that requires planning and lots and lots of grace. You must be able to forgive yourself for past mistakes, step boldly into the future, and run this race like never before.

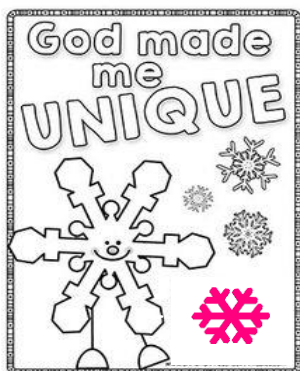
-- Linda Gary, DOHM President





### 2 Corinthians 3:17

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”



## A Different View

Too tall, too dark, too fat, too quiet; you get up too late in the mornings, your feet are so wide ... Many times in my life, I have been told negative things about myself. I know I am not alone in that. I was born the fifth of nine children, the middle child, and each of my siblings were given a common name. I am the exception. I have been told that my name is odd. Hearing negative things about characteristics that I did not have input into, or control over, made me feel like an outlier and affected my self-esteem.

When I look around, I see lots of differences among created things. There are different landscapes and differences in temperature. I see a variety of trees, flowers, fruits, vegetables, animals, etc. Our Creator created differences on purpose. Even identical twins are different. Instead of looking at each other and seeing differences, why not expect the differences since we are each unique. We are each one of a kind. Our fingerprints confirm it!

How we are judged depends on who is doing the judging. When some people judge others, most times they are judging based on their own or other arbitrary standards. The only truly meaningful view of myself comes from the one who created us. We are different and unique for His own purpose. He says we have been wonderfully made!

I have asked or expected God to change a situation in my life because it makes me uncomfortable, but God wanted to work within me to change my perspective instead. Like expecting Him to no longer allow people to say hurtful things to me, looking for Him to make my husband and children “do right” or waiting for Him to move something or someone annoying from my life. He has changed situations in my life, but many times He has wanted to change me.

He helped me realize I needed to remove the plank from my own eye first, so I could see clearly to remove the speck from someone else’s (Matthew 7:5). In another situation I needed to learn to live in peace with others (Romans 12:8). I have also learned not to be overly concerned with temporal things like this wide-footed body of mine. It is merely a temporary dwelling place for the real me. One day I will be absent from this body and present with the Lord (2 Cor 5:6) and eventually I will receive a new eternal house to dwell in (2 Cor 5:1). The situations did not change; the way I view them did. His truth set me free!

-- Cornette Cole, DOHM Treasurer

### Psalm 139:13-15 (NIV)

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.”

## Called

The 2023 new year marked the beginning of the next phase of my life, retirement! I thank God for the seasons of life (joy of childhood, excitement of youth, and stability of maturity). All these past years of working have been a journey, but God! He has tremendously blessed me with all that has come from the work of many years, and I thank Him that He will still anoint and use me always and in all seasons. I pray that as He leads, I will go forward in all He has called me to do, to enjoy, and give in this next chapter of my life.

Although I made my own plans for what to do in retirement, as I follow God's leading, He is the one that will establish my steps in what He has called me to do (Proverbs 16:9). When I looked up the word "called" in the Merriam Webster's dictionary, there were a few meanings that also relate to Christians as being called:

### Dictionary "Called"

To command or request to come  
To summon to a particular activity  
To command to be present

### Christian "Called"

Called to Christ  
Called to Serve  
Called to be present with the Lord; absent from the body

Accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we are saved and become new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). After being saved, we are then called to serve in being imitators of Christ (1 Peter 2:21). And, when this earthly life is over, we are then called to be present with the Lord; being absent from the body (2 Corinthians 5:8).

As Christians, God has set us apart for a purpose greater than ourselves, with an assignment to serve others. It is not all about us but about God's grace that He gives us to have the ability to be part of what He is doing on this earth in the gift of serving. As we work in our calling, the fiery darts will come, but we know and are so grateful that God will be in the midst, giving us all that we will need to embrace the calling on our lives with enthusiasm, wisdom, and humility that His will is done.

As you seek God to identify or expand on your calling, the following are a few scriptures to meditate and act on:

- **Ephesians 4:1-3** – "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
- **Galatians 5:13** – "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."
- **Philippians 3:13-14** – "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."
- **Romans 8:28** – "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."

We all bring a uniqueness to the body of Christ in our calling where God has gifted us in different ways to come together as one in serving others. It has been said that God does not call the qualified but qualifies the called. So, know that you know that you know, God will be in the midst giving you what you need in your calling.

-- Linda Price-Smith, DOHM Newsletter Editor

Called to *Serve*





### Daniel 2:20-22

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.”

### A Season of Change



## New Year – New You

“It’s time, time to make the change. We are the people who can do it.” These are the lyrics in one of The Winan’s gospel songs. It is a mantra we can take on as we embark on this New Year.

Each year many of us make resolutions to do this or that. It starts off great and a few weeks in, the enthusiasm starts to fade. I made up my mind that I was not going to make any more new year’s resolutions, but instead begin to discipline myself to make the changes in my life that would be beneficial not only for myself but for those around me.

This is a New Year that God has allowed us to see, and it is important to take advantage of each day and live life to the fullest. It is time to realize your dreams, exercise your faith, and get in touch with the gifts and talents that the Lord has blessed you with.

In ***Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)*** it says, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” This should be the season of your life where you are determined to accomplish all that God has purposed for you. I would encourage you to pray and ask the Lord what is it that HE wants you to do and put some action to it and not procrastinate. We must take the first step and God will guide the rest of the way. It is just as when He told Abraham to leave his home to travel to a land unknown. Abraham left his comfort zone and trusted God with his new journey. The enemy will tell you that you can’t, but God says you can.

Take the step, be it that new job, business, writing that book or getting in shape (physically, mentally, financially) and let God guide you. It is not always easy, but God promises to be with us always, so we have nothing to fear. In ***Romans 8:31 (NIV)*** it says, “What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can* be against us?”

It is a new year for a new you in a new season. Embrace all that you are and all you are destined to be. Have faith and trust the process. Remember you cannot expect change if you are not willing to put in the work. This is my charge to myself to begin by writing the vision (create goals) and ask God to guide me through each step of the way.

-- Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM Administrator

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TO MAKE  
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# DOUBT

Why do we sometimes walk in doubt?

We can have high expectations, good goals, and great plans in this new year. You and I are riding high on hopes for the future, and then that occasional unwelcomed companion DOUBT comes along. Some reasons could be no assurance about life, despair, depression, feeling frightened, lack of spiritual maturity, or fear (of what you see or don't see).

I encourage you to stay the course. Give voice to the things you believe God is directing; use your voice in prayer. Write down your questions to re-visit, and it's okay to talk about issues with God. We see it so often with David and God in the book of Psalms.

A possible remedy for doubt:

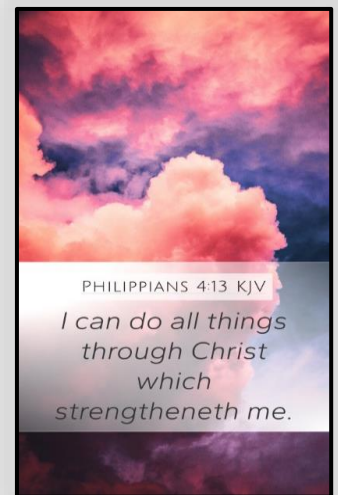
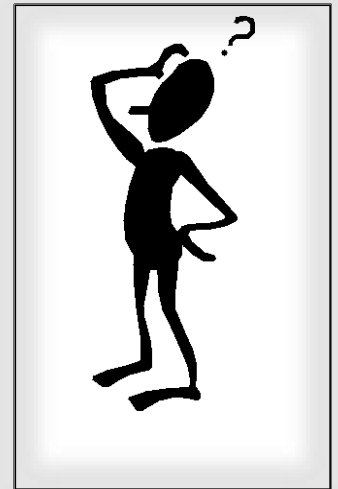
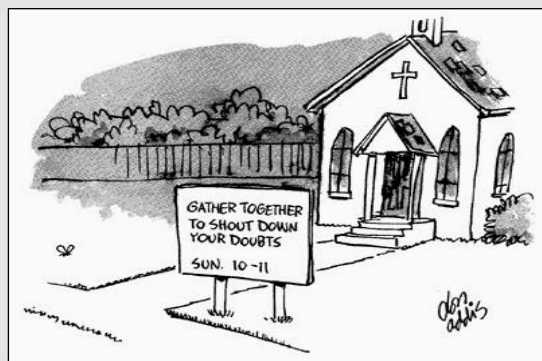
- D - deposit
- O - overzealous
- U - understanding
- B - belief
- T - time

If you have made the right deposit, took it to the Lord, not just your friend or co-worker, and not run ahead of God in your enthusiasm, understand that everything is working for your good. Believe that God knows all and sees all, and all time is in the palm of His hand; then, you **wait**. (Psalm 37:7 – “Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him..”)

If in doubt, wait; God's time is not like ours; it does not run out; it transitions. God just moves on to the next thing He planned.

Consider when God gave Israel land; after entering the promised land, it all had established names, villages, and people living there. But in many cases, the people were driven out or forced to serve the Israelites. So likewise, the enemy may have already claimed territory in our lives this year, but with God, we can displace his position and control. God understands our doubt but consider the source and keep your expectations high.

-- Constance Lowe, DOHM Technical Advisor



# DOHM



- Bring Up the Treasure That Is Within You – Entrepreneur Event (*date to be determined*)
- Open Forum (*date to be determined*)
- Daughters of Hope Women’s Conference (*date to be determined*)

## Do-It-Yourself At Home *Self Care*

Exploring new ways to treat and care for ourselves is becoming increasingly more important daily, especially since the pandemic. See the links below for simple steps and natural skin care recipes using natural ingredients for DIY facials and foot care at home.

- <https://www.hellodollface.com/clean-beauty/diy-facial-natural-ingredients/>
- <https://www.healthline.com/health/diy-foot-soak>

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