

Newsletter: All Things Work Together – Who Love God and Are Called According to His Purpose

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

The Legendary Woman - God's Secret Weapon

At the recent Daughters of Hope retreat, I spoke about God's "secret weapon" from the book, "Legendary Woman" by Michelle McClain-Walters. I encourage you to check out the book if you have not already done so. Legendary women are stealthy warriors; they are strong in silence, able to keep their strength and power in check, and ready to take orders from the Lord. So when it is time to take action, she can be accurate because she knows what God wants her to do.



Now, we will find out how this woman, Jael (Judges Chapters 4 and 5), was ready for the battle; her name is only mentioned in these two chapters in the Bible.

Israel sinned against the Lord, and "He sold them into the hand of Jabin, King of Canaan" (Judges 4:2). Because of the "harshness that was put upon them, they cried out to the Lord" (Judges 4:3). The prophetess Deborah heard from the Lord that the men of Israel were to go into battle with Canaan. She knew the Lord commanded Barak to go with troops against Sisera, the commander of the Canaan army. Barak asked Deborah to go with him, because "if you will not go with me, I will not go" (Judges 4:8). By Barak asking Deborah to go with him, he would not get the glory for this battle. The glory goes to this stealthy, quiet, meek woman named Jael.

Jael, the wife of Heber, lived in a tent, and "in this time women pitched the tent" (Judges 4:17). So, Jael was prepared for her assignment. She was able to execute her assignment accurately and silently. Sisera, the commander of the army, "came right to her tent" (Judges 4:17). She let him come in, and he got comfortable and went to sleep. "She took a hammer in her hand and drove a peg into his temple" (Judge 4:21). In Judges 5:24-27 (NIV), Deborah sings, "Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, most blessed of tent-dwelling women. He asked for water, and she gave him milk; in a bowl fit for nobles, she brought him curdled milk. Her hand reached for the tent peg, her right hand for the workman's hammer. She struck Sisera, she crushed his head, she shattered and pierced his temple. At her feet he sank, he fell; there he lay. At her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell—dead."



Remember, whatever you are going through is a preparation for God's assignment to be carried out through you. You are God's secret weapon to destroy the enemy. Legendary Women of God, you have been given unique skills and abilities to be a warrior for Him. Don't give up, don't be lazy, don't think you are not good enough, and don't think you are too young or too old. God is calling you to be His stealthy warrior. He needs you to be His hands and feet in an ongoing battle to protect those He loves.

-- Linda Gary, DOHM President

Faith on Fire



A person who has a fiery faith has learned to depend on and trust God through all situations that arise in life. This person knows that even when trouble comes, God is with them and will see them through it.

I am reminded of the adversities in my own life, from having children out of wedlock, not knowing how I would survive, and not being sure if the father of the children would be an active participant in providing for them. I was homeless as I was living from couch to couch in different homes. I left my home state pregnant with my second child, but God was still with me.

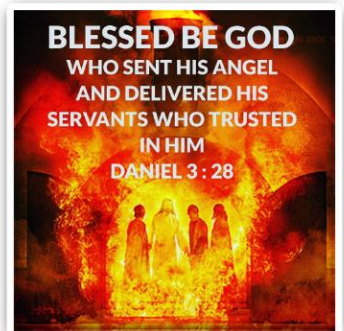
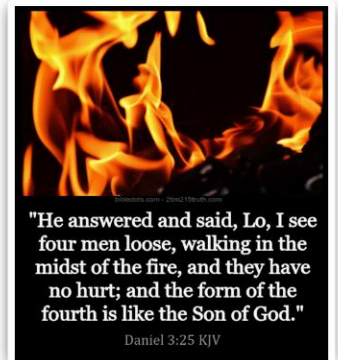
Even though the things that happened were due to bad choices I had made, God was still there and protected both me and my children. He provided, and I had to trust that He would. Neither I nor my children went without food or shelter; it does not mean it was easy by any measure. I was lost and trying to figure out who I was and how to be a mother to my children.

This was a dark place at times, but the Lord who sees all and knows all was with me just as He was with the three Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3). The Lord protected them because their faith never wavered, even by the coercing of the King. Despite being thrown into the furnace, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerge unscathed, not even a hair on their heads singed. Their faithfulness in the fire not only resulted in their own preservation but also served as a testimony to the power and supremacy of their God.

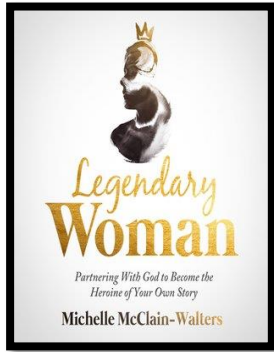
In our lives, fiery faith beckons us to embrace unwavering conviction, courageous resolve, and trust in God's providence, even during life's most fiery trials.

Just as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerged from the furnace untouched, so too can our faith emerge stronger, purified by the flames of adversity. Let us take inspiration from their example and cultivate fiery faith that shines brightly in the darkest of times.

-- Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM Vice President

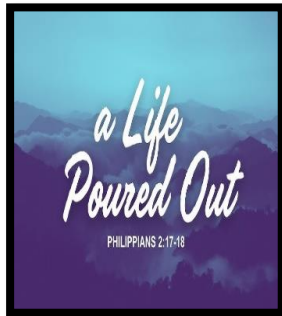


The Legendary Woman: Passionate for His Presence



Legendary women are everyday women who say yes to God to create a legacy that lives on forever. In the book, “Legendary Woman” by Michelle McClain-Walters, 15 legendary women character traits were identified. At the recent DOHM 2024 Legendary Woman Retreat, four of these character traits were presented: *God’s Secret Weapon* (being a stealthy warrior), *Believing God for the Impossible* (being filled with fiery faith), *The New Normal* (being obedient to God), and *Pushing Through and Pressing On* (having an overcomer’s heart). Another character trait, *Passionate for His Presence* (living a poured-out life), was also identified in the book.

When we seek to become legendary women for God’s purposes, we will experience an immovable passion for His presence. This passion is not superficial but a deeply rooted longing that penetrates every aspect of our being and compels us to seek communion with God through prayer, meditation, and worship. This is an act of our love for God, where we will have an outpouring of what we hold in our hearts that draws us closer to Him.



The legendary woman’s desire to be passionate about God’s presence is not just for her own heart, but that passion spills over into every aspect of her life. She becomes a source of encouragement and guidance to those around her, inspiring others to seek their own connection with God. Her words are filled with wisdom, her actions with grace, and her presence with a real sense of God’s love. As her journey unfolds, she leaves a lasting legacy that extends far beyond her lifetime. Her example serves as a testimony to the transformative power of a passionate devotion to God’s presence, inspiring future generations to embrace her faith with courage and conviction. This influence echoes throughout history, reminding all who encounter her story of the profound impact of a passionate life lived in God’s presence.

The journey of a legendary woman starts with growing spiritually. In doing so, she begins to be transformed by the renewal of her mind, proving what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Romans 12:2). During this spiritual growth, she will come to understand that true intimacy with God requires a willingness to have a receptive heart and humble spirit. Although there will be times of joy and sorrow, triumph and adversity, she will remain committed to her pursuit of spiritual maturity, allowing her faith to deepen and her character to be developed into God’s likeness.



In a world of uncertainty and turmoil, the example of the legendary woman stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration in what God has called her to do. Her unwavering passion for God’s presence serves as a reminder of the transforming power of faith and the profound joy that comes from experiencing intimacy with God. As we seek what God has called us to do, let us be inspired to cultivate a passionate devotion to His presence, knowing that in doing so, we, too, can leave a lasting legacy of faith, love, and hope for generations to come.

Declarations to Stir a Passionate Pursuit of God’s Presence:

- Set your heart to love the Lord.
- Decide to seek Him with all your heart.
- Pursue loving the Lord and knowing Him.
- Break off spiritual laziness and complacency.
- Set yourself not to live from a place of lukewarmness and mediocrity.
- Set your affections on things above and live a life that brings Heaven on earth.
- Give God your time, talent, and tithes to further His plans on earth.

The Legendary Woman book is a great read for those who passionately pursue God’s presence. You were made to be legendary!

-- Linda Price-Smith, DOHM Newsletter Editor

Stay In Your Lane

In Hebrews 12, the scripture talks about the race set before us. We did not choose it; it was given to us. Admittedly, if we were in the room when assignments from God are handed out, we would not raise our hand and say I will take that one. The truth is that God has faith in us and plans to go through the assignment with us. The choice we get is to run the race and recognize the obstacles we need to remove so we can be our best. If God did not care for us or how well we do, He would not take the time to correct and re-direct us along this journey.



You are in your lane, taking step by step while other people are in their lanes running their race. Your race of endurance may be parenting young children or coaching young adult children; there is much to learn and missteps that will happen in this race. Your race can involve being a caregiver for a family member; the energy required can be overwhelming at times. Your lane can be building a ministry or company; occasions to quit come to mind and may be more frequent than you thought when you accepted the task. There are many races; you know yours.

The key is to see yourself in training. Important things take place in training, including growth and transformation. We think and act one way in the beginning, but over time, if we follow instructions, we change. Training also involves sacrifice. God's word promises that there will be a time when we will have peace and see the fruit of righteousness, "the peaceable fruit of righteousness" that comes through following Christ.

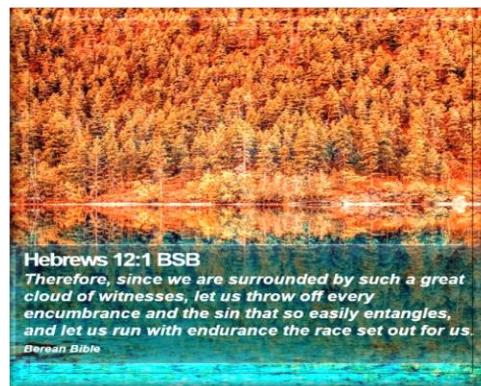
We discipline ourselves in our eating, exercise, time management, or sometimes what comes out of our mouths. Our human effort sometimes renders no long-term positive change. But the hand of God genuinely presses until there is a change; otherwise, we will lose out on what we do not know. The discipline of God can push hard and cause us to be discouraged. As rough as the path gets, the word says we have not experienced the worst in endurance; we have not bled in sweat. While in training, you are building on your relationship with God, depending on Him to get you over the next hurdle, talking with Him, and seeking wisdom and understanding. The training is strengthening you in more ways than one.

There was one individual in the Bible who was asked to run a race with Christ in Matthew 19: 21-22. The sacrifice may have felt like bleeding to this young man, for he could not give up his wealth and follow Christ. Little did he understand that the treasure we enjoy on earth is for a little time, but treasure in Heaven is for eternity. Accept the race, stay in the race, for one day you may see yourself running into the arms of the Father and hear Him say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." You are getting stronger, and stronger, and stronger.

Psalm 37:22-24

"For those blessed by Him will inherit the land, But those cursed by Him will be eliminated. The steps of a man are established by the Lord, And He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled down, Because the Lord is the One who holds his hand. (NASB)

-- Constance Lowe, DOHM Technical Advisor



Which Road Are You On?

The Bible states that there are two roads in life: one leads to eternal joy in Heaven and the other to eternal punishment in Hell. We must understand that we cannot earn our way to Heaven through good works or religious activity. We can only earn our way to Heaven if we turn to God and put our faith in Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose again, giving us that blessed hope to spend eternity with God in Heaven.

Taken from the Book of Romans, the following series of key verses can help you understand the journey to salvation and ensure that you are on the right path to Heaven.

- **Romans 3:23** – **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”** This verse establishes the universal condition of humanity: sinfulness. Regardless of background or circumstance, everyone is subject to the human condition of sin, which separates us from God.
- **Romans 6:23a** – **“For the wages of sin is death...”** Here, the consequences of sin are made clear. Sin leads to spiritual death, an eternal separation from God. This death includes not only physical death but also spiritual and eternal separation from God’s presence.
- **Romans 6:23b** – **“...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** Despite the dire consequences of sin, there is hope. This verse introduces the concept of God’s grace, a gift freely given to humanity through Jesus Christ. Salvation is not something earned but received through faith in Jesus.
- **Romans 5:8** – **“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** This verse highlights the sacrificial love of God manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ death on the cross serves as the atoning sacrifice for humanity’s sins, demonstrating God’s love and desire for reconciliation with His creation.
- **Romans 10:9-10** – **“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”** These verses emphasize the role of confession and belief in securing salvation. It is not merely an intellectual acceptance but a heartfelt belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior that leads to salvation.
- **Romans 10:13** – **“For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’** Salvation is available to all who call upon the name of Jesus. There are no prerequisites or qualifications; salvation is accessible to anyone who genuinely seeks it.

Walking down the Romans Road will lead you to a personal relationship with God. It involves acknowledging sins, recognizing the need for salvation, believing in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, confessing that belief, and calling upon His name for salvation. It is a journey of faith, repentance, and surrender that leads to the gift of eternal life and reconciliation with God.

Are you ready to accept God’s gift of salvation and walk down the road to eternal life in Heaven? If so, recite this prayer, and be mindful that it is not just reciting this prayer that saves us; instead, it is a genuine heart transformation and repentance that leads to salvation.

“Heavenly Father, I recognize that I am a sinner and that the penalty for sin is death. I believe You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the price for my sins. I declare that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and place my faith in His death and resurrection. Thank You for Your grace, forgiveness, peace, and the gift of eternal life. Amen!”

As you continue to grow in your relationship with God, deepening your faith comes by hearing the word of God, prayer, meditation, Bible study, and connecting with a church where you can continue on your spiritual maturing journey. **Romans 10:17** – **“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”**

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bring Up the Treasure That Is Within You – Entrepreneur Event (*date to be determined*)
- Open Forum (*date to be determined*)
- 2026 Daughters of Hope Ministry Retreat (*date to be determined*)

Do-It-Yourself At Home

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

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