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*Perhaps you have come to your royal dignity for just such a time as this. Esther 4:14*

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*“For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” (NRSV)*

These words, spoken by Mordecai to Queen Esther, resonate deeply within the narrative of the Book of Esther, where they saw that God had placed them in their positions for a purpose, so they seized the moment and acted.

This was no ordinary moment, and this Retreat will be no ordinary event. Just like Queen Esther, you have been placed exactly where you are, for such a time as this. God is stirring hearts, awakening purpose, and calling His people to rise and act. So, we are not gathering for just another event—we are believing for a moment of breakthrough.

We look forward to sharing this special time with you on this journey. Come expectantly. Come ready. You were made for such a time as this!

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## A Season of Caregiving



We all have different seasons in our lives. Right now, I am in the season of being a caregiver—and also of being cared for. Caregiving is one of the most fundamental and meaningful roles in life, but it can also be full of challenges.

As a caregiver, you may sometimes feel tired, lonely, frustrated, or even hopeless. I praise God that I have a phenomenal family and a strong community of support—not everyone has that. If you don't have help, I encourage you to reach out to caregiving support groups ([www.care.com](http://www.care.com), [www.usacaregiving.gov](http://www.usacaregiving.gov), [www.caregiveraction.org](http://www.caregiveraction.org)) and other services that are available to help family members who are caring for a loved one. Do not walk this journey alone. Don't be afraid to share what you are going through so others can assist you.

When making decisions as a caregiver, remember others may not understand the full picture of what happens in your home. Don't let anyone make you feel small or guilty for doing what is best for your loved one and yourself.

I want to share a few Scriptures that have encouraged me, and I hope they will encourage you too during your season of caregiving:

- **God's Love:** *"But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" — 1 John 3:17 (NKJV)*
- **Show Love to Others:** *"Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." — Philippians 2:4 (NASB)*
- **A Picture of True Caregiving – The Good Samaritan:** *"A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So, he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'" — Luke 10:30-35 (NKJV)*
- **Serving Others is Serving Christ:** *"For I was hungry and you gave Me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave Me water to drink. I was a stranger and you gave Me a room. I had no clothes and you gave Me clothes to wear. I was sick and you cared for Me. I was in prison and you came to see Me. Then those that are right with God will say, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You? When did we see You thirsty and give You a drink? When did we see You a stranger and give You a room? When did we see You had no clothes and we gave You clothes? And when did we see You sick or in prison and we came to You?' Then the King will say, 'For sure, I tell you, because you did it to one of the least of My brothers, you have done it to Me.'" — Matthew 25:35-40 (NLV)*

**Final Thoughts:** If you are a caregiver, know that your work matters deeply. You are seen, you are not alone, and you are loved. The road may be difficult, but God walks with you every step of the way.

Linda Gary, DOHM President



## The Value of Time: Embrace the Gift of Each Day

"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." — Psalm 90:12 (NKJV)

Time is one of the most precious gifts God has given us. It is one commodity that we cannot recoup. Each moment, each breath, each sunrise is a gentle reminder of His grace and goodness. Yet, in the fast pace of life, we often rush through our days, worrying about tomorrow, burdened by yesterday, and missing the joy of the present. But what if we paused? What if we truly embraced the time we have been given?

We must remember that time is not just a schedule to manage; it is a sacred opportunity to *live*. Scripture reminds us that our days are numbered, not to create anxiety, but to inspire a sense of gratitude. God invites us to trust Him with our time, our plans, and our seasons.



Ecclesiastes 3 tells us there is *a time for everything* — a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. That means we are called to fully experience and embrace *every season*, even the challenging ones. And while it is tempting to worry or try to control what is next, Jesus gently reminds us in Matthew 6:34: "*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*"

Let this be your reminder today:

- **Enjoy the moment.** Look around. Take in the beauty. Celebrate the little things.
- **Trust God's timing.** He is never late, and He holds your future securely in HIS hands.
- **Let go of anxiety.** You were not meant to carry it. Exchange your worry for peace in HIS presence.
- **Laugh more.** Joy is a gift, not a luxury. Find reasons to smile and share that joy with others.
- **Love deeply.** Life is too short for half-hearted love. Pour into those around you with compassion and grace.

Each day is a divine invitation to live fully, love richly, and walk closely with God. May we not simply count our days, **but make our days count.**

### Reflection:

Ask God to help you slow down and see HIS hand in your daily moments. What is He teaching you in this season? How can you manage your time to better show HIS love and joy?

Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM Vice President / Administrator



## He's Not Done with Me Yet!

Even as mature Christians, we should continue to grow spiritually. At the moment we are saved, we are justified or declared righteous (it is a one-time work of God); however, we won't be made fully righteous (glorified) until the Lord returns and we receive our glorified bodies (Colossians 3:4). What happens between justification and glorification? We go through a lifelong process of spiritual growth called sanctification, where we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For the rest of our earthly life, we should steadily grow (progressive sanctification) to be more like Christ. We transition from living a self-centered life to living a God-focused life.

How do we grow? We are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as we are cleansed by the word of God. When we are spiritual newborns, like physical newborns, we need food to grow. The Apostle Peter says in 1 Peter 1:23-2:3 (NKJV) that the food needed for spiritual growth is the word of God: "Having been born again . . . , as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby."

The word of God is like a mirror, showing us ourselves. Hebrews 4:12 (TLB), says, "For whatever God says to us is full of living power: it is sharper than the sharpest dagger, cutting swift and deep into our innermost thoughts and desires with all their parts, exposing us for what we really are."

As we read the Bible or listen to God's word being proclaimed, we learn how we should live. And, as we store God's word in our hearts, when we face everyday decisions in life, the Holy Spirit reminds us of the appropriate scripture or concept we have ingested. As we follow the lead of the Spirit, our minds and hearts are renewed through His transforming power. If we walk by the Spirit, we will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

But as Christians, we have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him. 2 Corinthians 3:18 (TLB).

Physical babies transition from milk to solid food as they grow. So should spiritual babies, according to the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 5:11-14 (ESV), "About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."

Sanctification is a continuous process in the life of believers as they walk in step with the Spirit. The Apostle Paul refers to this process when he says, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, ... I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14 (EVS).

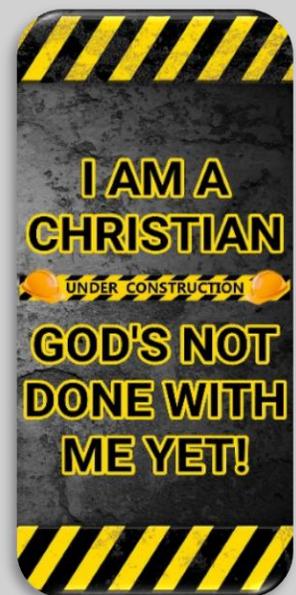
If we are still here on earth, that means He (God) is not done with us yet. Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV).

Let us be diligent and consistent in our walk, because the Lord will come like a thief in the night. Let's stay awake and keep our clothes (that is, stay spiritually ready for the Lord's return), so that we will not be naked (spiritually unprepared)" when He comes. Revelation 16:15 (AMP).

Cornette Cole, DOHM Treasurer

Continue to

Grow  
in Christ



## Can You Hear Me Now? Answering God's Call.

In a world full of noise (texts buzzing, phones ringing, social media pinging), it is easy to miss the most important call of all: the one from God. He is calling you, not just pastors, missionaries, or spiritual giants. The question is: can you hear Him?

God does not send big audible messages; His call is intimate, direct, and uniquely tailored to who you are. Just like He called Moses from the burning bush, Samuel in the middle of the night, or Mary through the voice of an angel, God reaches out to us personally. But the world around us can be so loud that life distractions often drown out His voice.

To hear Him, we need to quiet our hearts and tune into His presence. In 1 Kings 19:12-13, Elijah did not find God in the noise, but in a still, small voice. That voice is still speaking to us today. The question remains: are you listening?

God often calls long before we feel ready. At times, we may feel unqualified, too broken, or too busy. But God's call does not wait for perfection, but His call meets you in your reality. Sometimes it sounds like a restless stirring in our soul. Other times, it comes as a clear word during prayer or a Scripture that won't let you go.

When God speaks, He is not just giving you a task; at times, He is initially inviting you into a relationship and partnership. Remember, He does not call the equipped; He equips the called. So when He says, "Can you hear Me now?" He is offering more than direction, He is offering purpose, identity, and relationship.

To answer God's call, you do not need to know all the answers. You just need a willing heart. Isaiah responded, "Here am I. Send me." (Isaiah 6:8) Mary said, "Let it be to me according to Your word." (Luke 1:38) Their yes did not mean easy lives, but it did mean lives filled with purpose.

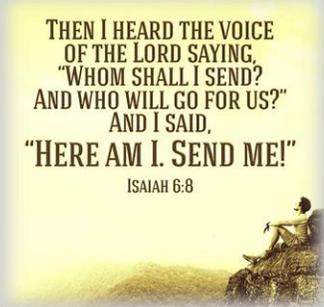
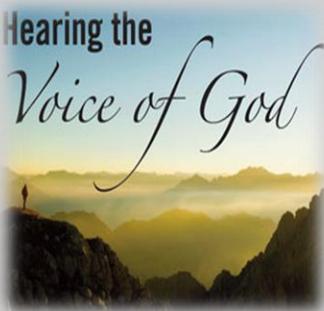
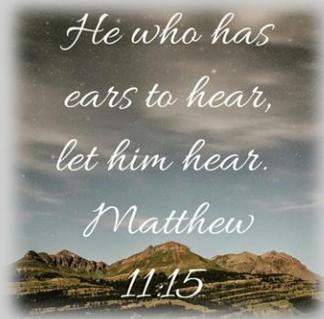
Also, when God calls, expect resistance. Purpose always comes with pressure. But God is not surprised by your fears or flaws. He called you, knowing them, and He still chose you.

When you start living in response to God's call, everything changes. Your work, your relationships, your dreams—all begin to align with something bigger than yourself. You are no longer just trying to survive the day; you are living on a mission. And you never know, someone else's breakthrough might be waiting on your obedience, where your yes might also lead them to hearing their call from God.

God is still speaking today, not with static or confusion, but with clarity, purpose, and love. If you have been feeling a nudge, a pull, or a deep longing for more, that may be God saying, "I'm calling you!" You don't have to be perfect; you just have to be present.

So, turn down the noise. Open your heart. And when God whispers, "Can you hear Me now?" have the courage to say, "Yes, Lord—I hear You. I'm ready."

Linda Price-Smith, DOHM Newsletter Editor



# Praying For Our Children

When I gave birth to my son, one thing I knew for sure was that I needed to pray for him daily. I had already been praying for him while he was still in the womb, because my pregnancy was not an easy one.

Even then, my prayers were mixed - some for him and some for me. I was thanking God for blessing me with a child, but also praying for His protection over my son's life. At the same time, I was asking God to give me the wisdom to raise him according to His word.

One verse that has always stayed with me is Proverbs 22:6 – *“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.”* That has been my prayer and my goal from the very beginning to raise my son in the way of the Lord.

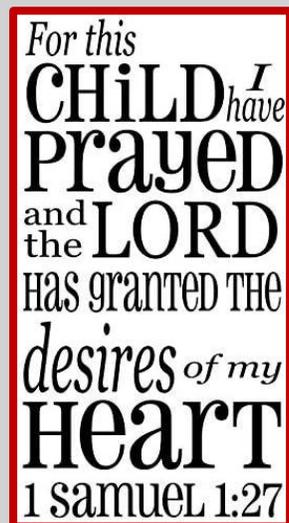
I did my best to raise my child according to the Word of GOD. However, I recently came across an article that offered more profound insight and wisdom scriptures that I wish I had access to forty years ago, and I wanted to share them with you.

## 31 Ways To Pray for Your Children – By Bob Hostetler

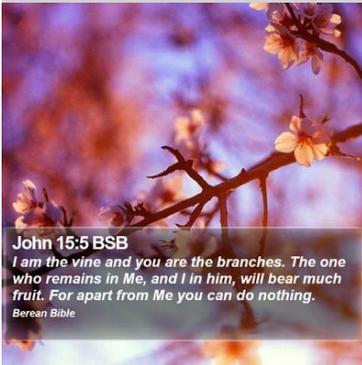
<b>Salvation</b> Isaiah 45:8	<b>Growth in Grace</b> 2 Peter 3:18	<b>Love</b> Ephesians 5:2	<b>Honesty &amp; Integrity</b> Psalm 25:21
<b>Self-Control</b> 1 Thessalonians 5:6	<b>Love for God</b> Psalm 19:10	<b>Justice</b> Psalm 11:7	<b>Mercy</b> Luke 6:36
<b>Respect</b> 1 Peter 2:17	<b>Self-Esteem</b> Ephesians 2:10	<b>Faithfulness</b> Proverbs 3:3	<b>Courage</b> Deuteronomy 31:6
<b>Purity</b> Psalm 51:10	<b>Kindness</b> Ephesians 4:32	<b>Generosity</b> 1 Timothy 6:18-19	<b>Peace</b> Romans 14:19
<b>Joy</b> 1 Thessalonians 1:6	<b>Perseverance</b> Hebrews 12:1	<b>Humility</b> Philippians 2:3	<b>Compassion</b> Colossians 3:12
<b>Responsibility</b> Galatians 6:5	<b>Contentment</b> Philippians 4:12-13	<b>Faith</b> Hebrews 11:1-40	<b>A Servant Heart</b> Ephesians 6:7
<b>Hope</b> Romans 15:13	<b>Work Hard Ability</b> Colossians 3:23	<b>A Passion for God</b> (Psalm 63:8)	<b>Self-Discipline</b> 2 Timothy 1:7
<b>Prayerfulness</b> Ephesians 6:18	<b>Gratitude</b> Colossians 2:7	<b>A Heart for Missions</b> Psalm 96:3	

As we faithfully intercede for our children, let us stand in agreement with Proverbs 22:6. Our prayers are seeds planted in faith, trusting God to bring the growth in His perfect time. May we never underestimate the power of persistent prayer, and may we continue to cover the next generation in God's truth, grace, and love.

Gretchen Huntley, DOHM Member



## Some of Connie's "Inspired Quotes"



**"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."** God, your word brings illumination; it reveals the way I should walk. Without it, I walk in darkness. In the darkness, I'm bound to run into something I don't want.

**"I am the vine ...."** Without remaining in the vine, there is no life, no purpose, no usefulness, no fruit, no legacy, no value, nothing left to live on beyond. Away from the vine, you find misuse, no direction, and no positive destiny.

**Jesus is calling, we are to be aware and not idle, ready to respond, not rebellious.** In the natural world, "First Responders" are ready when a call comes in. They have set things in order; they have conditioned themselves to act promptly. How much should we?

**Procrastination can be a sin; keep up with tasks.** Stay ready to receive and to serve. Be available. Things need to be in a state of readiness: your home, finances, job, car, clothes, and provisions. Carelessness and delay may cause you to miss an appointed time you are unaware of.

**Led by love or pushed around by fear.** Those who don't know God don't know the Spirit of Truth, but listen to the spirit of deception.

**We can have a sign that says "Construction Site."** During our "construction," the path we walk as God guides and instructs, building what we hope and believe will be great; you can expect delays, pace slowdowns, detours, and reconstruction if necessary. Lord, give me what I need today to be productive and effective. I don't know how far I'll get today, but may it be a victorious day.

**If you are not coming up against the devil, then you may be going in the same direction as he is.**

**Money is to be used, not loved.** God wants us to use our resources and love others. But if we love things, we'll end up using people.

**We make up a plan as we go along, but God always has a plan for our lives.**

**Spiritual Warfare: It's hard to fight a battle when you're off balance.** The enemy has many tricks to take you off balance, attacking you, attacking people around you, or maybe having a missing piece of your armament.

**The enemy may have claimed territories in our lives, but with God, we can displace his position and control.** When God gave Israel the land after they entered the Promised Land, it had already been established with names, villages, and people living in them. But in many cases, the people were driven out or forced to serve the Israelites.

**"Take My yoke upon you ... "** Allow yourself to be yoked up with Him. So you turn when He turns, you step when He steps, you go at His pace. Be teachable.

Constance Lowe, DOHM Technical Advisor





## MEET OUR PRESIDENT & FOUNDER

**Linda Gary**  
*Daughters of Hope Ministry*

### A Vision Rooted in Hope and Healing



We are honored to shine the Spotlight on Linda Gary, the visionary behind the Daughters of Hope Ministry (DOHM). As our President and Founder, Linda has been the driving force behind the ministry's mission to equip women to overcome life's challenges and find God's purpose and fulfillment through prayer, teaching, and mentoring relationships; all made possible by the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

*"I love the Lord. I have a heart for hurting women and a desire for them to be healed. I was a hurting woman, but God has healed me."*

### More Than a Leader – A True Servant of God

Since founding the DOHM, Linda has been a tireless advocate for healing, restoration, and spiritual growth among women of all backgrounds. Her vision for the DOHM was born from a desire to create a safe and nurturing space where women could discover their identity in Jesus Christ and walk boldly in their God-given purpose. Under Linda's guidance, there has been an incredible spiritual impact on those whom the DOHM has touched. She is passionate, especially about helping women who are hurting, and she always inspires the DOHM team to live out the Gospel message in meaningful ways. Linda's favorite scriptures are:

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** - *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*
- **Psalms 37:4-5** - *"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."*

A wife and mother, married to Thermon Gary for 35 years, Linda was born in Washington, DC. She has two daughters from a previous marriage and one son-in-law. They blessed her with four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. From her husband, she has four stepchildren, thirteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Linda is currently employed as a Paraprofessional Educator with Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland, and has worked there in various positions since 2006. When not serving in the DOHM, she enjoys dining out, traveling, cooking, playing games, being in God's word, and spending time with family and friends. Additionally, she always finds time to connect personally with members of her church family, particularly being a member of the Life Builders Ministry at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden International.

We are so grateful for Linda's leadership and obedience to God's calling and look forward to all that He will continue to do through her and the DOHM.

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## Upcoming EVENTS

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- ✚ Entrepreneur Event, "Bring Up the Treasure That Is Within You" (Date To Be Determined)
- ✚ Open Forum – (Title and Date To Be Determined)



The DOHM continues to pray for all of you. We stand together offering support and strength through prayer, and we believe in the power of collective prayer to uplift and comfort one another. However, if you have an individual specific request that you would like us to pray over, we invite you to submit it on our website at [www.daughtersofhope.org](http://www.daughtersofhope.org) or by email at [daughtersohope@aol.com](mailto:daughtersohope@aol.com). Whether it is a personal struggle or a loved one in need, your prayer requests are welcomed and valued. Rest assured that your requests will be held in confidentiality and treated with respect.

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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.

### Scripture:

- [Zechariah 2:10](#) – "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming, and I will dwell in your midst", says the Lord."
- [Galatians 6:2](#) – "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

