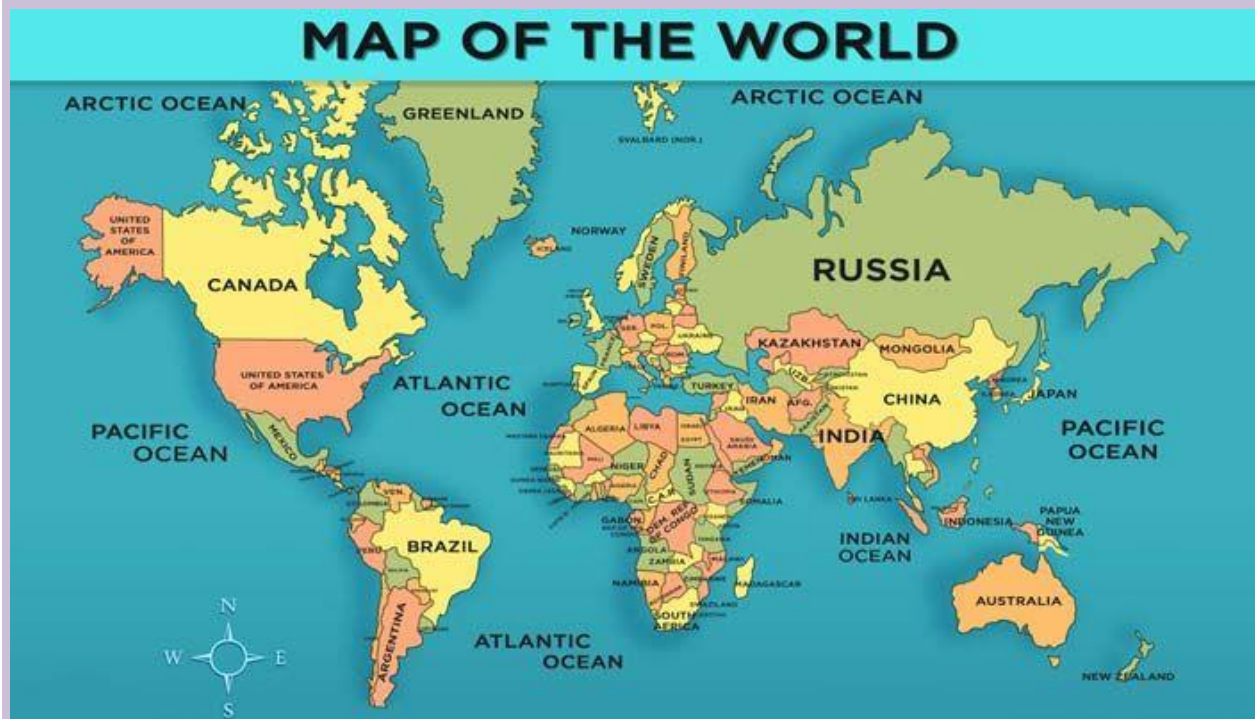


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A magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Haiti on Saturday, August 14, 2021, causing widespread destruction in the Caribbean country. PRAY!

Kabul Afghanistan



US Air Force plane carries over 600 people out of Kabul Afghanistan immediately following the withdraw of USA troops.

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL STAFF



We are praying for our world. We are looking to the Lord.
We stand on His Word and promises.

These are troubling and crucial times across the world.
But, let's continue to trust in the Lord in spite of every circumstance.

I will strengthen you and help you (Isaiah 41:10)

***“So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”***

My help comes from the Lord (Psalm 121)

***“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.***

*He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.”*

Matthew 24:6–8

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Diamond Jubilee Birthday

Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.

1946 - July 20, 2021



Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr. faithfully serves as the manager of the Lamp Newsletter and has done so since its founding in 2008. He oversees the production and operation of the newsletter. Simmie is the major source of finance to ensure the productivity of The Lamp. He helps with the printing, distribution and mailing of the newsletter. He also is the co-founder and manager of Write the Vision Ministries & Media Productions, International. This worldwide ministry was founded by his wife, Wanda J. Burnside in 1995.

They closely work together to provide numerous outreach ministries, events, activities, and services for women, men, children and teens who are deeply hurting or suffering with various vital needs. Their ministries have changed lives. *Note: For more information about Write the Vision Ministries & Media Productions, International, please see [Wanda J. Burnside's bio](#).*

Simmie was the co-founder and sponsor of Wanda's radio outreach ministry, RESTORE! RESTORE! It debuted in 2016. This program was a part of the Tribe Family Network. Ms. Beverly Black Johnson is the founder and president.

In 1966, Simmie was employed at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI. While working at Ford Motor, he was committed to serve on various committees for the betterment of the employees. Management selected him to attend technical and task force

workshops, seminars and educational institutions, to study on how to help employees receive benefits .Simmie retired in 2000.

Through the years, he has loyally served in various areas of leadership in the Sunday School Dept., Missions, the youth dept., and in other auxiliaries. He has given his time to work in the local, district and jurisdictional church departments. In his childhood, he was a member at Bailey Temple Church of God in Christ in Detroit. In his youth, he was a member at Grace Temple Church of God in Christ. From 1972 to the present, he is a member of Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ in Warren, MI.

In the early 1970's, Simmie was in charge of recording and taping the musical productions of a leading gospel band in Detroit. He traveled with the band to record their concerts and musical events. His brother-in-law, Elder Rodger M. Palm, was the founder, president and director of this band.

In 2002, Simmie became committed to servicing in any needed capacity in The Called & Ready Writers. He is the bookstore manager. This Christian writing guild was founded by Dr. Mary Edwards. His wife, Wanda, is the president of the guild.

Simmie is an artist and illustrator. He has taught others how to develop their skills in this area. Simmie helped two young men to achieve major acknowledgements and awards in their artwork at school.

He is an award-winning athlete. He received championship awards in basketball from 1960-1975. These trophies and awards came from Simmie playing on community basketball teams and the Ford Motor Company men's basketball team.

He loves Bible history and biblical study. Simmie greatly enjoys traveling, music, nature, reading and classic television drama.

Simmie is married to Wanda J. Burnside. They were married in 1972.



Simmie with his wife Wanda of 48 years



**The late beloved parents of Simmie:
Dad, Deacon Simmie Lee Burnside and
Mom, Mother Christine Burnside**



A JOYOUS ANNOUNCEMENT!

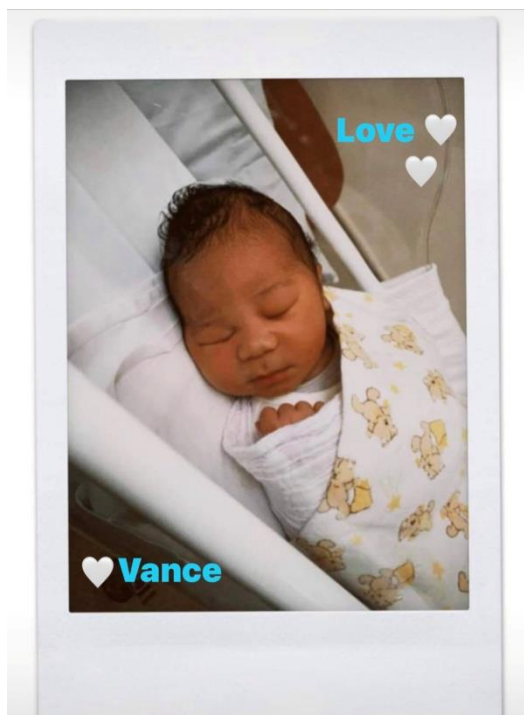
from
Ms. Sandra Hickman
Australian Ministry Leader and Staff writer

GG's Boy!

I became a mother at the tender age of 18, when my first daughter was born. A new way of life unfolded as I went on to have one more daughter to complete my little family. Grandmotherhood came rather quickly after that, just 19 years later. Oh that time just flew by as though time had wings! 19 years can go by fast. It was a "Wow!" moment for me to hold my daughter's son in my arms. Fast forward and you can imagine how the thought of being a great grandmother was every bit as exciting to think of. My first granddaughter Isabella and her husband Samson were married last year in a wedding that was sublimely beautiful and full of love and joy. Now, with no time wasted, they have presented me with my first great grandchild— Holding perfection in my arms!

Introducing . . .

Vance Simbarashe Makumbe — Born July 29, 2021



If children were the cake of delight,
then grandchildren are the icing on the cake.
And great grandchildren are the icing
— with the cherry on top!

When God sees fit to bless you He does it in grand style. I have been blessed beyond measure. I always wanted lots of kids. After my two daughters were born I craved another baby. My arms ached to have that sweet smelling aroma of another little one to hold, but... it wasn't to be. However, God filled my arms with lots of grandchildren, my little nest grew to 15! Now, God has given me a great grandson!! My new title is "GG" and I'm as happy and grateful as any woman can be.

All grand-babies and great grand-babies are the extension of your children. The love is just the same!

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MY COUSIN MATTIE

By Michele M. Barnes



Ask Cousin Mattie's about her memories of home! Her face lights up as she talks about the early morning farm sounds/smells and of course, her momma's home-cooked meals! Farm life, she states proudly, helped me and my siblings to grow up strong! I did not know then, but know now that God was preparing me for this day!

Jeremiah 29:11 {“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”}

Her memories of a Sunday Worship Service with - tambourines not missing a beat and praying hands.... clapping! Hands waving high in the air! People shouting/ stomping their feet! Singing a song of praises like....

I'm so glad, that Jesus lifted me! I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me! I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm singing Glory hallelujah Jesus lifted me!

Cousin Mattie grew up on a farm in North Carolina. She was one of thirteen children trained to up and help each other dress, eat, and complete daily chores. Although mom and dad were up earlier than the children, the goal was for everyone to work together in helping to get the house and farm chores done! A work ethic that prepared each child leaving home to accomplish the goals for higher education, jobs, and marriages.

Cousin Mattie, known for her sense of humor and “her proud walk,” also wore her black three-inch pumps until just two years ago! However, co-workers did not know Cousin Mattie was retiring at the age of eighty years old. No, no one knew she was eighty and walking around doing her job like everybody else! She did not want anybody talking or worrying about her age!

Any day Cousin Mattie will be turning ninety-eight! She is a poet and daily on Facebook, too. Cousin Mattie is excited to celebrate her birthday with family at her home yard located in Ohio. However, this time, Cousin Mattie is vaccinated and excited to greet each one with love in mask!

We thank God for her Wisdom and love! A special... “HAPPY 98th” Ms. Cousin Mattie has informed family of her vaccinations! Yes, she will be greeting everyone in a mask.

HAPPY 98th BIRTHDAY COUSIN MATTIE!



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**We are in a transitioning mode. NEW things are coming into our lives...
But, it starts first in our MIND!**

SCRIPTURES FOCUS IS. . . NEW

ISAIAH 43: 18-19

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I
will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

EZEKIEL 36: 26

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will
take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

JEREMIAH 29: 11

For I know the thoughts I think toward you saith the LORD, thoughts of peace
and not of evil, to give you an expectant end.

JOB 8:7

Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

Blessings,
Donna R. Brooks



"I will never turn away

one who comes to me."

JESUS in John 6:37

The Grace of God Forgiveness

1 John 1:9-10

Pastor Sammy L. Jackson

The Bible says if we confess our sins, and nobody else, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from head to toes from all unrighteousness , (10) If we say to ourselves, we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not really on the inside of us.

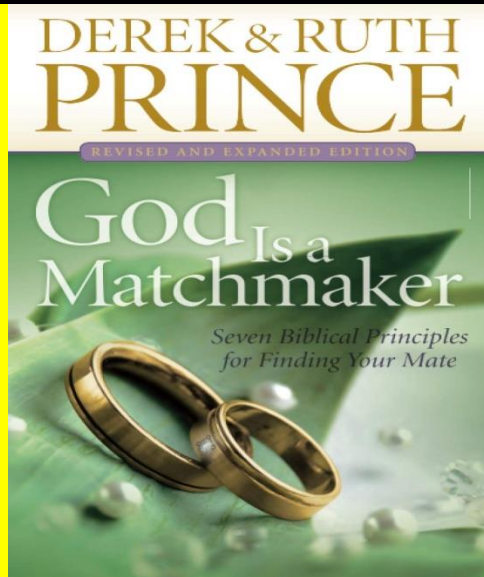
Once you have sinned against God, it often leaves an impression on our minds which we find hard to erase in our own strength. Suppression of the knowledge of Knowing we have sinned against God's commandments and fell His expectations of his plan for our lives on this earth, before we were ever born, can be very, very painful.

The Grace of His forgiveness must become greater to us than the pain we carry of our remembrance of the sins we committed. Now, we can walk in the freedom of his forgiveness immediately with cleansing heart and mind which turn into everlasting peace.

Allow the Holy Spirit to restore you completely. God's forgiveness becomes greater to us than the pain we bear. Let there be no more self condemnation, guilt, shame, and fear. This was self-torment and the pathway of negative thinking about ourselves. See, this is special delivery from the devil! Return his evil words (letters) back to him for he is a liar! God's forgiveness does work when you accept it.

Remember Roman 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thou mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved. for with the heart man believe into righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made into salvation."

Dr. Mary Darlene Edwards-Williams and her husband, Dr. Calvin Williams, invite you to join them, along with a host of speakers on the topic, "God is a Matchmaker."



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Miss Regina Morna Palm
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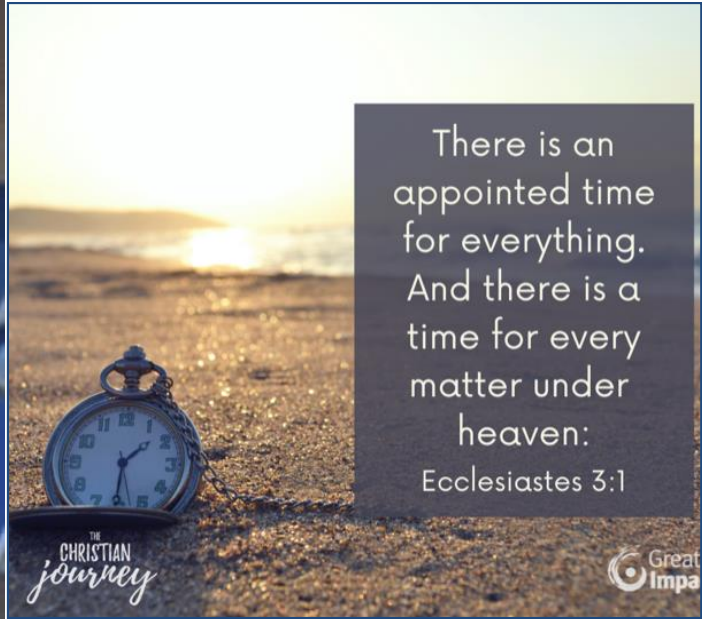


"I just successfully Defended my Dissertation for my PhD in Nursing!!! My name is now Dr. Barbara Jordan Moore PhD RN! My phenomenon of study is "Lived Experience of the African American young adult (AAYA) with HIV & self-care collaborative management (SCCM)! I am overwhelmed and overjoyed with the goodness of God and His favor over my life. I remained faithful!"

Dr. Moore has been married for years to Deacon Dean Moore. God has blessed them with four children who are also doctors. Look at this amazing family of God:

Dr. Dean Moore II MD & fiancé Dr. Ishrat ; Dr Devon Moore MD, wife Alexis & baby Josephine Elyse Moore; Dr. Deshon Moore & wife Dr. Toya Roberson Moore & children Kaidyn Leila Moore and Brayden Tariq Moore; Dr. Diamond Moore Shelby MD & Eld Don Shelby III & children Don W Shelby IV & Legend Levi-Dean Shelby. Also, daughter Ninetta Montgomery who joined our family in 2002.

TO GOD BE ALL OF THE GLORY!



In the Appointed Time

By Doris Homan

It is fascinating to do a word search in the Bible of all the “when the appointed time” or “in the fullness of time.” These are but a few:

God sent His Son (Galatians 4:4)

Restoring the kingdom (Acts 1:7)

Christ returns (Mark 13:33) (Ephesians 1:10)

What does this teach us about God’s character? He is a God of order not confusion, He has a time for everything, and does not work haphazardly.

God does things on a time table; He has a plan for the world and a plan for your life. A plan we cannot control nor change. But what about free will?

God has a plan for the world such as timeline of events (the cross; the Tribulation period, Christ’s return, the Millennium period).

He has a plan for our lives but allows us freewill. Sadly we don’t always walk in His

best for us and we get derailed, often missing His blessings.

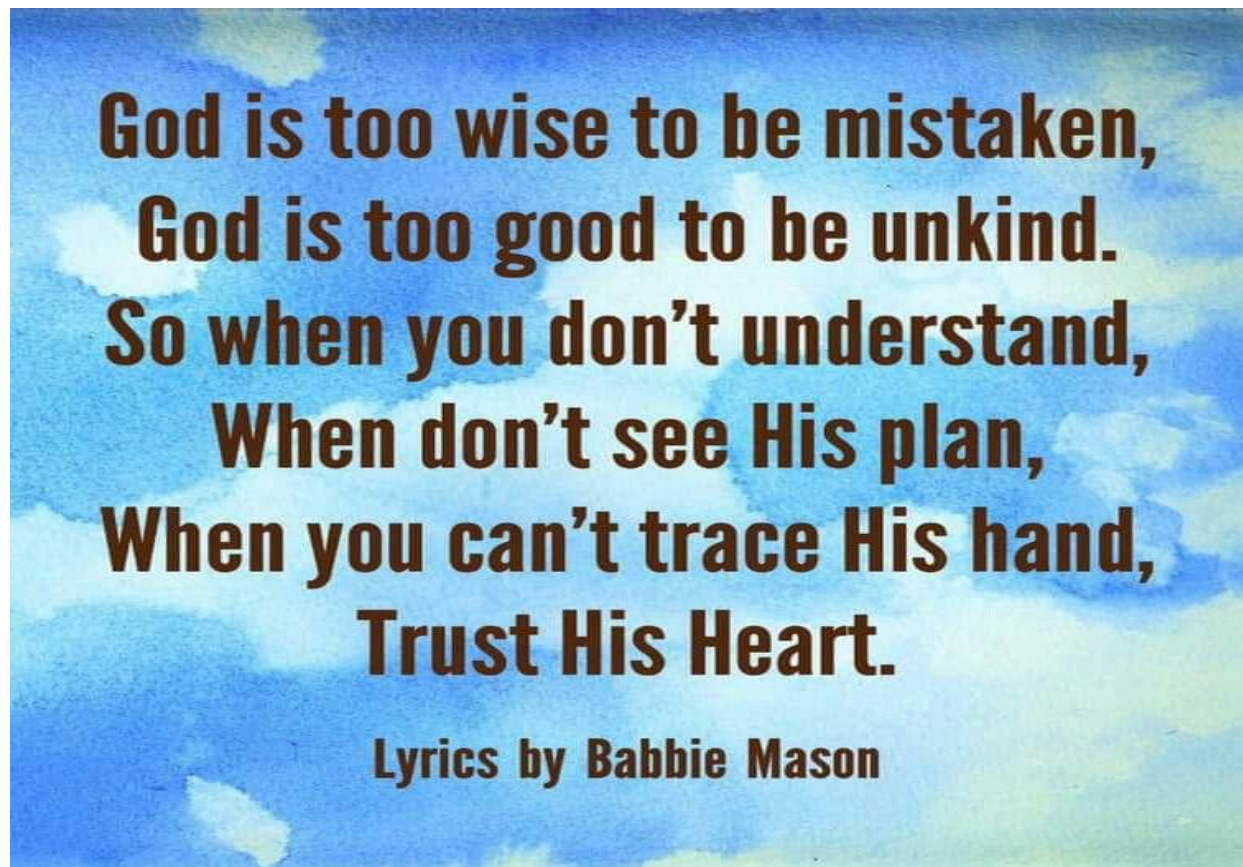
There is God's perfect will and then there is His permissive will.

We're the prodigal; He woos and draws us to Himself even when we're not looking for Him. His love and pursuit of us is relentless.

We can rely on His love for us and as a good parent, to work things out for our best and according to His purposes. He is trustworthy.

There is a beautiful song that expresses this so well.

When you don't understand
When you don't see His plan
When you can't trace His hand
Trust His Heart

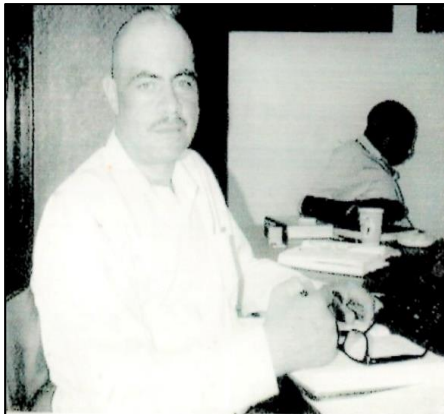




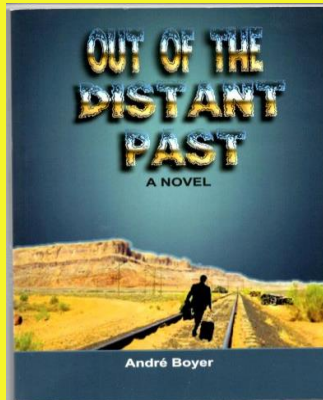
My Loving Tribute to Author Andre' Boyer (AKA) Mr. Mack Newsom By Author Ramelle T. Lee



Top Left: Author Ramelle T. Lee – Center Photo: Younger photo of Mack



Mack in his later years



**My Mother and his dearest friend,
Mrs. Barbara Lee**

Few people can still have their childhood friend in their lives. Well, my beloved mother, Mrs. Barbara Laverne Eddins Lee, was a dear friend of Mack's for life. Both mother and Mack, were natives of Memphis, Tennessee, and attended Greenwood Elementary school together. They have since graduated to heaven now, and still *"keeping in touch."*

I was blessed to meet Mr. Mack Newsom in recent years, when he called to chat with my mother. After our many conversations from Los Angeles, I discovered, he was like a natural storyteller who never ran out of words. Mack had a brilliant mind and a photographic memory. In 2011, Mack's fiction book was featured on The Called and Ready Writers website.

Mack was always straight forward and believed in telling everyone about how God changed his life after straying away from Him for many years.

I had several opportunities to send both Mack and his wife Sallie, birthday, holiday and Christmas gift packages from Touching Your Heart Ministries. In turn, the Lee Twins received monetary love gifts for our birthday and other occasions.

What an honor and delight to have known such a dynamic person. Mr. Mack Newsom spent his life helping family, friends and left his mark for generations. This is my tribute to a GIANT of a man, who loved God, his family and his friends. My life has been enriched, because I met, author Andre' Boyer (AKA) Mr. Mack Newsom. He autographed his novel with these words to me:

"To God's Poet,

I give you this title because no one can write like you do unless inspired by God."

Love, from author, Mack Newsom.

Mack, I will miss you, my dear friend. Rest from your journey.

"As for me, I will call upon God: and the LORD shall save me."

(Psalm 34: 16 KJV).

REMARKABLE: Simone Biles



SIMONE ARIANNE BILES

Simone Arianne Biles (born March 14, 1997)^[4] is an American [artistic gymnast](#). With a combined total of 32 Olympic and World Championship medals, Biles is tied with [Larisa Latynina](#) as the [most decorated gymnast](#) of all time. Biles' seven Olympic medals also ties [Shannon Miller](#) for the [most Olympic medals](#) won by an American female gymnast. Biles is considered one of the greatest and most dominant gymnasts of all time.^[5]

At the [2016 Summer Olympics](#) in [Rio de Janeiro](#), Biles won individual gold medals in the all-around, [vault](#), and [floor](#); bronze on balance beam; and gold as part of the United States team, dubbed the "[Final Five](#)".^[6] At the [2020 Summer Olympics](#) in [Tokyo](#), she won bronze on balance beam, as well as silver with the United States team, after struggling with "[the twisties](#)", a temporary loss of air balance awareness. Her partial withdrawal, focus on safety, mental health and perseverance were praised. Biles is also a five-time [World](#) all-around champion (2013–2015, 2018–2019), five-time World floor exercise champion (2013–2015, 2018–2019), three-time World balance beam champion (2014–2015, 2019), two-time World vault champion (2018–2019), a seven-time [United States national](#) all-around champion (2013–2016, 2018–2019, 2021), and a member of the gold medal-winning American teams at the [2014](#), [2015](#), [2018](#), and [2019 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships](#). Additionally, she is a three-time World silver medalist (2013 and 2014 on vault, 2018 on uneven bars) and a three-time World bronze medalist (2015 on vault, 2013 and 2018 on balance beam).

Biles is the gymnast with the [most World medals](#) (25) and most World gold medals (19), having surpassed [Vitaly Scherbo](#)'s record 23 World medals by winning her 24th and 25th, both gold, at the 2019 competition in Stuttgart.^[7] She is the female gymnast with the most [World all-around](#) titles (5). Biles is the sixth woman to win an individual all-around title at both the World Championships and the Olympics, and the first gymnast since [Lilia Podkopyeva](#) in 1996 to hold both titles simultaneously. She is the tenth female gymnast and first American female gymnast to win a [World medal on every event](#), and the first female gymnast since [Daniela Silivas](#) in 1988 to win a medal on every event at a single Olympic Games or World Championships, having accomplished this feat at the [2018 World Championships](#) in Doha.^[8]



FEARLESS: SIMONE BILES



I know this look. I have looked like this most of my own life. There is no shame or remorse. No! There is NO SHAME, NO GUILT, NO DISGRACE...NONE!

At the 2021 Olympia in Tokyo, the AMAZING SIMONE BILES, gave all she had to compete against the competitors from around the world who were there to take her title. Every time she shows up to showcase her astonishing talent, blazing skills, and masterful artistic gymnast moves...she boldly confronts the opposition. Biles knows who she is and what she is capable of doing. She understands her level of performance. Biles is the champion!

CBS NWS REPORTED: “Superstar gymnast Simone Biles defended her decision to withdraw from Olympic competitions on her Instagram story on Thursday night, explaining that she is still struggling from what is known as the "twisties," and isn't sure if she will be able to compete in individual competitions scheduled for next week.

This week, Biles pulled out of both the team final and the women's individual all-around at the Tokyo Games to focus on her mental health. Team USA won silver in the team event, and Biles' teammate Suni Lee won gold in the individual — the fifth American woman in a row to do so.

- **Simone Biles wins bronze in balance beam after withdrawing from other Tokyo Olympics events**

Opening up on Instagram stories overnight, Biles, a six-time Olympic medalist, answered questions from her fans about a condition that gymnasts call the "twisties" — a frightening state of disassociation that prevents athletes from successfully completing a skill, which can lead to serious injury."

Well, I feel that she is brave and truly courageous. Biles summed-up what her limitations are and realized she had to make a decision and call the shots! I love that!

In the Bible, there are so many of our Biblical brothers and sisters who had to make decisions as to what they were called to do and needed to do for the Kingdom of God. They set themselves in position to do what must be done and did not allow anything or anyone to block or stop them. When God called them to perform a task or function in a specific area, they knew in their hearts what they must do. They were not going to press past the boundaries that God had set for them.

Remember what David did when he confronted Goliath: **I Samuel 17: 1-58**, never forget what Queen Esther said before she went to see the king: **Esther 4:16**, hold on to what Job said and did when he was tested: **Job 1:21 and Job 13:15**, and Paul faced challenge after challenge: **Study the New Testament**. Read your Bible and see how it is filled with those who lived by faith and did not allow others or situations in life to rule over them.

God is calling for us to stand strong and look at the opposition then make up our minds to follow His will for our lives. We cannot walk with God and be double minded. **James 1:6-8 (GNT) states:** ⁶ *But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind.* ⁷⁻⁸ *If you are like that, unable to make up your mind and undecided in all you do, you must not think that you will receive anything from the Lord."*

-Wanda J. Burnside, Founder and Publisher



Simone Biles when she was a baby girl.

THE 2021 TOKYO OLYMPICS

After 17 days of competition at the Tokyo Olympics, the United States finished with the most medals won overall and the most gold medals, with its 39 golds just barely beating out China, which won 38.

1



United States of America

2



People's Republic of China

3



Japan

4



Great Britain

5



6



Australia

***Congratulations to
All of the Participants***

Inspirational Motivator:

Mr. Jordan E'cluse of Australia



Psalm 121: 1-3 KJV

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

25th Happy Anniversary

1996 - AUGUST - 2021



Daryl and Kizzy Gray

May God Continue to Bless You

NOW...

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Gray



Dear Lord
Please Embrace
Your Loving Arms
around my family and
friends. Keep them always
Protected, Secured,
Loved and Blessed.
Amen
www.TodayIamBlessed.com

Mrs. Kizzy Gray, standing next to her husband on the right, is a staff writer for our newsletter, **THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL**.

They are blessed to have five children. Daryl, Jr., on the left, has graduated from

college. Their oldest daughter is now in college.



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