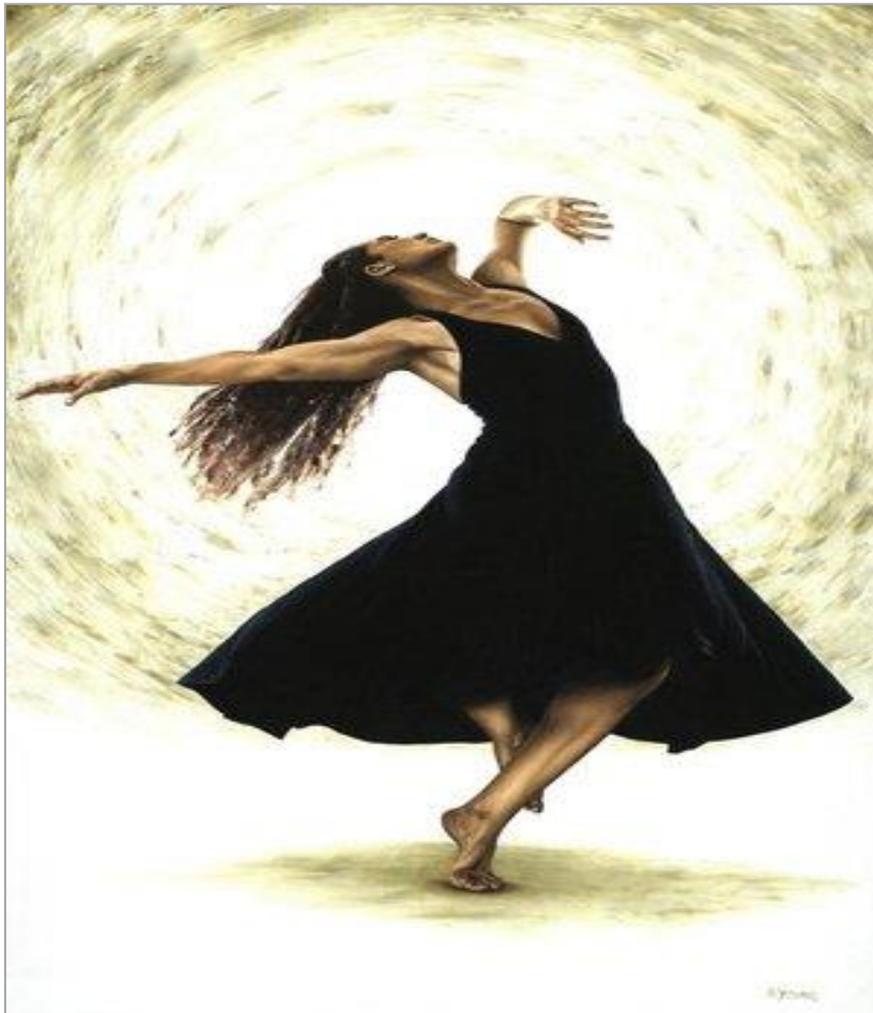


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WOMEN! DON'T FAKE IT!
MAKE IT



Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside,
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You are a *Child* of God
You are *wonderfully* made,
dearly loved, and *precious*
in *His* sight.

- *Psalm 139*

Dear Readers,

I have been having a real problem lately. Well, this is actually...another problem on top of the pile of problems that I already have. Let me tell you, I have a whole lot going on in my life. I mean it!

Anyway, the newest of my problem is this current saying: "FAKE IT 'TIL YOU MAKE IT!" I don't know who started this, but I ain't about to fake nothing! See, when my feet hurt...I can't fake that...you'll see me in my flats or whatever brings me comfort to these feet. When I'm tired of taking this and that from whomever...well, I know how to show my anger or disappointment...NO, FAKING my emotions or attitude.

I hate fake things! Recently I just purchased my cousin, Darlene, a bracelet for her birthday. It's pretty with beads and crystal jewels connected to a silver band. Oh, I read all the details about it because I don't want that silver to be fake. It isn't! I have the 100% guarantee proof certificate on it.

Now, the most expensive perfume brands are: 1. Baccarat - \$6900, 2. Shalini Perfumes- \$4900, 3. Annick Goutal - \$1500, 4. Clive Christian - \$865, 5. Jar Perfume - \$800, 6. Hermes Perfume \$150 7., Ralph Lauren... WOW! WOW! *This is not for a gallon size!*

The thing is, if you can't afford the REAL THING, there are imposter brands! Oh, yeah! The price may be very affordable...CHEAP...BUT...the fragrances are an imposter too. There is something about those knock-off prices that cannot measure up to the strength and potency of the true or real perfumes. I hate to say it, but...*those imposter brands smells stinky to me...I'm just saying!*

Why should YOU and I settle for less, the fake? Aren't we worth obtaining or receiving the BEST or the REAL THING?

Fake money?...NO!

Fake love?...NO! I need it REAL!

Fake friends?...NO! That doesn't even sound right!

Fake doctor?...NO! Now, that's a lawsuit for sure!

FAKE LOVER? NEVER!

Coke claims that they are "The Real Thing." So why should you FAKE IT in your life?

YOU ARE THE REAL THING!

You are created by God to be more than that!

- He can use you with your flaws, scares, hurts, fears, abused and battered life, relations that have failed, overweight or underweight body, and other conditions in your life.
- God wants you to come to Him just as you are: educated, a dropout, unemployed, seeking employment or sitting at the top of the corporation.
- He desires you even if you have failed throughout life or have excelled to the fullest!

Don't withhold yourself from Him! You don't have to **Fake** anything about yourself!

Don't **Fake** what you are doing until you try to reach something that you have to work so hard to obtain. Faking it will make you more frustrated. Why hide the real you when God already knows who you are and what you have been through all of this time?

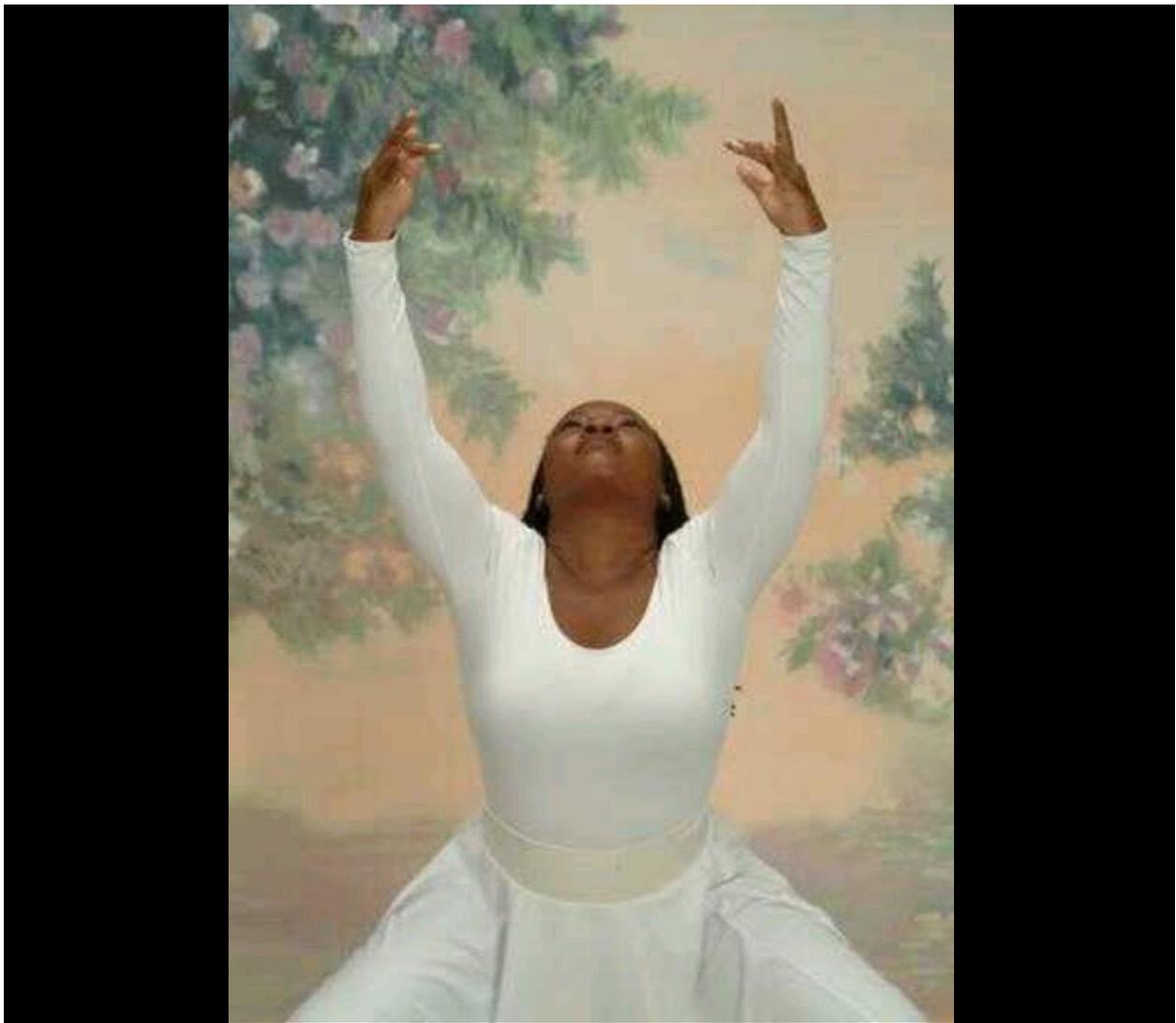
GIVE GOD WHO YOU ARE!

He has a plan for your life!
He will use all of you! Allow Him to work it out. Let Him prepare you.

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.(Romans 8:28 NLT).

**TRUST HIM!
GOD HAS BIG PLANS FOR YOUR LIFE...**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope “
(Jeremiah 29:11 NLT).*



FOR REAL

By Wanda J. Burnside

**You are what GOD created
YOU to be.
You are real.
You don't make-believe.
You won't deceive.**

**You broke the mold!
You are truly something
Unique to behold.**

**You are a WOMAN!
You set the pace.
You walk and still win
The Marathon race!**

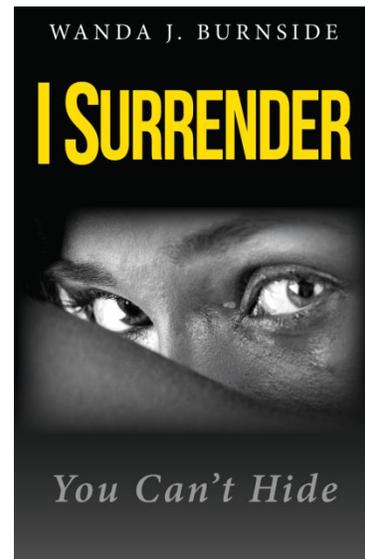
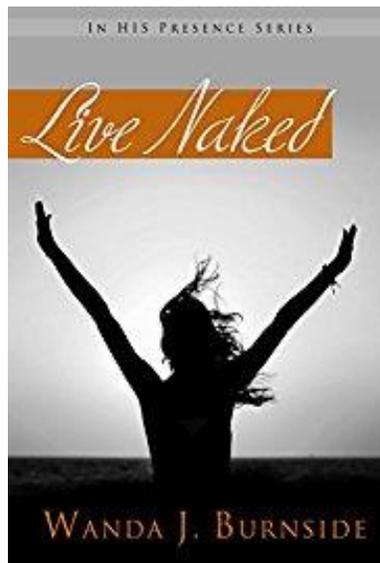
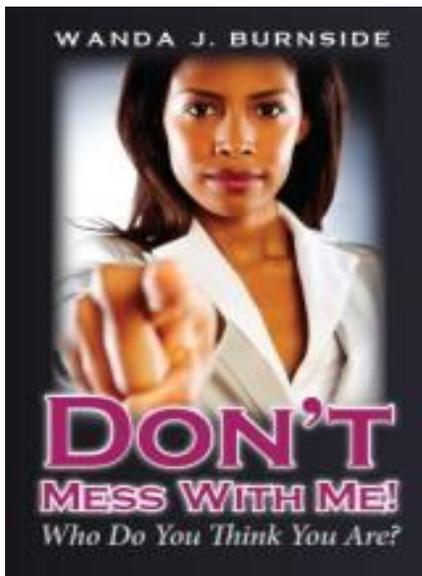
**You are who you are.
You are that rare diamond . . .
You are a twinkling star!**

**You have that confidence
That cannot be taught
Nor caught!
You are what others want to be.
You aren't bound, but free.**

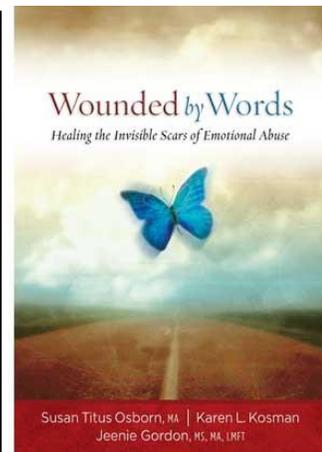
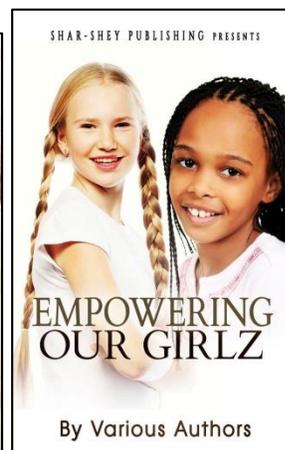
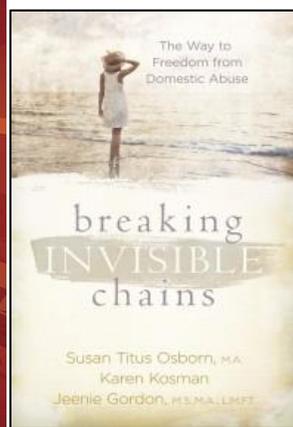
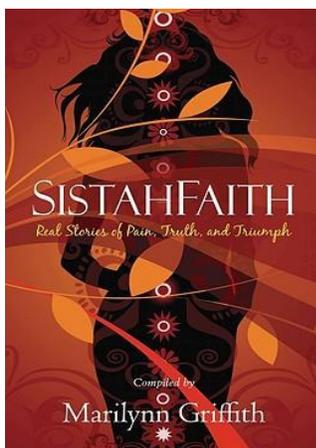
**God had to put Adam to sleep
To make you!
He took Adam's rib to form you.
You are a mystery.
God gave you His full attention**

When He carefully shaped you
 And He tenderly formed you.
 God's hands held you.
 His eyes beheld you.
 He smiled when He created you,
 For He knew
 That when Adam woke up---
 He would behold YOU!
 God's amazing MASTERpiece!
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Some Books by Wanda J. Burnside.....(I Surrender to release in 2020) <https://amzn.to/37PoaVB>



Wanda's stories and articles are in MORE THAN 80 BOOKS! Here's a few of them...



LORD, CAN YOU DEAL WITH ME?

By Ramelle T. Lee © 2020



I used to wonder
If there was anyone bad enough
To deal with this sister...
Yes, I needed to be handled with
Kid-skin gloves.

I used to say,
*“Don’t play with my emotions!
You won’t get to first base with me!
Watch what you say
and
How you act around me.”*

I used to say,
*“I can be tough as nails.
I have a memory like an elephant.
Yes, I am a force to be reckoned with.”*

I used to believe,
***“I’m never weak-minded:
Never entangled in confusion,
Never scared to defend myself.”***

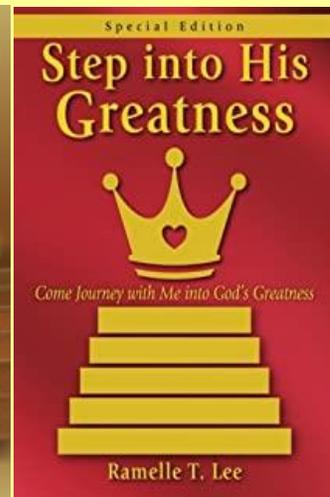
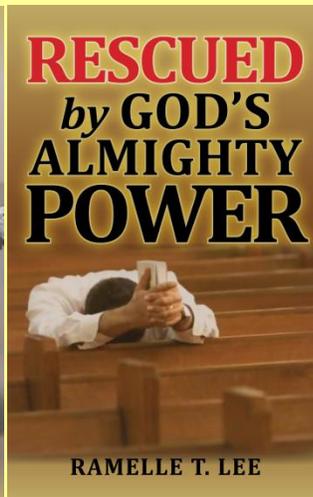
BUT,
One day, Jesus came into my life!
He renewed my mind.
He tamed my behavior for the better.
Jesus has given me hope
For today and tomorrow.

Jesus can do the same for you, too!
Will you seek Him for your life?
The Word of God can change your life!

Now, ask HIM to give you
His strength and power to survive.
Trust God to show you
The way to His truth.
Watch your life turn around!
God always makes the difference!

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”
(Matthew 11:28 KJV).*

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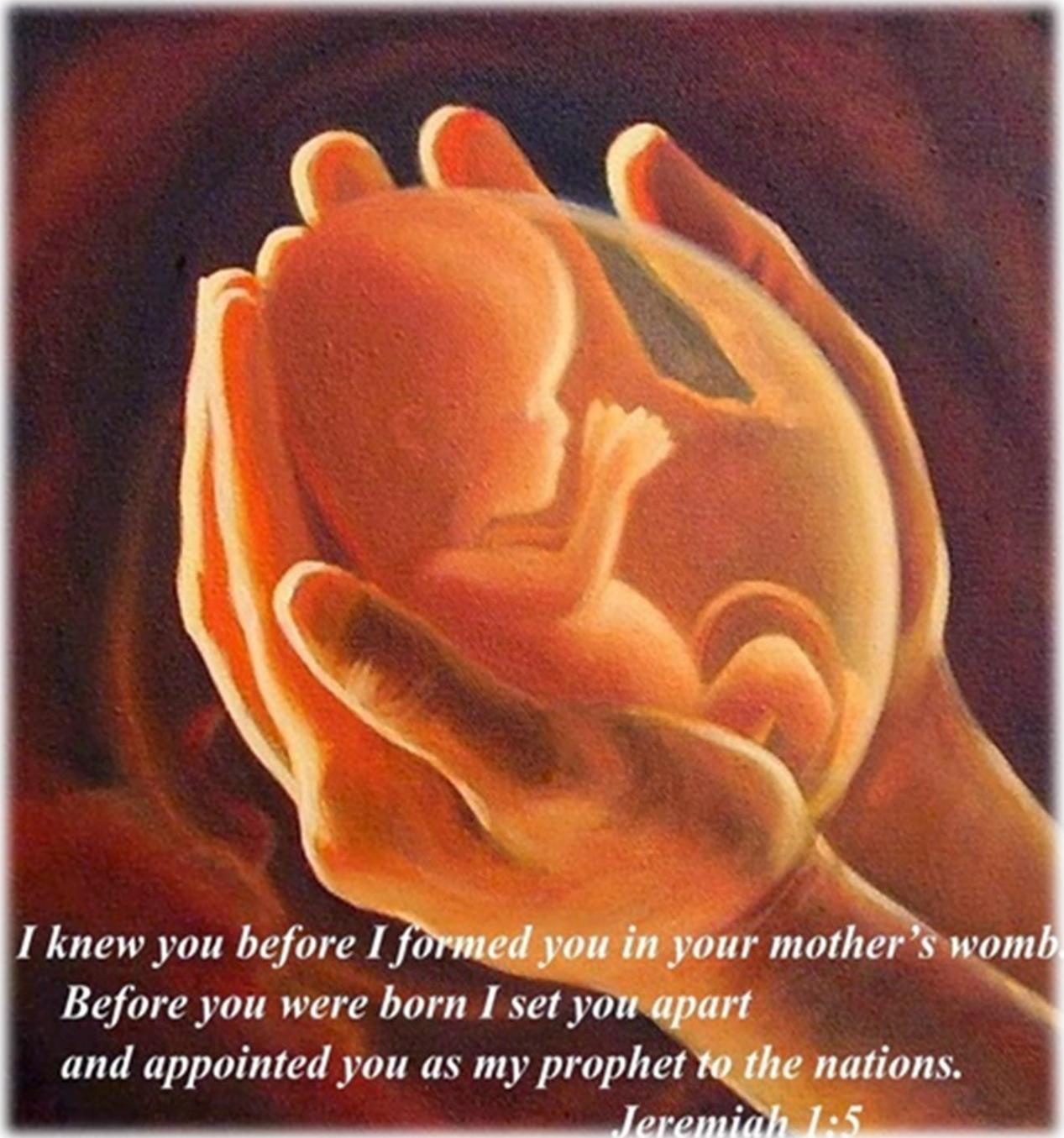


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GOD KNOWS YOU...Before He formed YOU and put you in your Mama's womb...He KNEW YOU!

He held YOU...in His hands!



***I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb.
Before you were born I set you apart
and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.***

Jeremiah 1:5

Do YOU see the womb in the background of this photo? Look closely!



**Ms. Sandra Hickman
Australian Ministry Leader
and Lamp Staff Writer**

The Nicodemus Woman

Beautiful, tender, yet tough
and gritty woman.

Both wisdom and worth she seeks.

The Nicodemus woman is the one who
comes to Jesus under the cover of darkness.

Secretly, in obscurity,
even when intimidation is looming!

She asks, ***“Who are You?...really!!***

What can You offer me?”

It’s not a question, it’s a challenge.

“I’ve heard so much, I’ve seen others,

...I’ve wanted it. I’ve been afraid.

But now, I am ready to know.”

She knows there is something better.

She is no longer fearful of change.

Her heart defies all opposition.

And, there is opposition!

Jesus says,
“Daughter you must be born again....”
There it is!

Those words which she shied away from all her life.

He’s asking, ***“...do you want to?”***

Trembling at His Word, with
ineffable joy lifting her spirit she says,

“I do!”

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John 3: 3-8 NKJV

Verses 3 and 7 - The New Birth

***3 Jesus answered and said to him (*Nicodemus), “Most assuredly,
I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”***

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.”





A Trophy Performance

By Michele Barnes

There have been many performances in my life. However, this one was my greatest. I'm claiming it as my last.

In the hospital examination room, a beautiful woman prepared for the bright lights and my critical eyes. Now, I won't speculate how many trophy-winning performances that I've performed. I will leave behind written remarks, comments or an invitation to meet someone else. Approaching closer, these lights will never give away the secrets of this queen's trophy moments.

In the doctor's examination room, I was still nervous about being physically exposed. But a voice of directions and questions found me suddenly relaxed. The exam started with my eyes closed. I see a sudden flash of me as a girl laughing when Momma told me the name of that body area. "That's your vagina." As a teen I did experiment using it..., and at last I'm a woman that's aware and blessed in having it to allow my deliveries of four beautiful children. I'm thankful for these and many of the other stages in my life that my vagina aided in my ability to give gifts of love with my husband of 43 years of marriage.

However, this vaginal examination has now come to an end. The medical comments and remarks will determine the test results of today. I'm informed that this Pap Test is only required every five years and at my age, sixty-five, no further test may be required.

I beam with pride as I leave behind the bright lights and a vaginal examination that has followed me since becoming pregnant with my first child. Now I am celebrating this "trophy moment" in my life. My vagina, an organ now stored as a trophy in my body, continues to accept the challenges of my heart and rewards the giving of my love. I thank God for allowing me to be blessed by such health as to still have my vagina and to be able to accept all the blessings that God has for me.

PAP SMEAR TESTING INFORMATION...

Guidelines state that if you are between 21 and 30 years old, you should have a Pap smear every three years as long as it is normal. If you are 30 to 65, then you can have a Pap smear every **five years** as long as you have HPV testing with it.



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KEEP PUSHING SIS!

I know you've been through a lot and still are battling life's issues. Yes the struggle is very real, but don't give up now. You're closer than you think. You've had your back against the wall, been Knocked down, felt depressed and just wanna quit! DON'T. We need you. You are building a legacy. Blazing a trail! You were born to win. With God on your side you cannot permanently lose! You're right on the cusp of Breakthrough! It will happen suddenly. Hold your head up. Straighten your crown. You're royalty. You belong to the one true King. Victory is yours. You got this. Keep pushing Sis! ~**Kizzy Staten Gray**



Thank You for your FAITHFULNESS!

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May God Bless You Greatly!



WOMAN: REFLECTION OF GOD'S OWN HEART

The majesty and beauty of creation! In 6 days, God created a great work of art. Such color, such detail, such complexity and such grandeur. In all that God created, He said "it is good". He created man, unique from anything else because he was created in the very image of The Creator. The only "not good" was that man was alone. Out of man's side, not his head nor his foot but his side, God created Eve to be man's mate in life; the one that would come along side him, his counterpart and helper. Man needs her and she needs him; they complete one other.

In their book Captivating, John & Stasi Eldredge beautifully describe Eve, but not only as Adam's helpmeet. "She is the crescendo, the final, astonishing work of God. Woman. In one last flourish creation comes to a finish not with Adam, but with Eve. She is the Master's finishing touch. So God endows Woman with certain qualities that are essential to relationship, qualities that speak of God. She is inviting. She is vulnerable. She is tender. She embodies mercy. She is also fierce and fiercely devoted."

*But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.' 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you'... declares the LORD. (Isaiah 49: 14-15, 18)
O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. (Matthew 23:37)*

God shows us His heart through His creation, He is relational and His desire is to know us and be known by us. It is one thing to know about someone and another to know someone. For example, you may know who the president is and you also know your own father. The former, you know "about" him and the latter you "know" him. With your father, you have a relationship that is personal based on shared experience....this is what our Heavenly Father desires with us. But how is this possible??? Through prayer and reading His Word, the Bible, we communicate with Him and He with us. His very Spirit lives within us, speaks to us, guides us and empowers us.

The woman God created seeks after His heart because she is designed after His heart.

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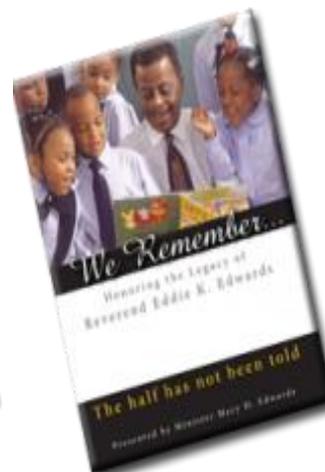
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