

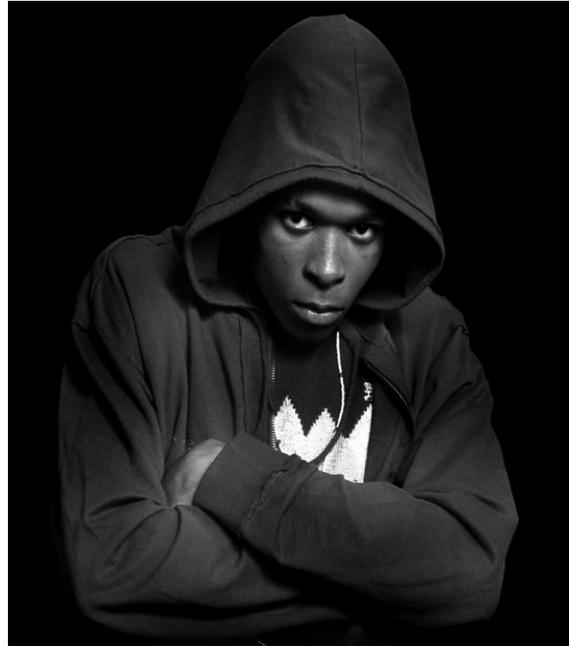
THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

GOD PROMISED...

“Your young men shall see visions...”

(Acts 2:17b NKJV).





*“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **Your young men shall see visions,** Your old men shall dream dreams, (Acts 2:17 NKJV).*





Wanda J. Burnside
Founder and Publisher



A Young Man



Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.
Husband/Manager of the Newsletter

Dear Readers,

It is hard to believe that we are in a new year. Where did our time go? And just to think that this is a new decade, too! WOW! Now, that is even harder to believe for me. A new decade...that quick...

I prayed and prayed, as I usually do for writing the newsletter. I wanted to hear from the Lord as to what to say to you, our loyal readers. Then, as I was looking on Facebook, LinkedIn and all of the other social networks, I saw that many are talking about **"2020 the year of Vision."** I got caught up into it too for a minute, but I said to myself "Is this all? Is this all that God is saying to us? Are we to have vision to see...what? What are we looking at and looking for in 2020? There's a lot of messages on this."

So, as I continued to pray, God brought the scripture to my mind about all of His Words on VISION. However, my spirit strongly felt Him leading and guiding to Acts 2:17 KJV. As I settled down and centered in on this, I could more clearly hear Him say...

"Your young men shall see visions".

The next thing I did was get to the computer and look for photo graphics to go with my article. I truly was touched as I searched for them. I saw some great graphics of young men doing all kinds of honorable and noteworthy things. What an inspiration! But, there were loads of photos of young men doing all kinds of crazy and disgusting things.

Some young men had tattoos all over their faces and bodies. The body piercing was everywhere on their bodies from their ears, tongues, eyes, lips and EVERYWHERE!

I had to stop and pray. Lord, have mercy!

Now, on the top of page 3 of this newsletter, you see me and my husband, Simmie. In between us is a photo of a young man that I saw online. I stared at him and begin to envision him as my son....our son. I mean...his smile, his facial features; hair and skin color could be a mixture or blend of Simmie's color and mine. We could have a son or grandson like this young man!

I could hear him laughing...calling out to me...calling out to Simmie, too. I heard this young man say, *"Hey, Mama! What's for lunch?"* Then, I could hear him say, *"Mama, I'm starving! What's to eat?"*

Well, I immediately called Simmie, my husband, to come and look at that young man in the middle of us. He came and looked. Simmie asked, *"Who is that guy?"* He pointed at the computer. He looked sort of angry. Simmie's eyes were tight and his face was turning colors.

I said, *"He's a young man who could be our son..."*

"What! WHAT?" Simmie said. *"No...NO WAY!"*

Well, Simmie was huffing and puffing with anger. *"Wanda, I'm not gonna have a son or grandson like him! He is up to nothing and doing nothing! He doesn't want to do right and I'm not going to have him in our house just sittin' around...all day...eatin' and talkin' on the phone! This boy better be goin' to work...he better have a job...go to college...and...NOW! Look at those tattoos and wild hair!"*

Simmie got up...and our conversation continued. I must say...it was pretty...
HOT...and INTENSE AROUND HERE!

I said, *"Honey, just think...we don't have children...but, if we did...we might have to deal with a son...or grandson...like him."*

"NO...we won't have a son like this because MY SON will be in church, Saved, Spirit-filled, have a job, and in college!" Simmie stated. Then, he looked at me with a very stern face...*"Wanda, You wouldn't want him lying around here either!"*

“Simmie...Well, I want him to be like you said...I ...we would have to keep praying over him...We would have to love him...because he’s our dear...son...our child...our boy,” I said with tears in my eyes.

“PRAY?” Simmie said. ***“It will take a lot of prayer for him!”*** Then he got up and walked away to sit and watch television.

Readers, I don’t want to end it there. There are many frustrated and hurting parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and caring people who truly want things better for the young man or young men in their lives. So many concerned people desire to see blessings and prosperity for young men. They have cried and asked God to help their child(ren). Sadly, many have given up on them. Many are tired and they feel defeated about the young men in their lives.

All of my life, people have asked me to pray for their son(s), grandson(s) or a young man(men) in their lives. Simmie was upset about me saying that this young man could be our son or grandson. However, Simmie has helped, supported, given, counseled and loved scores of young men throughout his life and in the church. He is a great man!

Now, let us pray for our young men. Let us have a heart for them. Satan wants us to give up on them! He has been against men or males...forever. In the Bible, he started with Adam, his sons Cain and Abel...and it has been on and on. The Israelites’ first born sons were slaughtered by the Egyptians. The rulers were trying to kill Jesus, our Savior, and the Son of God!

We have to FIGHT...THROUGH PRAYER! We must LOVE our young men in words and deeds! They might act like they are turned off by our concerns and worries about them, but we must press on! GOD SAID THAT HE...would pour out His Spirit on all flesh in the last days! WE ARE THERE IN THE LAST DAYS! He PROMISED...that our YOUNG MEN WILL HAVE VISIONS!

BELIEVE IT...RECEIVE IT...in the Name of Jesus! NOW OPEN YOUR EYES and SEE our young men CHANGED...DELIVERED...and TRANSFORMED...in JESUS NAME!

Let us pray for them...

“Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You in the Name of Jesus. We need You! We need You to touch our sons, grandsons, nephews, young husbands, young dads and all of our precious young men. We need You Now!



Our hearts are hurting and we are torn apart! We want to see a change in the young men. Satan wants to destroy them. Each one of them is so worthy of more. The young men have been told lies about Satan working through others to say that they are: no good, worthless, lazy, stupid, dumb, sick in their minds....



They have heard that they will never amount to anything. They have heard all of the hateful and bitter words coming out of the mouths of those who are bitter, angry, and frustrated with them.

JESUS! SEND THESE YOUNG MEN TO THEIR KNEES! Speak to them! Speak LIFE over them! Show them your Spirit and Way! Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord! Let these young men call out to You! Let Your Spirit penetrate through their hearts of hardness and stone! BREAK IT DOWN!



Lord, Wash over our young men with the cleansing water of Your Holy Spirit! Wash! Clean! We speak...CLEAN THEIR MINDS, HEARTS AND SPIRIT! Lord, Do it!



We pray, speaking blessing over our young men...touch them through and through!

Look on our little boys! Speak into their hearts and minds. Let them open up to Your voice. Give them ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying. Speak, Jesus. Take these little lives and lead our little boys. Jesus! Jesus! These are our little men...they are in need of You. Send blessings for them!



JESUS! See these boys! Bless them to follow you all of the days of their lives!

Lord, Thank you for the work that You have done in the lives of some of our young men. Thank you for showing them the way. Praise You for guiding them. Thank you!



Give them the strength to hold on to Your Word. Give them Your power to keep standing! Let them read Your Word.

We know that YOU SPEAK through Your Word...SPEAK TO THEM! The world is talking and telling them many things. The world is controlled by Satan who has the false plans for their lives. He wants to deceive them!

He is fooling so many of our young men. Lord! Lord!

Our young men are troubled and worried about many things. They have pressure! They have much to worry about. They don't and won't always share what is going on in their lives. So many wrong decisions have been made in their lives. They can't figure a way out of the mess that they are in.



Some would tell what is going on in their lives, but they feel that people will criticize them! They are already hurting and confused...so they are a prisoner in their own mind. Satan wants to trap them! He speaks lies and doubt to their mind. He wants to control them.

But, You will give them peace! They will change! They will have Victory in You, Lord!

MEN! MEN! PRAY! Come together now! Seek the Lord! Cry out aloud to Him!



***Young men, stand together in prayer!
Hold on to the Name of Jesus! Rebuke
the works of Satan! Grab on to God's
almighty power! Bind the works and
ways of Satan! Never give up!***

***Young men, you can make it! Reach out
to those who trust God! Become a
wall! Become strong in the Lord!***



Lord, Help our boys to have leaders who will teach them how to win in life. Give them leaders who are helpers and guides. Train the boys to be fair and to play fair.

Send those who help the boys to unite as a team. Let the boys understand that winning is not the only thing. Provide strong and caring people who will encourage them to accept

losing. They will grow and experience great benefits. They will grow and become stronger.



Let us not put shame on our boys when they have lost a battle, game or other situations in life that gave them discouragement.

Bring good lessons out of bad times. Build up their confidence and spirit to face challenges.

Lord, watch our tongues to not speak discouragement and criticism on our boys. Stop us from saying harsh words over them that will destroy our boys' determination to keep pressing on. Stop us from being a threat to their mission in life! Teach us how to teach them how to handle losing in the various games and tasks they face.



Oh, Dear Lord! My Lord! Bless the boys with the right dreams to do better and have better. There are little boys who want to excel and succeed in life. They feel that they can be a basketball star, a baseball champ, a boxer and be like other men who have success in life.

Look on these boys who have big eyes and a vision for something new and great to happen for them. They hope for a change. They dream that they can be better. They feel that they will be a winner, a champ, a star.

Jesus! Jesus! Protect these boys. Don't let them just see and only seek after what fame and success has done for those who live in the spotlight. Lord, boys look up to men who drive the big and fancy cars or trucks. They want to have lots of money to buy the mansions, yachts and fine clothes. These boys have their eyes on things of this world.

The things that they want to go after can lead them on the wrong path, if You are not in it. Lord, give the boys a desire to find true blessings that will not bring harm and destruction. Please build up confidence in them to go after the things that they can achieve and add no sorrow to them.

GIVE TRUE HOPE and BLESSINGS to our boys! Work things out for them to see goodness and mercy in their lives! JESUS! Please provide for our boys! Set your angels to encamp around them! Please, Lord! Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Lord!

Help them to feel Your presence in their lives. Walk with them! Show them that in You they can have victory! We need You, Lord!

Life is full of many challenges. Lord, surround our young men with Your wisdom and guidance. Empower them to reach their goals and stay focused on what they must do to accomplish the things that they are to achieve in life. Cover them with Your strength. Don't let them fear what is set before them. Show them how to work and

handle situations and the tasks in their hands.



Assure them that they can do all things through You because You will strengthen them to do it! Give them a mind that will stay clear of everything that comes to block them. Bless them to prevail and have victory in those things that they are assigned to do! JESUS! HELP!



Look over our young men when the stress and pressures of their job is too much for them to handle. In Your Word, You promised to never leave us or forsake. JESUS! Touch them! Lead them back to You! Help them to lean and trust in You. Oh, Lord! You must wrap Your arms around them. Give them

peace in the midst of their tests, trials and storms in life. BREATH ON THEM. COVER THEM. Encourage their broken heart. Soothe their sorrows in Your Blood! Fix it!

There is a fight for our boys and young men! The world is calling them! Satan desires to control their lives! There is a battle over them! The ways of the world are after our young men. We plead the Blood of Jesus over every boy and young man that is in our lives. We say, "Resist the devil! Stand against him! He can't have you! He can't take you!" JESUS! JESUS!



We claim and proclaim that you will change and be delivered. We know that prayer works! We know that Jesus will make a way! We look to Jesus! You are going to be transformed by the power of almighty God! We believe it! We thank God for the Victory! We shout, "HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!" Amen.





Please use this space to fill in the names of the boys and young men you are praying for to have blessings from the Lord. Stand strong in prayer and faith for them to be changed in 2020. Thank God for the VISIONS they will have in their lives!

Please Pray for AUSTRALIA!

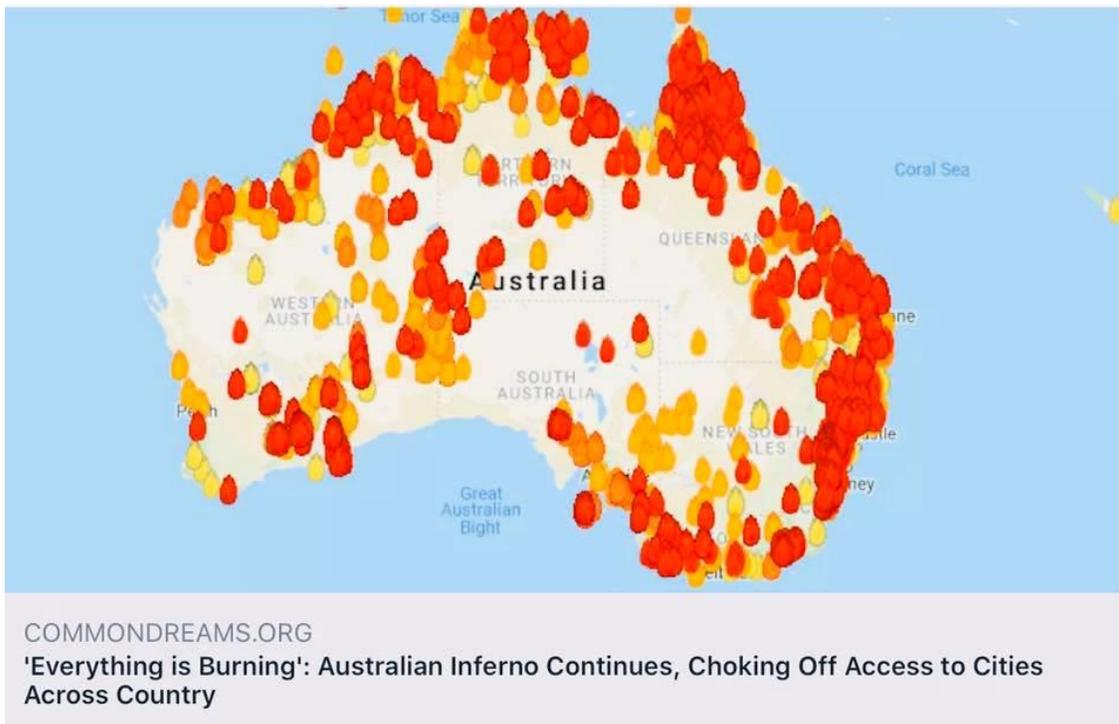
Sandra Hickman is our Staff Writer and Ministry Leader in Australia. The weather temperature in Australia is extremely higher than normal. While we have cold and freezing temperatures in the USA and in the UK, Australia is in their summer season. However, it is burning around the continent because of the high temperatures. Sadly, there are even reports of arson activities, too.



Homes, businesses, properties, parks, and forestry are being destroyed by these raging fires. The flames are eating throughout much of the land. Firefighters are working night and day to try to fight these monstrous flames. They are weary, but determined to control and put out these massive fires across the land.

Families are praying for rain! The governmental officials are sincerely working to provide safety for human life, the animals and the land.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED!





MS. SANDRA HICKMAN

Ministry Leader &

Australian Staff Writer

In the Year of our Lord

and Savior Jesus Christ

Year 2020 the Year of Vision



Lift Up Your Head Fisherman!

I recently heard these words whilst watching the new TV series entitled *“The Chosen”*, about the life and times of Jesus. My heart leapt as I heard Jesus say to Simon, *“Lift up your head fisherman.”* I wanted to be that fisherman; I *am* that *“fisherman!”* My evangelist heart carries the love and tears of Christ for His lost and dying world. Oh, that not one should perish! So many young men today are loaded with the gifts of God, but don’t even know it. Now is the time

to see the leading of the Holy Spirit. To be His great fishermen! Step into the book of Acts and see yourself there; chapter 2:17 NKJV “... *your young men shall see visions..*” This is **you!**

Jesus deliberately chose twelve men with character flaws. The hot headed Simon, Peter who denied Christ three times and Matthew the unpopular tax collector, just to name a few. Some were blustery and rough with gnarled hands, all had bruised, hungry hearts. They had long waited for the Messiah to come. They’d heard about this legend and they expected a warrior king to fight for the Jews. Imagine their shock when Jesus arrived! They had to re-adjust their sights. They had to get a new vision! Thrust into the limelight with the unpredictable Messiah, their hearts had to find a new kind of bravery. They were not going to win popularity contests! Life would be hard. But they followed Him with fiery zeal, surrendered their lives... and became God’s history makers.

“Lift up your heads fishermen!” Young men, Jesus is calling you. Throw your nets into uncharted waters. Pick the darkest waters possible because that’s where His light shines brightest. When the Master says *“follow Me!”* and calls you from the ordinary to be the extraordinary, just do it! You’ve been handpicked from the Vine. Be a Simon, be a Peter, be ‘sons of thunder’... **be you!** Jesus wants you to be His big-beating-heart to love people with the reckless abandonment of self. You are His visionaries, His 2020-Men. **Look,** and see the vision!

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Doris Homan

New Staff!

It's A New Year...What Now?

On the outside, most of us look pretty good and appear to have it all together but on the inside, that's a different story. Life is hard and takes a toll. So what do we do with our hurts, our disappointments, and our losses? What do we do with our mistakes when we've failed miserably, made wrong decisions, hurt others in our path? Is there any hope or are we doomed to live defeated and with our pain?

The message of Christmas is one of hope for mankind. The angels announced to the shepherds "the good tidings of great joy" (Luke 2:10). Jesus left the glories of heaven; put on humanity to bring us "peace on earth and goodwill" that is hope and reconciliation with God. He came to declare that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:23).

Look to the ONE who forgives, who has the power to heal, and who is able to redeem (buy back) losses. In Joel 2:25, God says, "*So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten...*" what a message of hope to wash over us! You've tried everything to change your life, to turn over a new leaf. How has that worked for you? **TURN** to Christ, the ONE who can make that change a reality!



God's Call to Women

By Julie Thomas

It is no wonder a lot of amazing women are doing great things in leadership roles. This is the very thing I am talking about! God has called on these women. He is calling other women to answer His call. If we, women, can answer our phone calls from our friends , husband or boyfriends, doctor's appointments and so on, then why can't we answer God's call for our life?

It's no secret that he chooses women as the first contact person. Look in the Bible for it stated that women were among the first Jesus followers. Consider people like his mother the Virgin Mary and Mary Magdalene.

Today the women, who are extremely too busy on the phone most of the time, must put their many phone calls to rest. They may miss something very important for their lives. Allow God to speak to you. Give Him your time. Listen to what He wants to say.

GOD doesn't care about what Facebook group women are in or what that group says. He wants women to come to Him to seek His Word and directions. He doesn't want them to be afraid that they aren't perfect because He will take them and make them whole.

So women, please answer these 3 important questions:

1. Who wants God in their life?
2. Who will answer God's call?
3. Who will move God's kingdom forward?

Is it you my sister? Will you take the challenge and answer His call today?
Wake up women! God is calling you.

Here's your invitation to come and meet Julie Thomas...

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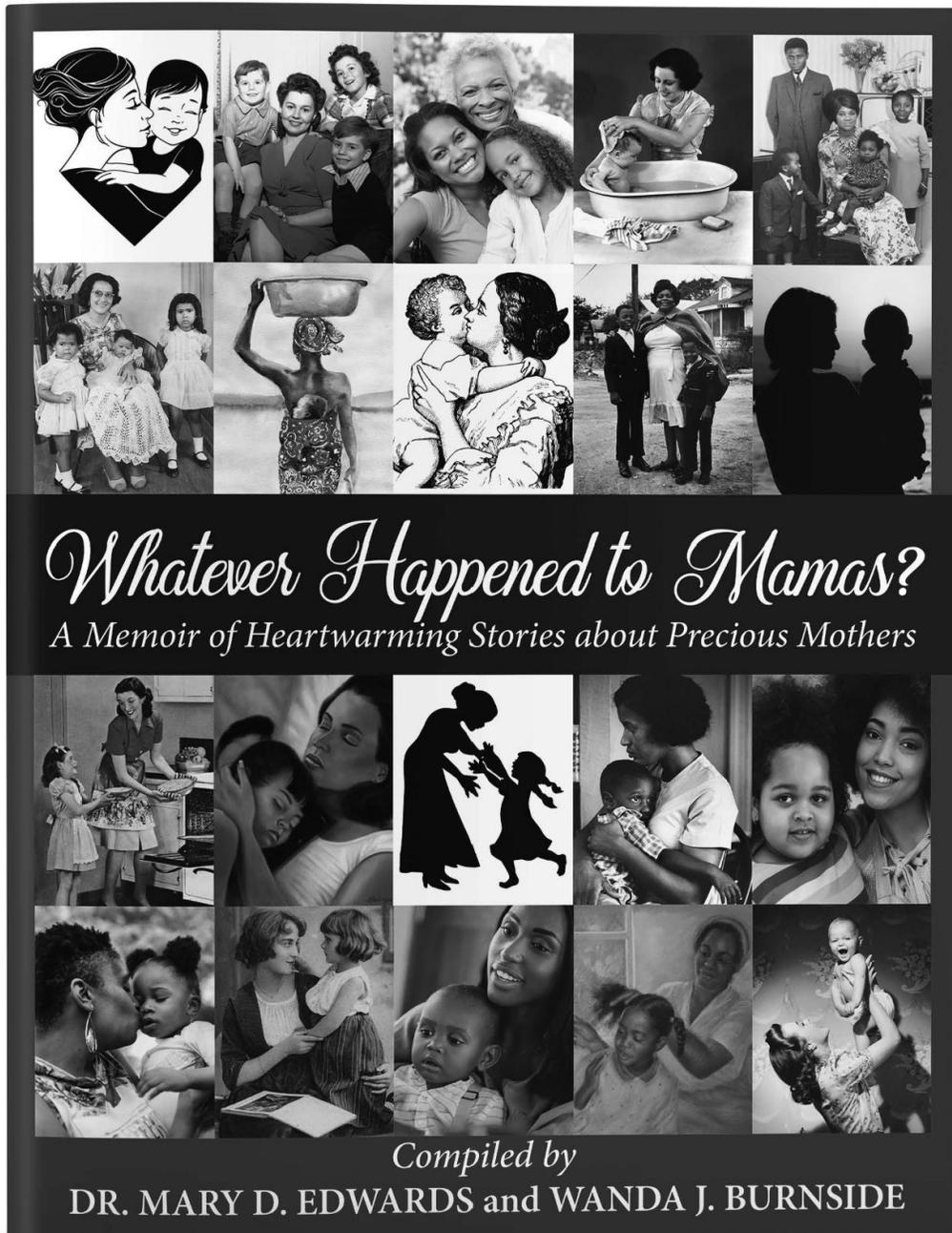
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Submission Guidelines for *Whatever Happened to Mamas?*

Whatever Happened to Mamas? story or poem is an inspirational, true story about mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, adopted mothers, church mothers, and like-a-mother written by

sons, daughters and/or grandchildren. It is a story that will touch the hearts of the readers and help them discover basic principles they can use in their own lives. These stories are true, personal, and often filled with emotion and drama. The stories should have a beginning, middle and an end. They should close with a punch, creating a thought-provoking message. A good story causes tears, laughter, goose bumps or any combination of these. The most powerful stories are about mamas extending themselves, or performing an act of love, service or courage that has impacted the lives of their children. Tell an exciting, heartwarming or funny story about something that happened to you that left a memorable moment for you.

Keep your story to 1200 words or less. It should not be a sermon. However, you can use a biblical woman as an example, but please keep your comparison to a minimum and use the Bible reference. Poems are accepted, but they must tell a story and not just rhyme and sound like a greeting card.

We are doing this special project on a shoestring budget. There is a **\$15.00 entry fee**; however, all winners will receive a free copy of this very special coffee table book, which will make a great Mother's Day gift. We accept checks, money orders, cash, Cash App and PayPal: **leavesofgold.llc@gmail.com**. Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to **Leaves of Gold** and mailed to Leaves of Gold, 19771 Cranbrook Drive, Suite 105, Detroit, Michigan 48221.

REMINDER: Your story must be TRUE. No fiction. No creative writing.

Please note: You don't have to be a writer to tell your story. We will help you and also edit it for you.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR STORY?

We will not be sending rejection letters. If you have not heard from us 60 days before the book is released, that probably means we have decided not to use your story or poem. Please do not take this personally. We are working with a very limited budget and must make the best decision we can.

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**WE MOURN THE PASSING of
DR. LOIS EVANS,**

**The Wife of
Dr. Tony Evans**



Dr. Lois Evans, who co-founded the Urban Alternative Christian ministry with her husband, Dallas pastor Tony Evans, died Monday (December 30, 2019). She was 70.

The ministry that she and her husband of nearly 50 years headed produces a daily radio program broadcast on nearly 1,400 stations in over 130 countries.

Tony Evans, who leads Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, announced his wife's death on Facebook, saying that he "had the privilege of holding her hand as she was lulled into eternity." The couple's four children were also with her, he said.

Information from: DALLASNEWS.COM

Surprisingly, when I was selecting photos of young men for this issue of the newsletter, I found a profound statement about them by Dr. Lois H. Evans. This is amazing! She is gone on to be with the Lord, but I happened to find her words to share here in our newsletter. God did this! Please read Dr. Evans comments on the next page. *—Wanda J. Burnside*

"Man is never so tall as when he kneels before God ~ never so great as when he humbles himself before God. And the man who kneels to God can stand up to anything."

Lois H. Evans



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

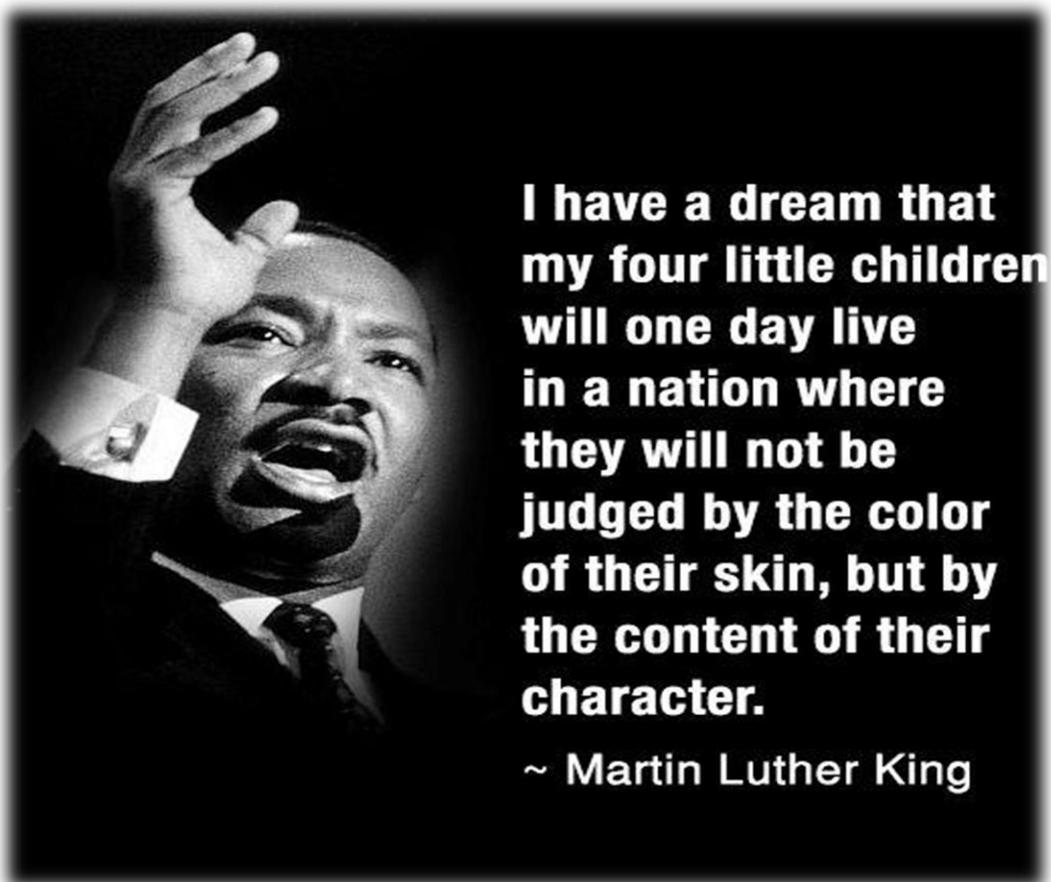
91st Birthday

Birthday: January 15, 1929

Death: April 4, 1968

Federal Celebration Date: Monday, January 20, 2020

**What do you feel Dr. King would say about his speech,
"I Have a Dream" in 2020?**



**I have a dream that
my four little children
will one day live
in a nation where
they will not be
judged by the color
of their skin, but by
the content of their
character.**

~ Martin Luther King

*I would love to hear from you. Please share your
comments: wvision@hotmail.com.*

2019 Memoriam



In 2019, the newsletter staff had so many heartbreaking moments in their lives. Several of their dearly beloved family members and close friends passed away. Many tears have fallen...

On the next page, please see just a few of those who have gone on to be with the Lord.



Not pictured is...

Mrs. Angelique Call Jefferson,
*the beloved niece of Simmie and Wanda Burnside.
Angelique was 45 years old, a wife
and mother of two daughters.
She was a high school teacher and educator.*



Mum, Shirley Hickman

Mother of Sandra Hickman



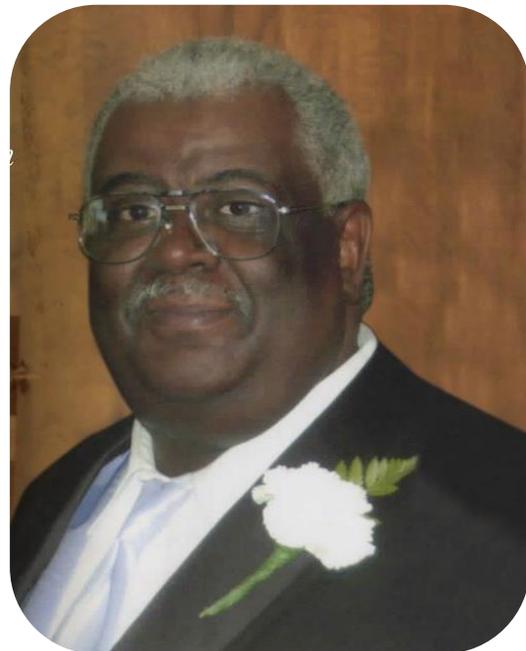
Aunt Katie Holloway

Aunt of Wanda Burnside and Michele Barnes



Deacon Simmie Lee Burnside, Sr.

Father of Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.

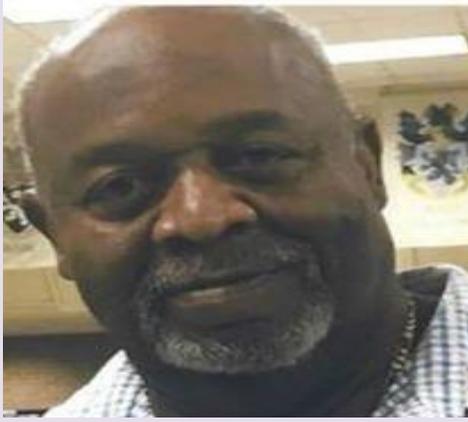


Elder Rodger Minor Palm

*Brother of Wanda Burnside
and Cousin of Michele Barnes*

2019 MEMORIAM

We are also mourning the deaths of the beloved family members of our new staff writer, KIZZY STATEN GRAY.



Father: Melchester Staten Sr.



Grandfather, Theodore Louis Bolling, Sr.



Grandmother, Gloria Mae Johnson



Christine V. Mitchell's Cousin

Mr. Byron Mills (1981-2019), the dear cousin of Christine V. Mitchell of the UK.

He passed at age 37. His precious mother was Mrs. Ruth Mills of New York in the USA.

BELIEVE AND LIVE!

**Don't let the buzzards and vultures
Fly circling above your head
For they are waiting and watching
For you to drop dead**

**They don't want you to live
They are hoping you won't survive
But, keep pressing on and don't quit
Say, *"I will live and not die!"***

**Life is hard in so many different ways
Things can really get so tough
Challenges, difficulties, test and trials
Sometimes you want to say, *"Enough!"***

**When you have tried and tried so hard
With all of your strength and might
Yet, things don't turn out like you want
You still must continue to fight!**

**Some people may want you to give up
Because they hope you will fail
They don't want you to press on
Persevere, succeed and excel**

**Don't let the buzzards and vultures
Circle around your head
Don't allow their evil thoughts
Interfere with what the Holy Bible said**

**God has given you His angels
To keep you so you won't fall
They are there to protect you
God will send them when you call**

**The buzzards and vultures
Want you to always fear
They don't want you to believe
That God is standing near**

**Ignore what they are trying to do
Reject their schemes and plans
Stand firm in faith and know
You are in God's almighty hands**

**Although you may stumble
Along life's journey and way
God will provide for you
No matter what others say**

**Life may look miserable and down
And filled with loads of problems too
Just be assured and stay strong
God has great blessings for you**

**Don't allow fearful thoughts
And worries to circle over your head
They're like those buzzards and vultures
That wants you to fail and fall dead**

**They will play with your thoughts
And depress your very mind
Trying to control your destiny
So leave them far behind**

**Look up and see Jesus
For He will bring you out
He is your help and strength
Don't continue to fear and doubt**

**Those buzzards and vultures
Never will devour you as dead meat
You're covered in the Blood of Jesus!
Satan isn't above,
He's under your feet!**

**Wanda J. Burnside
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Your Deliverance Has Come!

Author Ramelle T. Lee

**Meditation Scripture:
Isaiah 42: 16 (KJV)**

"And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them."

I am God alone! I will open up the heavens just for you! Why have you become blinded by the truth of who I am? Why have you allowed the enemy to take complete control of your mind, body, and spirit? Stop believing the lies of the devil.

You may be feeling overwhelmed. You may be feeling that all hope is gone. You may be feeling that your situation can't be fixed. You may be feeling crippled in your spirit, but know that no weapon that the enemy brings will destroy you. Understand that the enemy doesn't play fair. Satan is doing everything in his power to get you to give up hope. The devil is deceiving you, and getting you to become distracted, so you won't fight the good fight of faith, so you won't be equipped to handle the challenges of life, and rise above the waters of trouble.

It's time you sought the Light of God's Word and His promises. Get your eyes focused on what God is doing to turn your situation around. God has come to press down every negative thought, and crush it to pieces. The heavenly angels are doing spiritual battle on your behalf as God has assigned them to be stationed all around you to bring your soul out of trouble.

The Spirit of God has blocked every entrance way that the devil has set, that has rendered you helpless. Know that God has shown up on the scene, to give you strength, to overcome the enemy of your soul. The devil has ceased to operate, because he knows that God has come to defend your case. You are not alone!

God has come to bring you deliverance this day. God has come to heal you inside out. Your job is to allow God to carry your burdens and give you the ability to do spiritual battle for you. Give Him every opportunity to rescue you from your

distress and cares of the day. Give Him the opportunity to deliver your soul from trouble. Faithfully believe that God is protecting you, defending you, and delivering you from the wicked hands of the enemy. Surrender to God, and watch Him remove the pain, hurt, anger, fear, frustration and confusion, that has kept your spirit man bound.

Rise up my child, and break off the bondage and ties that have kept you walking in circles, and held you captive, by this hovering darkness, that threatens your mental stability. By the power of God, feel yourself being spiritually lifted out of the claws of the enemy. Feel the chains of discouragement, self-pity, and hopelessness, being erased from your mind, body and spirit. By the power of God, you are being lifted from out of the pit of despair. Joy and peace are returning to you. The scales of blindness are being removed from your eyes. God is giving you new vision to see Him with more clarity. Supernatural deliverance has shown up at your door step. God is giving you a creative miracle that is changing your perspective and erasing all doubts and fears.

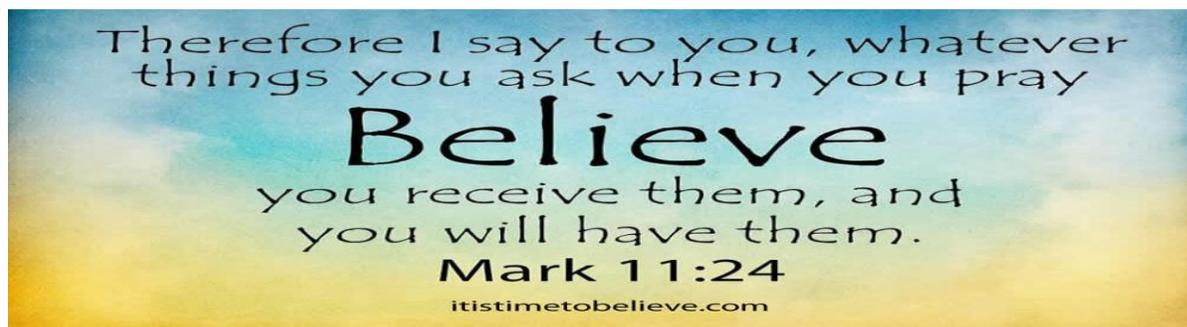
Step into a new dimension of faith. Allow God to show you what He alone can do, to wash your cares away. Watch the darkness cease to exist, as God penetrates every element of doubt and fear. Shake off the weight and walk in glorious victory.

Praise God, and give Him the glory for opening your eyes, that you can clearly visualize, who you really are... a child of the King. Turn your mourning into dancing. God has showed up in your situation and given you total victory!

God has set you free! You are free indeed. Deliverance has come your way! God has rescued you from all your distress. You have been made whole again.

Now, rest from the weariness of your journey. Keep your spirits high. Let the peace of God, overtake you. Let the peace of God, reside in you. Breathe in the freshness of God's miraculous healing touch. Supernaturally, your life has been transformed by the power of the Almighty God. The crooked paths have been made straight. Deliverance has come your way... says, the Lord of Hosts.

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This is our special celebration year...

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Kizzy Staten-Gray

New Staff!

Examined Vision

Are you still playing it safe? It's easy to remain complacent in your comfort zone. Those who DARE to take risks with GOD accomplish things that are unfathomable for their lives. People who take risks operate in VISION. In order to act upon vision you must have faith, a prerequisite and mandate for your future.

In this New Year you must be willing to get out of the boat and walk on water to discover your full potential. After all, faith without works is dead. *Remember the biggest risk is doing NOTHING at all.* Without faith it is impossible to please God. You must activate faith in order to implement vision.

You may have had an eye examination in the past year or so but have you examined your VISION lately? Helen Keller said that "The greatest tragedy in life is to have eyes but no vision." Scripture tells us that "without a vision, the people are unrestrained." They can't follow their dreams for lack of vitality and endurance.

What is VISION you may ask? I love the definition that Bill Hybels states... "Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion."

Write your vision and make it plain. Then ask God for a practical strategy. With your God-given strategy you can extrapolate goals which can be measured by time.

Jeremiah 33:3 says call unto me and I will show you great and mighty things that you know not of. He will open the eyes of your heart so that you can see from a heavenly perspective. Trust God to reveal His plan for your life this year and always. Act upon it for best results! You'll be amazed at how God will do mighty exploits through you!

VISION

**He who can see
Must also have vision**

**They're not one in the same
As some might proclaim**

**For every vision
There needs to be made a decision**

**On goals for which to focus
In order to fulfill life's purpose**

**Without doing so
One will never know**

**Their fullest potential
This being most providential**

**For such is the will of God
And all of heaven will applaud!**

*~Kizzy Staten Gray
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Honoring Ramelle Lee's Dad...

100th BIRTHDAY

1920-January 17, 2020

In memoriam (1920-1990)

MR. ANDREW LEE, JR.



Born in West Pointe, Mississippi

Father: Andrew Lee

Mother: Minnie Davis Lee



-1946-

**Corporal Andrew Lee Jr. on January 16, 1946
Honorably Discharge - United States Army**

Later in Life

**Work trade: Cement Finisher and
General Foreman at Townsend and Bottum
Construction Company in Michigan.**



IN 1947-

The Marriage of: Mr. Andrew Lee, Jr. and Mrs. Barbara Laverne Eddins Lee on July 5, 1947 in Memphis, Tennessee. They met in Memphis, Tenn. After their marriage, they moved to Ypsilanti, Mi.



IN 1960'S-

To the Left:
In the 1960's,
Mr. and Mrs. Lee
attended the Mayoral
Inaugural Dinner
for
Mayor Coleman A. Young
of Detroit, Michigan



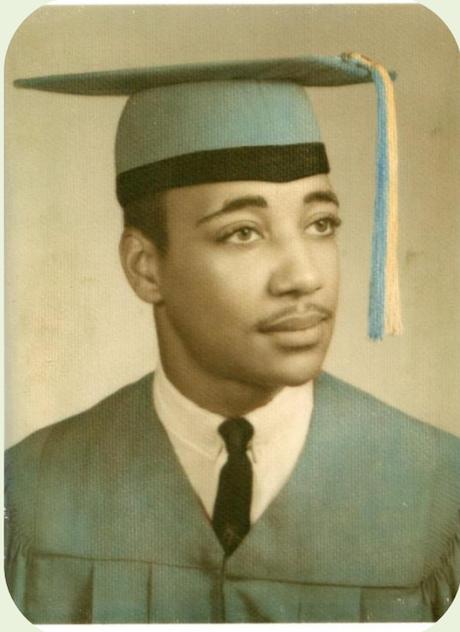
IN 1952:

Dad, Mr. Andrew Lee

Their three children:

**Twins: Lovell Eddins Lee
and Ramelle Tina Lee**

**Their oldest brother,
Andrew Lee, Jr.(at the end).**



**Andrew Lee
The Oldest Son
(Deceased 1975)**



**The Twins
Daughter, Author Ramelle T. Lee
Son, Reverend Lovell Lee**

Our Dad's 100th Birthday



**Author Ramelle T. Lee,
Staff Writer and Mr. Lee's Daughter**



Happy 100th Birthday Dad!

We are thinking about you. January 17, 2020, marks an incredible milestone for you. This day will be filled with joy and wonderful memories as we celebrate your blessed 100th Birthday. What a joy, honor and privilege it was to have you in our lives. Mother loved you so dearly.

Thank you for giving us, your children, the ability to strive to have honorable work ethics, integrity, and love for God. We treasure your strong leadership, guidance and strength to keep moving forward regardless of life's challenges.

God loves you, and we do too!

Your children,

***The twins:
Reverend Lovell Lee and Ramelle Lee***

Happy Blessed Birthday!

January 10th

Mrs. Michele Gardner Barnes!



Mrs. Barnes is a dedicated woman of God who has a great heart of compassion. She daily spends her time lovingly helping others. She finds a way to reach out to help her senior neighbors who live on her block and neighborhood. For years, Michele willingly drives them to the store, to their doctors' appointments and assists with business matters. She is always delighted and thankful when a neighbor knocks on her door to bring and share a hot dinner with her!

Michele lovingly cares about her four adult married children, nine grandchildren, two siblings: Darlene and Daniel, many cousins and others. She won't let any excuse stop her from extending her helping hands to bless someone. Michele knows how to pray for others in their trials and difficult times. She rejoices with those who rejoice and continues to encourage others to BELIEVE God for a turnaround in their lives.

Presently, she is a student at Henry Ford College in Dearborn, MI. Michele is active in her community which she fondly calls her "Village". Since 2016, she has been a heartwarming staff writer for The Lamp Newsletter. Michele loves her sweet Shih Tzu breed dog named Amani. They have great times together. She was married for 43 years to Mr. Michael Barnes who passed away in 2016. Michele is my sweet cousin...I love her very dearly! --Wanda J. Burnside *(That is not her dog in the photo.)*



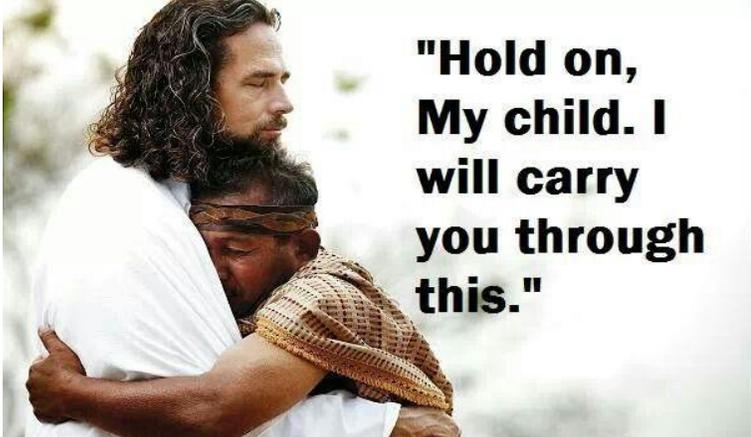
Kizzy, our new staff writer, has gone through many trials and tests. She has faced so many things in her life. However, she gives God the glory for what He has done for her.

On Facebook, she boldly shares her testimony. She claims Victory in Jesus!

PRAISE THE LORD!



CHRISTINE V. MITCHELL
Staff Writer, Website Technician
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Hold on to Hope

by Christine V Mitchell

Greetings and blessings for the New Year 2020! Our loving Heavenly Father is still on the throne! In a world full of trouble, where it seems that bad news abounds, we have the Good News of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, giving us hope. There are wonderful promises and statements in the Word, the Holy Bible. Words of life and truth that sets free.

1 John 2:14 says: *"I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one"*. Even if the picture of your life doesn't match up to these wonderful words of God, trust in Him. Sometimes, what's written in the Word may be greater than what we feel or are actually experiencing. Perhaps there has been defeat, rather than victory and overcoming. Hold on to hope, hold on to Jesus. He is your living hope, deep within ... *"Christ in you, the hope of glory"* (1 Corinthians 1:27, KJV). What He has said, He will bring to pass.

When all around you there are pressures to conform to this world and its way of doing things, look to Jesus, the *“Author and Finisher”* of your faith (Hebrews 12: 2).

When you feel weak HOLD ON

Isaiah 40: 28-29 says: *“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”* What a wonderful set of promises! God, our Heavenly Father, never gets tired or weary. He holds the entire universe in the palm of His hand. He is so loving and compassionate, inviting us to draw near to Him to receive more strength, knowing that *“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall ..”*. God has the solution.

The Lord offers hope for change. When all looks bleak and life’s problems and challenges are too much to bear, the Lord offers hope in His word. Hold on to that hope dear friends. *“He gives power to the weak”*. When it’s hard to go the length, God will give you strength. It may seem as though you’ve battled with problems alone and that help has seemed far away, but the Lord offers words of comfort and encouragement ALWAYS, that can bring you through to victory. God promises RENEWED STRENGTH, if you wait on Him, so you’ll *“RUN and not be weary, WALK and not faint”*! Can you imagine this? There’s something great to be gained in waiting on the Lord; waiting ... not running ahead in our own steam, not trusting in our own strength. As we do first things first, and wait on the Lord, seeking Him with all of our hearts, He renews our strength. It may be hard to envision strength, after going through rough times, but as we yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit, new beginnings are possible in God.

Take courage ... your loving Lord cares for you.

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 2:9, NKJV). Your tomorrows are in God’s hands. A blessing awaits you, as you follow the Lord today. Today is yesterday’s tomorrow. The Lord brought you this far ~ and He has greater things in store. Keep holding on to hope ... hope in His Word. God bless you!

Psalm 121 NIV

A song of ascents.

¹ *I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?*

² *My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

³ *He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;*

⁴ *indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵ *The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;*

⁶ *the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

⁷ *The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;*

⁸ *the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.*

With Our Love and Prayers

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER STAFF...



**Wishing you a Happy
New Year and
blessed year ahead.
May God's light
guide your way
in 2020.**

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